

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SYNOPSIS

Job 061632

Hwy. 183 – Pulaski Co. Line (Widening) (Bryant) (Hwy. 5)

Saline County

Thursday, July 8, 2021

A Phase II “Live” Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) meeting for the proposed widening of Highway 5 from Highway 183 to the Pulaski County line in Bryant was held on Thursday, July 8, 2021. Project information was made available on the ARDOT’s website from July 2, 2021 through July 23, 2021. Efforts to involve minorities and the public in the meeting included:

- Display advertisement placed in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* on Sunday, June 27, 2021 and Sunday, July 4, 2021. Placed also in *The Saline Courier* on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.
- Public Service Announcement ran on KOKY 102.1 FM from Tuesday, July 6, 2021 through Thursday, July 8, 2021 and on La Zeta 106.3 FM from Saturday, July 3, 2021 through Thursday, July 8, 2021.
- Letters were mailed to Public Officials on June 25, 2021.
- Flyers mailed to citizens.

The following information and links were available on the ARDOT website:

- Short video presentation about the project
- Public meeting notice
- Project location map
- Project design plans
- Online comment form
- Interactive project map
- Frequently asked questions with answers

Copies of the public meeting notice, VPI exhibit, and comment form are attached.

Table 1 describes the results of the public participation at the meeting.

TABLE 1	
Public Participation	Totals
Online registration of attendance at Phase II VPI (Citizen/Public Officials)	48/6
Number of website viewers (English/Spanish)	706/32
Online Comments Received	77

ARDOT staff reviewed all comments received and evaluated their contents. The summary of comments listed below reflects the personal perception or opinion of the person or organization making the statement. The sequencing of the comments is random and is not intended to reflect importance or numerical values. Some of the comments were combined and/or paraphrased to simplify the synopsis process.

An analysis of the responses received as a result of the public survey is shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2	
Survey Results	Totals
Feels there is a need for the proposed widening of Hwy. 5	61
Does not feel there is a need for the proposed widening of Hwy. 5	16
Property limitations to the project	1
Knowledge of cultural resources in the project area	23
Knowledge of environmental constraints in the project area	3
Has a suggestion for the proposed project so it better serves the needs of the community	64
Do you feel the proposed project will have a beneficial impact?	56
Do you feel the proposed project will have an adverse impact?	13
Did not indicate if the proposed project will have an impact?	8

A listing of general comments concerning the proposed project follows:

- Would like the traffic light installation at Bryant Parkway and Highway 5 to be expedited before the current scheduled date of construction for 061632 because it is a very dangerous intersection. Citizens feel strongly about this intersection and have suggested at least a temporary signal be installed until this job begins to save lives. There were 60 out of 77 comments received requesting immediate action at this intersection.
- Please avoid impacts to the Center of Arkansas monument.
- This section of Highway 5 needs more lighting to encourage bicycling and pedestrian use.
- This project will be beneficial, but may also have negative impacts to some landowners.

- The bike lane should be moved off of the highway with a wider sidewalk instead, separated by a curb so that bicyclist and pedestrians can both use the sidewalk. Citizen believes the highway is too busy for bicyclist.
- Try to avoid any impacts to the numerous cemeteries along this section of Highway 5.
- The curve near Hallmark and Century 21 buildings should remain in place as it adds aesthetics to the area.
- This highway widening is very much needed due to the increasing volume and will add another route to relieve I-30 traffic.
- Construction will cause negative safety to drivers as Hilldale Road construction has already increased risk to drivers at Bryant Parkway and Highway 5 intersection.
- Homes in the Oak Glen neighborhood already flood and this construction may cause more flooding.
- The widening will be a beneficial improvement especially with the addition of a turn lane for safety and congestion reasons.
- The property acquisitions due to this project will have a negative impact in the area.
- Replace the proposed bike lanes with multi-use paths.
- An entrance should be installed at the Big Red gas station so drivers will stop making u-turns on Highway 5 to enter.
- This construction should only start once other construction projects on Highway 5 are completed to reduce congestion.
- Widening of Highway 5 will have a negative impact on businesses and residences short and long term.
- This project will allow more business to move in the area.
- This project should continue to widen Highway 5 up to North Reynolds Road.

Attachments:

Public Meeting Notice

VPI Exhibit

Blank Comment Form

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You're invited!

WEBEX "LIVE" VIRTUAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

WHAT: "Live" Virtual Public Involvement Meeting to discuss the proposed widening of Hwy. 5 from Hwy. 183 to the Pulaski County line in Bryant, AR (Saline County).

WHEN: **Thursday, July 8, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
Citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to conduct a public Involvement meeting in the traditional sense (no in-person meeting).

Purpose

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) will conduct a "Live" WebEx virtual public involvement meeting to discuss the proposed widening of Hwy. 5 from Hwy. 183 to the Pulaski County line in Bryant, AR (Saline County).

