

TIER THREE CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

AHTD JOB NUMBER 090338  
FAP NUMBERS STPF-9373(19)  
PROPOSED WALNUT STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
DIXIELAND ROAD – 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET (ROGERS)  
BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Submitted pursuant to Title 42 US Code §4332(2)(C)  
by the  
US Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration, and the  
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Prepared by

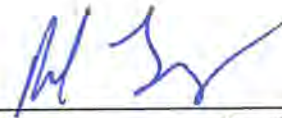
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FTN No. R05830-0013-001

August 28, 2014

9/15/2014

Date of Approval



Randal Looney  
Environmental Specialist  
Federal Highway Administration

This project falls within the definition of a Categorical Exclusion as defined by Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 771, §117. The following information is included for review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and, if acceptable, for approval as the environmental documentation for this project.

The City of Rogers, in cooperation with FHWA and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), is proposing to increase capacity and improve safety for motorists and pedestrians by constructing a bi-directional center left-turn lane on Highway 71B (Walnut Street) from Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas (Figures 1 and 2). Total length of the proposed project is approximately 1.0 mile.

This section of Walnut Street currently consists of four 12-ft-wide paved travel lanes, with no shoulders and with some intermittent sections of sidewalk on one or both sides of the street. An additional left-turn lane (in each direction) is present at the intersections of Walnut Street and Dixieland Road, Walnut Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and Walnut Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The right lane of Walnut Street at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street is a right-turn only lane.

Proposed improvements will include widening Walnut Street to five lanes — two 11-ft-wide travel lanes in each direction and one bi-directional 12-ft-wide center left-turn lane — beyond the intersection with Dixieland Road to the intersection with 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The project will also include the addition of a 3-ft-wide grass buffer and a 6-ft wide sidewalk on both sides of the roadway (Figure 3). The intersection of Walnut Street and Dixieland Road will be widened to six lanes, including two 11-ft-wide travel lanes and two bi-directional 12-ft-wide left-turn lanes. This intersection will also include a 3-ft-side grass buffer and 6-ft wide sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width averages 48 ft. The new ROW width will average 77 ft, excluding the intersection of Walnut Street (US Highway 71B) and Dixieland that totals approximately 89 ft, resulting in the acquisition of approximately 3.4 acres of new ROW for the project.

A traffic study was performed by Peters & Associates Engineers, Inc. for the proposed project. Design data for the proposed project are as follows:

Segment	Year	ADT	Percent Trucks	Design Speed (mph)
Walnut Street from Dixieland Road to 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	2013	21,600	3.9%	45
	2033	32,095	4.0%	45
Walnut Street from 13 <sup>th</sup> Street to 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	2013	18,600	4.1%	45
	2033	27,638	4.1%	45

There are no concerns with respect to air quality, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, energy resources, environmental justice/Title VI, fish and wildlife, floodplains, Forest Service Property, hazardous materials/landfills, land use, migratory birds, navigation/Coast Guard, prime farmland, protected waters, public recreation lands, public water supplies/wellhead

protection areas, relocatees, Section 4(f)/6(f), social environment, underground storage tanks, visual impacts, stream impacts, water quality, wetlands, or wildlife refuges. The AHTD Environmental Assessment Form is included as Appendix A.

Correspondence with the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding cultural resources is included in Appendix B. Appendix B also provides project clearance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding threatened and endangered species issues.

A Public Involvement Meeting for this project was held on April 11, 2013. A synopsis of this meeting is provided in Appendix C.

Noise predictions have been made for this project using the FHWA's Traffic Noise 2.5 procedures. Within the proposed project area, the predicted 2032 noise level at one sensitive receptor would approach (but not exceed) the FHWA Noise Abatement Criteria limit of 67 decibels (dBA). The noise assessment is provided in Appendix D.

A search of environmental databases was conducted by Environmental Data Resources, Inc. (EDR) to identify potential hazardous waste issues near the project area. Thirty facilities were identified within the 1-mile search radius used by EDR as having environmental records. Of the ten sites along the ROW for the project, nine were listed as UST sites or hazardous waste handlers. Of the UST sites, only two have USTs in use (and no violations); the rest have been properly closed according to ADEQ protocol. One site had reports of a leaking UST, but it was discovered to have been a reporting error, and no further action was recommended by ADEQ. Based on review of the site reports and their proximity and relative gradient to the site, it was determined that the mapped facilities do not pose a concern with regard to hazardous waste.

