Department Seeks Feedback about Revised Public Involvement Procedures

LITTLE ROCK (10-6) – The Arkansas Department of Transportation Department (ARDOT) has recently updated its public involvement procedures in relation to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Long Range Intermodal Transportation Plan (LRITP). These procedures are intended to ensure frequent opportunities for public review of transportation planning programs administered by the Department.

Traditionally, there are two types of planning activities: those at the statewide level and those specific to a region or community. Both of these activities rely upon involvement by the public as a tool to develop the most appropriate solution to transportation challenges. ARDOT has developed these procedures to encourage and cultivate consultation with the public.

Periodically, these procedures are reviewed and revised if needed. Part of this review process includes asking for a review by the public on the actual process used to solicit and consider public involvement for specific projects and statewide planning efforts.

The Department’s revised Public Involvement Procedures may be found at [http://www.ardot.gov/Trans_Plan_Policy/transportation_planning.aspx](http://www.ardot.gov/Trans_Plan_Policy/transportation_planning.aspx). The public is invited to review these procedures and provide suggested revisions. Comments will be accepted until **November 20, 2020**.

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