Project staff will give a brief presentation regarding the project. The public is invited to listen, view meeting materials and participate by asking questions and making comments with the appropriate ARDOT staff. The online website will be available for viewing from Thursday, July 1, 2021 through Friday, July 23, 2021. Comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021.

Link To Virtual Meeting: <https://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings>

In order to access the virtual public meeting, visit the link above. At the website location, simply scroll down to view the virtual public meeting of your interest. Once the Public Meeting is selected, you will be able to view the virtual public meeting website. This website will provide project materials and handouts that would have been shown at the in-person meeting. A separate link will provide a Spanish version of the presentation. There will also be an option to send online comment forms to ARDOT's staff, or you can print the form and mail it to, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261. If you do not have internet access, please contact Karla Sims at 501-569-2000 to ask questions about the project and how to access project information or email at karla.sims@ardot.gov.

Virtual Web Link:

Visit: <https://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings>

- At the website location, select the public meeting of your interest.

**Thursday, July 8, 2021
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Special Accommodations: Anyone needing project information or special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is encouraged to write to Ruby Jordan-Johnson, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261, call (501)569-2379, fax (501)569-2009 or email

environmentalpmmeetings@ardot.gov.

Hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Arkansas Relay System at (Voice/TTY 711). Requests should be made at least four days prior to the public meeting.

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Free language assistance for Limited English Proficient individuals is available upon request.

This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.



Estas Invitado!

REUNION DE ENVOLVIMIENTO PUBLICO WEBEX “En Vivo”

ASUNTO: Reunión Virtual de Participación Pública “en Vivo” para discutir la propuesta de ampliación de la Autopista Hwy.5, desde la Carretera Hwy. 183 hasta la línea fronteriza con el Condado de Pulaski en Bryant en el Condado de Saline.

CUANDO: Jueves 8 de Julio, 2021 de 5:30 pm a 6:30 pm.
Los ciudadanos podrán formular preguntas y hacer comentarios.

Debido a las restricciones de COVID-19, no podemos realizar una reunión de participación pública en el sentido tradicional (no una reunión en persona).

Propósito

El Departamento de Transporte de Arkansas (ARDOT) llevará a cabo una Reunión de Participación Pública Virtual de WebEx “en Vivo” para discutir la ampliación propuesta de la Autopista Hwy. 5 desde la Carretera Hwy. 183 hasta la línea fronteriza con el condado de Pulaski en Bryant, AR (Condado de Saline).

Se invita al público a escuchar, ver los materiales de la reunión y proporcionar comentarios por escrito. El sitio web en línea estará disponible para su visualización desde el Viernes 2 de Abril del 2021 hasta el Viernes 23 de Abril del 2021. Se aceptarán comentarios hasta las 4:30 p.m. el Viernes 23 Abril del 2021.

Link para la Reunión: <https://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings>

Para entrar a la reunión pública en línea, visite el enlace (link) de arriba. LDicho link lo llevará al sitio web de la reunión pública en línea. Este sitio web proporcionará materiales acerca del proyecto y folletos que se hubiesen mostrado en las reuniones en persona. Un enlace (link) separado proporcionará una versión en español de la presentación. También habrá una opción para enviar formularios de comentarios en línea al personal de ARDOT, o puede imprimir el formulario, llenarlo y enviarlo por correo a P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261. Si no tiene acceso a Internet, comuníquese con Karla Sims al 501-569-2000 para hacer preguntas sobre el proyecto propuesto y cómo acceder a la información del proyecto en karla.sims@ardot.gov.

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Link de Junta Virtual:

Visite: <https://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings>

Jueves, 8 de julio 2021

5:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.

Adaptaciones Especiales: Cualquier persona que necesite información acerca del proyecto o arreglos especiales bajo la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) pueden ponerse en contacto con **Ruby Jordan-Johnson**, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261, Llamar **(501)569-2379**, fax (501) 569-2009 o por correo electrónico escribiendo a: environmentalpmeetings@ardot.gov.

Si tiene problemas de audición o del habla, comuníquese con el Sistema de Retransmisión de Arkansas al (Voice / TTY 711). Solicite ayuda al menos cuatro días antes de la reunión pública.

Si tiene necesidades de comunicación especial, por favor contacte al Sistema de Retransmisión de Arkansas al (Voz/ TTY 711). Solicite ayuda con cuatro días de anticipación a la reunión pública.