Coordination for this project was conducted with the US Department of Transportation (US DOT), FHWA; the US Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District; USFWS; Natural Resources Conservation Service; AHTD; the Department of Arkansas Heritage, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program; and the Arkansas National Heritage Commission (ANHC). Appendix B provides correspondence regarding agency coordination.

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**Figures**



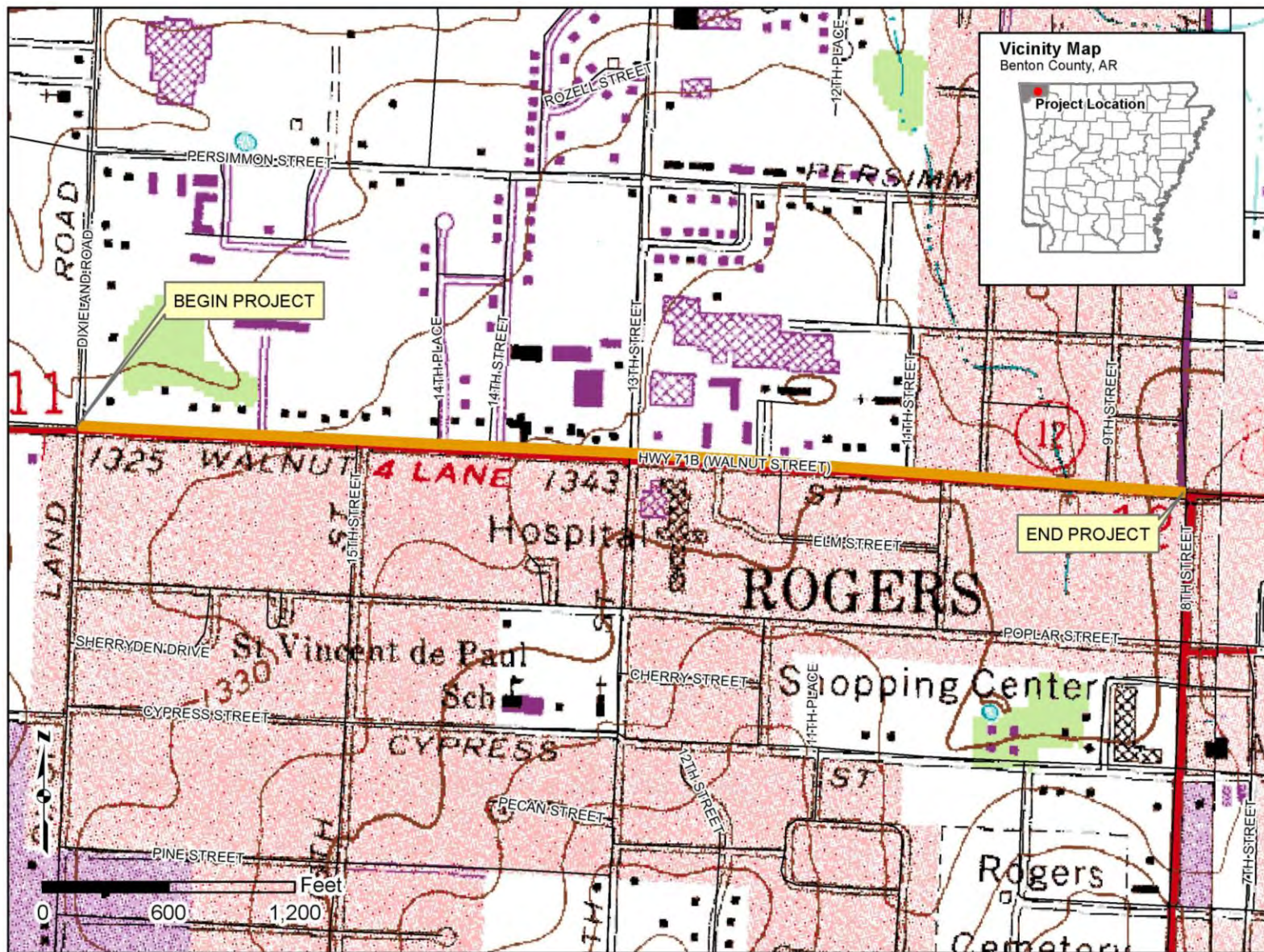


Figure 1. Vicinity map.





