

**APPENDIX I: NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION  
SERVICE COORDINATION**

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Ms. Jeanette Bradley  
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RE: Conway Western Arterial Loop  
Farmland Impacts for Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Bradley:

The City of Conway is seeking approval to use federal funding for constructing an arterial loop around the west side of town. The U. S. Department of Transportation (FHWA), in cooperation with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the City of Conway, Arkansas, is in the process of preparing a draft EIS for the project. Four alternative alignments that are being considered are shown on the enclosed map.

The proposal will provide a four-lane arterial route with limited access around west Conway. The route will connect to Interstate 40 northwest of Conway, extend to the south through west Conway, and then turn east across south Conway, reconnecting to Interstate 40 south of Conway. The purpose of this proposal is to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety in the central Conway area. Some of the alternatives being considered will result in farmland impacts. The enclosed Form AD-1006, Farmland Conversion Impact Rating, has had appropriate federal agency Parts I and III completed for the alternatives. We would appreciate your completion of this form and analysis of impacts to prime and statewide important farmlands in Faulkner County.

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Conversion areas have been based upon a right-of-way width of approximately 150 feet and the following lengths:

- Alternative A – 11.2 miles.
- Alternative B – 12.7 miles.
- Alternative C – 16.6 miles.
- Alternative D – 12.5 miles.

Please contact me at (501) 376-3633 if you need additional information. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures: Alternative Alignments map, Form AD – 1006

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