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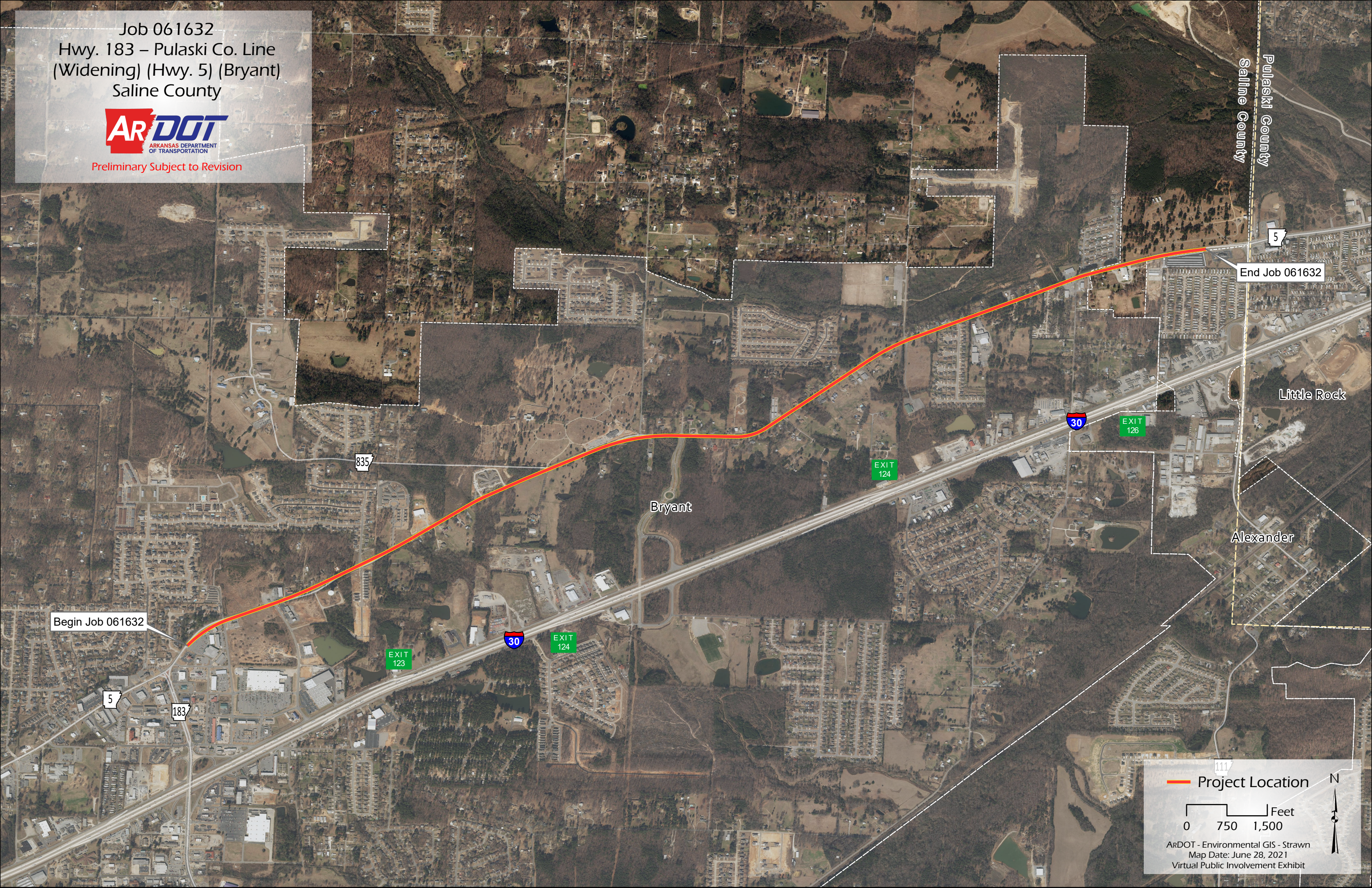
Ayuda gratuita a personas con limitación del idioma Inglés, comunicándose con **Edgar Ariza** al **501 569 2904**

Este aviso está disponible en el Coordinador de ADA / 504 / Título VI en letra grande, en cinta de audio y en Braille.

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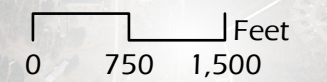
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Project Location



ArDOT - Environmental GIS - Strawn
Map Date: June 28, 2021
Virtual Public Involvement Exhibit



**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT)
CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

**ARDOT JOB 061632
HWY. 183 – PULASKI CO. LINE (WIDENING) (BRYANT) (HWY. 5)
SALINE COUNTY**

**LOCATION:
ONLINE “LIVE” WEBEX VIRTUAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 8 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.**

Make your comments on this form and mail it by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, July 23, 2021** to:
Arkansas Department of Transportation, Environmental Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little
Rock, AR, 72203-2261. Email: environmentalmeetings@ardot.gov.

Yes No

 Do you feel there is a need for the proposed widening of Hwy. 5 from Hwy. 183 to the Pulaski County line in Bryant, AR? Comment (optional),

Do you feel that the proposed project will have any impacts?
(Beneficial or Adverse) on your property and/or community
(economic, environmental, social, etc.)? Please explain. _____

 Do you have a suggestion that would make this proposed project better serve the needs of the community? _____

 Does your home or property offer any limitations to the project, such as septic systems, that the Department needs to consider in its design?

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