**HWY 71 B -  
WALNUT STREET  
ROGERS, ARKANSAS**

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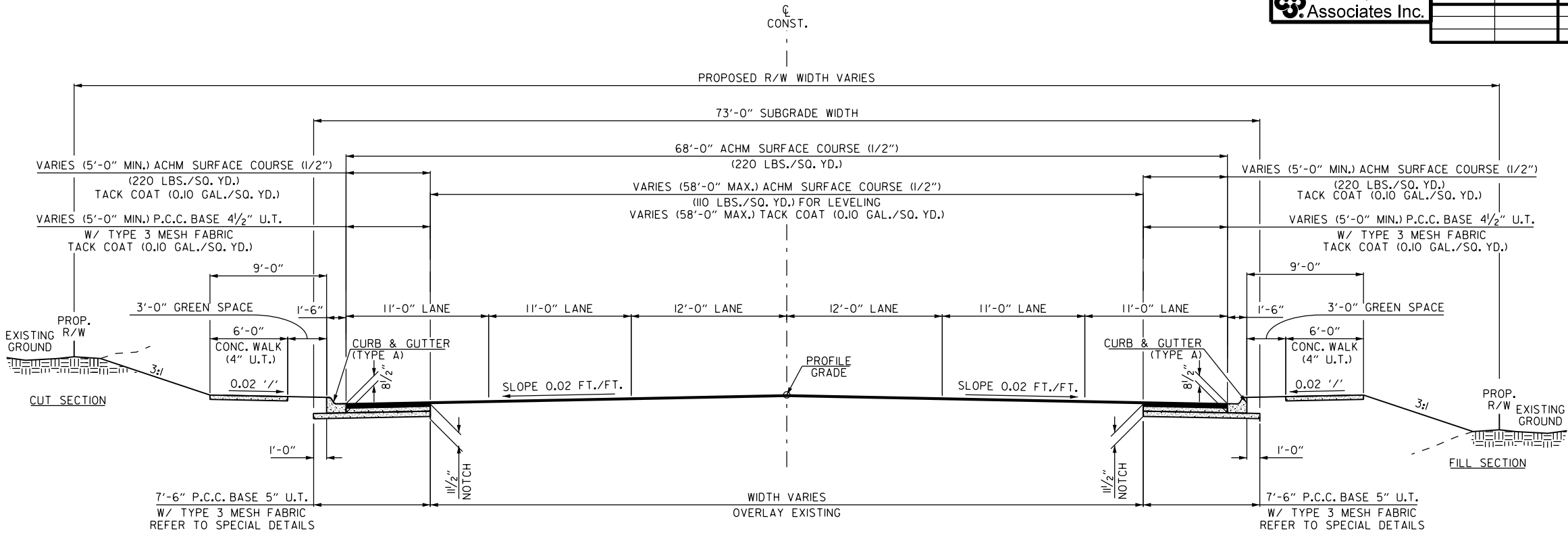
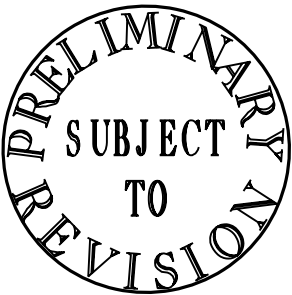
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② TYPICAL SECTION



**#1 TYPICAL SECTION OF IMPROVEMENT  
SIX LANES - W. WALNUT STREET & DIXIELAND RD.**

W. WALNUT STA. 14+60.00 TO STA. 16+00.00  
W. WALNUT STA. 18+00.00 TO STA. 19+30.00  
DIXIELAND RD. STA. 8+10.00 TO STA. 9+00.00  
DIXIELAND RD. STA. 11+00.00 TO STA. 11+70.00

