

APPENDIX B: AGENCY SCOPING MEETING

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CC: Tab Townsell, Mayor of Conway
RE: Conway Western Loop Arterial

Date: 06/10/03 10:14 AM

A scoping meeting to seek public agency input into the process of planning alternative locations and selecting a preferred route for a new arterial route around the south and west sides of the City of Conway will be held on May 25, 2000. The meeting will be at the Council Chambers of the Conway City Hall beginning at 1:30 p.m. You are invited to have a representative at the meeting to address issues, particularly the issues that relate to the NEPA documentation process, of which your agency is uniquely aware.

A map showing the study area has been attached. Thank you.

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July 5, 2000

Mr. Ronnie Hall
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100 East Robins
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Dear Ronnie:

Enclosed you will find a meeting report for the agency scoping meeting held in Conway on May 25, 2000. You will also find a copy of the project environmental constraint map. To document the identification and location of the constraints, we have enclosed reports supporting the Conway arterial bypass environmental constraints map and presenting the findings of the Phase I Cultural Resources Study.

The next milestone for the project will be the public information meeting scheduled for July 10, 2000.

Please let me know if you want these items distributed to the AHTD, CARTS and FHWA. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

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Cc: Mayor Tab Townsell, City of Conway
Dale Loe, Assistant Chief Design, AHTD
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**AGENCY SCOPE MEETING REPORT
CONWAY BYPASS (P.E.)(S)
Job 080174, FAP HDP-9501 (1)**

On May 25, 2000, an Agency Scoping Meeting for the Conway Western Arterial Loop was held in the Council Chamber in Conway, Arkansas at 1:30PM. Those in attendance are shown on the attached list.

Mike Lynch opened the meeting and welcomed everyone with a brief project overview and explanation of the agenda that was handed out to each representative. Mike explained that the study would result in selection of a preferred alternative and the primary deliverable will be an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with a final Record of Decision (ROD).

Mike then gave a brief description of the study area and reviewed project team assignments. The contacts for the project are as follows:

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AHTD

Lynn Malbrough, (501) 569-2285

Open Discussion and Questions:

Fish and Wildlife:	Lake Conway is a concern. National Wetland Maps have been obtained but very little detailed delineation and mapping has occurred in the study area and no additional information is available.
Endangered Species:	Comments have been provided to the Consultant (a copy of the correspondence is attached).
Wildlife Refuges:	Not applicable.
Wetlands	The Corps of Engineers (COE) expressed concern with the extent of wetlands and the potential numerous stream crossings. Once the corridors are established extensive coordination with the COE will be necessary. Cooperating agency agreements between the FHWA and COE to be prepared as needed.
Water Quality:	No comments.
Water Body Modifications:	Construction could occur very near Lake Conway. Any unavailable adverse impacts will be minimized or mitigated.
Public Water Supply:	No Comments. Contact to be Conway Corporation.

Flood Plains:	Extensive flood plains in the Lollie Bottoms area. Updates to the flood hazard areas should be completed in two months. Studies have been submitted to FEMA by the City of Conway and Faulkner County.
Navigation/ Coast Guard:	Not applicable.
Atmospheric Quality:	No comments.
Noise Levels:	No comments.
Educational/ Scientific:	No comments.
Archeological:	Gerald Smith has conducted preliminary research of the historical and archeological information that is available at the University of Arkansas. He noted that there is not a significant amount of data available and additional sites probably exist and have not been documented. Additional research and field surveys will be necessary after the range of corridors and routes have been narrowed down.
Historic/Architectural:	Covered with archeological.
Recreation:	No comments.
Public Parks/ 4(f)/ 6(f):	The City of Conway is planing a new public park on the west side of the city. Garver Engineers has been provided with this location.
Visual Impacts:	Most area will be near existing grade and should not have any negative effects on surrounding area.
Land Use Impacts:	Bill Polk expects that there will be land use impacts. Garver Engineers has received the TRANSPLAN model from Metroplan. Traffic impacts for each alternative corridor will be evaluated on a regional basis.
Hazardous Waste/ Landfills:	CH2MHILL has identified sites of concern.
Prime Farm Land:	No comments.
Energy Resources:	No comments.
Social:	No comments.
Economic:	Contact Linda Linn with the Conway Chamber of Commerce.
Relocates:	There will be some relocations, and these will be handled according to state and federal guidelines.

Construction Impacts: No comments.

Underground Storage Tanks: CH2MHILL has identified sites of concern.

Other Comments:

- Conway Corporation has a wastewater plant located on Tucker Creek and water tanks located on Cadron Ridge.
- The City of Mayflower may benefit from a route selected to be south of Round Mountain.
- Question: Do you address the cost associated with the selection process?
Answer: The effects on natural and human environment will be evaluated along with the projected cost for each alternative. These will be factors for comparison in the process of selecting a preferred alternative,
- AHTD has conducted a planning study for an overpass over the railroad near Mayflower (copies of any studies conducted in the area have been requested from the AHTD. The report is titled "Mayflower Planning Study" dated August, 1997).
- The City of Conway Planning Department website has a link for information about this project. www.conwayplanning.org
- An email address has been created for public comments, and a link is available from the Planning Department web site. Conwayloop@garverinc.com
- A Project Office will be open one afternoon per week with appointments for other times.
- Public parks 4(f) and 6(f) will need to have FHWA involvement early in the process.
- The next phase of work to be complete is a follow-up report of the Agency Scoping Meeting and developing the constraints map based on preliminary information that has been gathered.

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