Regional Public Meeting Rescheduled in Batesville

LITTLE ROCK (2-6) – The Arkansas Highway Commission is in the process of hosting a series of regional public meetings in the first quarter of 2020.

The meeting in Batesville has been rescheduled for Monday, March 30, 2020.

The purpose of these meetings is to educate and inform the public while soliciting input regarding proposed projects that could be funded by a continuation of the temporary half-cent sales tax. The Department has hosted four meetings across the State and there are eight more planned in Mena, Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Maumelle, Springdale, Batesville, Jonesboro and El Dorado (see attached for specific dates and locations).

These meetings will consist of an open house session where attendees can view displays and visit with Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) staff. This will be followed by a brief formal presentation on the current funding and condition of the Arkansas Highway System as well as the impact that continuation of the half-cent sales tax would have in funding system preservation and new capital projects moving forward.

In early 2019, Governor Hutchinson announced his highway funding legislative package that resulted in Act 416 and a proposed Constitutional Amendment, House Joint Resolution 1018. Act 416 provides revenue from motor fuel taxes, electric and hybrid vehicle registration fees, and casinos resulting in an estimated $95 Million in new funding to ArDOT. If the constitutional amendment is approved by voters, it will provide an additional estimated $205 Million annually to ArDOT and an estimated $43 million each to cities and counties.

Citizens with an interest in learning more about the Governor’s proposed highway program are encouraged to attend this regional public meeting. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions directly to the Commission and ArDOT Director Scott E. Bennett, P.E.

For more information about these meetings, or Issue One, visit [http://www.ardot.gov/renew](http://www.ardot.gov/renew).

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2020 REGIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

1. Monticello .............. January 21
2. West Memphis .............. January 23
3. Harrison .............. January 28
4. Texarkana .............. January 30
5. Mena .................. February 11
6. Fort Smith .............. February 13
7. Hot Springs .............. February 20
8. Maumelle .............. March 9
9. Springdale .......... March 10
10. Batesville .......... March 30
11. Jonesboro .............. March 31
12. El Dorado .............. April 2

REVISED MEETING DATE
2020 REGIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

1. MONTICELLO
   Tuesday, January 21st, 5:30 P.M.
   UAM Fine Arts Center
   371 University Drive
   Monticello, AR 71655

2. WEST MEMPHIS
   Thursday, January 23rd, 5:30 P.M.
   The Academies of West Memphis – Performing Arts Center
   501 W. Broadway
   West Memphis, AR 72301

3. HARRISON
   Tuesday, January 28th, 5:30 P.M.
   Harrison High School – Performing Arts Center
   925 Goblin Drive
   Harrison, AR 72601

4. TEXARKANA
   Thursday, January 30th, 5:30 P.M.
   Trinity Baptist Church
   3115 Trinity Boulevard
   Texarkana, AR 71854

5. MENA
   Tuesday, February 11th, 5:30 P.M.
   U of A Rich Mountain – Ouachita Center
   1100 College Drive
   Mena, AR 71953

6. FORT SMITH
   Thursday, February 13th, 5:30 P.M.
   The Blue Lion
   101 N. 2nd Street
   Fort Smith, AR 72901

7. HOT SPRINGS
   Thursday, February 20th, 5:30 P.M.
   Crossgate Church
   3100 E. Grand Avenue
   Hot Springs, AR 71901

8. MAUMELLE
   Monday, March 9th, 5:30 P.M.
   Jess Odom Community Center - Gymnasium
   1100 Edgewood Drive
   Maumelle, AR 72113

9. SPRINGDALE
   Tuesday, March 10th, 5:30 P.M.
   The Jones Center
   922 E. Emma Avenue
   Springdale, AR 72764

10. BATESVILLE
    Monday, March 30th, 5:30 P.M.
    UACCB – Independence Hall
    2005 White Drive
    Batesville, AR 72501

11. JONESBORO
    Tuesday, March 31st, 5:30 P.M.
    ASU – 1st National Bank Arena - Auditorium
    217 Olympic Drive
    Jonesboro, AR 72401

12. EL DORADO
    Thursday, April 2nd, 5:30 P.M.
    El Dorado Municipal Auditorium
    100 W. 8th Street
    El Dorado, AR 71730