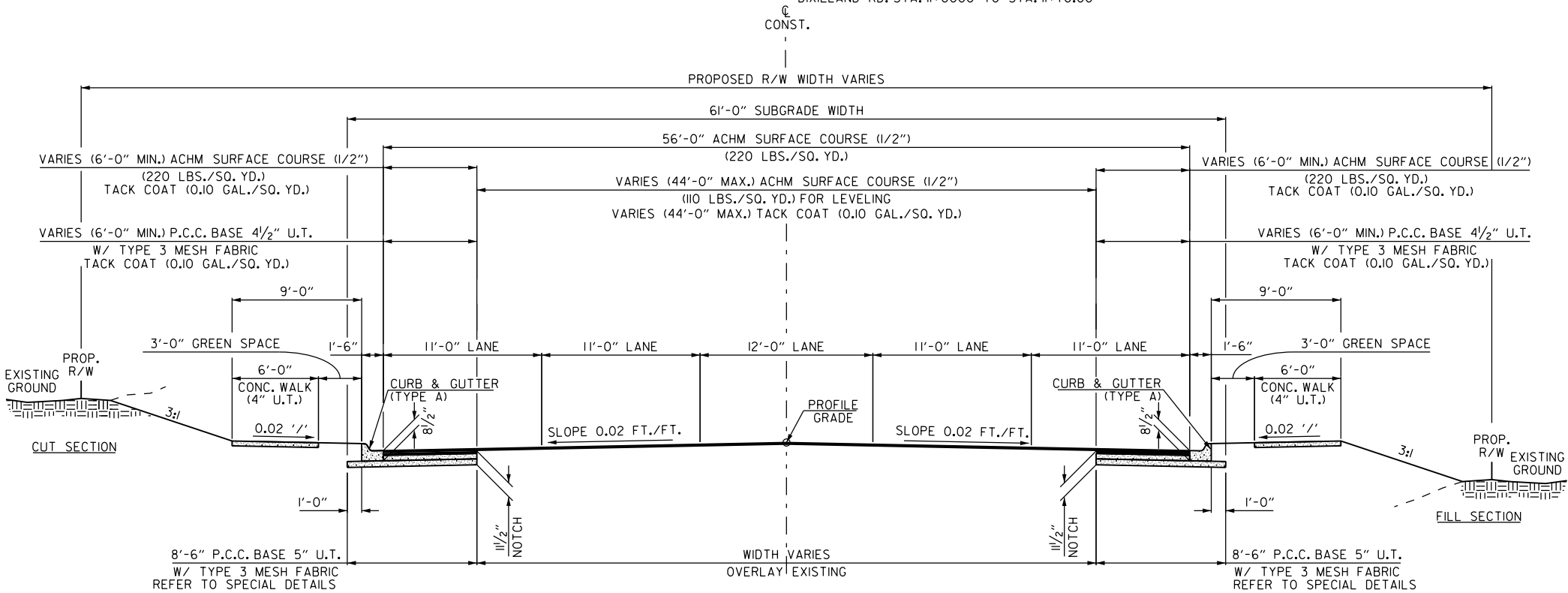
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W. WALNUT STA. 11+90.00 TO STA. 14+60.00  
DIXIELAND RD. STA. 6+00.00 TO STA. 8+10.00

