



Arkansas Highway Commission Schedules Series of Regional Public Meetings to Educate Public on Funding Option

The Arkansas Highway Commission has scheduled a series of regional public meetings 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.

These meetings will consist of an open house session where attendees can view displays and visit with Arkansas Department of Transportation 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. Each of the meetings will be identical in format and presentation material. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions directly to the Commission and ARDOT Director Scott E. Bennett, P.E.

Hot Springs

Crossgate Church
3100 E. Grand Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71901
Thursday, February 20
Open House—5:30 p.m.
Presentation/Public Comment—6:30 p.m.

Maumelle

Jess Odom Community Center—Gymnasium
1100 Edgewood Drive
Maumelle, AR 72113
Monday, March 9
Open House—5:30 p.m.
Presentation/Public Comment—6:30 p.m.

Springdale

The Jones Center
922 E. Emma Avenue
Springdale, AR 72764
Tuesday, March 10
Open House—5:30 p.m.
Presentation/Public Comment—6:30 p.m.

Batesville

UACCB—Independence Hall
2005 White Drive
Batesville, AR 72764
Thursday, March 12
Open House—5:30 p.m.
Presentation/Public Comment—6:30 p.m.

Jonesboro

ASU—1st National Bank Arena, Auditorium
217 Olympic Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72401
Tuesday, March 31
Open House—5:30 p.m.
Presentation/Public Comment—6:30 p.m.

El Dorado

El Dorado Municipal Auditorium
100 W. 8th Street
El Dorado, AR 71730
Thursday, April 2
Open House—5:30 p.m.
Presentation/Public Comment—6:30 p.m.

About the funding option: 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. *Learn more at ardot.gov/renew.*