TRANSITION FROM TYPICAL #1 TO INTERSECTION DETAIL  
W. WALNUT STA. 19+30.00 TO STA. 18+00.00

TRANSITION FROM INTERSECTION DETAIL TO TYPICAL #2:  
W. WALNUT STA. 18+00.00 TO STA. 22+00.00

TRANSITION FROM TYPICAL #1 TO INTERSECTION DETAIL:  
DIXIELAND STA. 9+00.00 TO STA. 11+00.00

TRANSITION FROM TYPICAL #1 TO EXISTING WIDTH  
DIXIELAND STA. 11+70.00 TO STA. 13+80.00



**#2 TYPICAL SECTION OF IMPROVEMENT  
FIVE LANES - HWY. 71B (WALNUT STREET)**

STA. 22+00.00 TO STA. 42+51.02  
STA. 44+06.08 TO STA. 64+50.00  
STA. 72+66.00 TO STA. 72+75.00

**TYPICAL SECTION NOTES:**

- REFER TO CROSS SECTIONS FOR DEVIATIONS FROM THE NORMAL SLOPES. NO CHANGES SHALL BE MADE FROM THE PLANNED SLOPES WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEER.
- PRIOR TO AND DURING PLACEMENT OF PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF THE CURB AND GUTTER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN POSITIVE DRAINAGE AT ALL TIMES. THE METHOD(S) USED SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. PAYMENT FOR THIS WORK SHALL BE CONSIDERED INCLUDED IN THE PRICE BID FOR THE VARIOUS CONTRACT ITEMS.
- ASPHALT FOR LEVELING OF EXISTING PAVEMENT SHALL BE PLACED ONLY IF AND WHERE DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER. CALCULATIONS FOR THE AMOUNT OF LEVELING AND/OR LEVELING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED BEFORE CONSTRUCTING NOTCH AND WIDENING.
- THE FINAL 2" OF SURFACE COURSE IS TO BE PLACED AFTER ALL OTHER COURSES HAVE BEEN LAID. LONGITUDINAL JOINTS SHALL BE AT LANE LINES.
- THE EXISTING ASPHALT PAVEMENT TO BE REMOVED SHALL BE SEPARATED BY SAWING. THE PAVEMENT TO BE REMOVED SHALL BE CAREFULLY REMOVED IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT DAMAGE THE PAVEMENT THAT IS TO REMAIN. ANY DAMAGE TO THE PAVEMENT THAT IS TO REMAIN SHALL BE REPAIRED AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

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TRANSITION FROM INTERSECTION DETAIL TO SECTION 2:  
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TRANSITION FROM SECTION 2 TO EXISTING WIDTH:  
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TYPICAL SECTION

# **APPENDIX A**

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**AHTD Environmental Impacts Assessment Form & Design Summary**



# AHTD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT FORM

**AHTD Job Number** 090338 **FAP Number** STPF-9373(19)

**Job Title** Walnut Street Improvement Project, Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Environmental Impacts	None	Minor	Significant	Comments
Air Quality		X		Construction-related and temporary.
Construction Impacts		X		
Cultural Resources	X			
Economic		X		Temporary construction impacts.
Endangered Species	X			
Energy Resources	X			
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			
Fish and Wildlife	X			
Floodplains	X			
Forest Service Property	X			
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			
Land Use Impacts	X			
Migratory Birds	X			
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			
Noise Levels		X		One receptor would approach the 67 dbA limit, but not exceed it.
Prime Farmland	X			
Protected Waters	X			
Public Recreation Lands	X			
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			
Relocatees	X			
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			
Social	X			
Underground Storage Tanks		X		USTs located near project ROW.
Visual Impacts	X			
Stream Impacts	X			
Water Quality	X			
Wetlands	X			
Wildlife Refuges	X			

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No

Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No

Section 404 Permit Required? No Type

Remarks:

Signature of Evaluator  Date



## DESIGN INFORMATION

Job Number 090338 FAP Number STPF-9373(19) County Benton

Job Name Walnut Street Improvement Project, Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Design Engineer Crafton Tull & Associates, Inc.

Brief Project Description Improve Walnut Street beginning at Dixieland Road and ending at 8<sup>th</sup> Street; add bi-directional center left-turn lane to segment

### EXISTING CONDITIONS:

Roadway Width: average 48 ft Shoulder Width: N/A

Number of Lanes and Width: Four lanes, 12 ft each

Average Existing ROW Width 48 ft

### PROPOSED CONDITIONS:

Roadway Width: 77 ft Shoulder Width: N/A

Number of Lanes and Width:

5 lanes, 11 ft each; two 3-ft green spaces & two 6-ft sidewalks on each side of the road including curbs and gutters

Average ROW Width: 77 ft

### CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION:

If detour: Where \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

### DESIGN DATA:

2013 ADT: 21,600 from Dixieland Road to 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and 18,600 from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

2033 ADT: 32,095 from Dixieland Road to 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and 27,638 from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

%Trucks 4 Design Speed 45 mph Approximate total length of project: 1.0 mile(s)

Justification for improvements: Accommodate increased traffic flow and improve safety for motorists and pedestrians



## **APPENDIX B**

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**Agency Correspondence/Coordination**





The Department of  
**Arkansas  
Heritage**

Mike Beebe  
Governor

Cathie Matthews  
Director

Arkansas Arts Council

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October 18, 2011

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Ecologist  
FTN Associates, Ltd.  
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RE: Benton County - Rogers  
Section 106 Review - FHWA; AHPP Tracking#79050  
Proposed Walnut Street Improvements Project  
(FTN No. #5830-100)

Dear Mr. Rupe:

This letter is written in response to your inquiry, regarding properties of architectural, historical, or archeological significance in the area of the proposed referenced project.

In order for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) to complete its review of the proposed project, we will need the additional information checked below:

— a 7.5 minute 1:24,000 scale U.S.G.S. topographic map clearly delineating the project area;

✓ a project description detailing all aspects of the proposed project;

✓ the location, age, and photographs of structures (if any) to be renovated, removed, demolished, or abandoned as a result of this project;

✓ photographs of any structures 50 years old or older on property directly adjacent to the project area.

Once we have received the above information, we will complete our review as expeditiously as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

*George McCluskey*

George McCluskey  
Section 106 Review Coordinator





water resources / environmental consultants

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January 20, 2012

Mr. George McCluskey  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Heritage Department of Arkansas  
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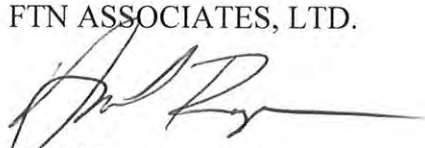
RE: Transmittal of *Phase 1 Cultural Resources Survey of Walnut Street Improvement Corridor, From Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas-Draft Negative Findings Report*  
AHPP Tracking No. 79050  
FTN No. 5830-100

Dear Mr. McKluskey:

Enclosed is one copy of the above-referenced draft document, prepared by Panamerican Consultants, Inc. We hereby request clearance for cultural resource issues for the subject property at your earliest convenience.

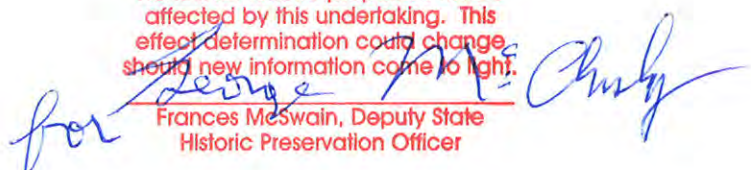
If you have questions or need additional information regarding the proposed project, please feel free to call me at (479) 571-3334 or Gary Tucker at (501) 225-7779.

Kindest regards,  
FTN ASSOCIATES, LTD.

  
David Rupe  
Ecologist

DMR/fjm

Enclosure

Date 3/6/12  
No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to light.  
  
Frances McSwain, Deputy State  
Historic Preservation Officer

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior



## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Tel.: 501/513-4470 Fax: 501/513-4480

November 8, 2011

Reference: TA0084

Johathan Ely  
Crafton Tull  
901 North 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 200  
Rogers, AR 72756

Dear Mr. Ely:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information supplied in your letter dated October 11, 2011, regarding the proposed improvement project within a 1.0 mile corridor, from Walnut Street, Dixieland to 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the city of Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

The following federally listed threatened and endangered species are known to occur in this region: Ozark cavefish (*Amblyopsis rosae*), cave crayfish (*Cambarus aculabrum*), Gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*). In addition the candidate species Neosho mucket (*Lampsilis rafinesqueana*), Arkansas darter (*Etheostoma cragini*), and rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*) are also known to occur in this region.

The following best management practices (BMPs) do not override other BMPs that may have been specified to use from other sources, but are in addition to those instructions.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control**

BMPs should be implemented for all construction projects within karst landscapes. BMPs should include filter fences, straw bales, interceptor dikes and swales, sediment traps, ditch checks, detention basins, mulching, seeding, and/or revegetation as appropriate. Mats or netting should be applied on steep slopes and stream banks. Erosion and sediment control measures should be sized to handle at least the 25 year flood and 24-hour storm event. Erosion and sediment control BMP's should be implemented to prevent sediment and contaminants from entering groundwater.

It is important that construction plans reduce erosion and sedimentation into streams and karst features by:

- Identifying areas with potential for erosion problems prior to construction initiation.



- Avoiding wetlands and low lying areas.
- Restoring steep embankments with seed, mulch, fertilizer, and implementing erosion control measures such as silt fences, straw bales, matting, and sediment traps. Soil stabilization immediately after earth work is complete is critical.
- Restoring steep approaches to stream crossings by seeding, mulching, fertilizing, and implementing erosion control measures such as silt filter fences, ditch checks, straw bales, matting, and sediment traps. It is critical that restoration be implemented immediately after construction.
- On approaches to stream crossings, drainage control structures should be located at the top and base of the slope/bank. Runoff should be routed to stable slopes on either side of the right of way, or routed via temporary conveyance structures to the base of the approach slope where it can infiltrate into the stream bank and eventually seep back to the channel.

### **Stormwater**

Stormwater concerns occur during construction and after the site is developed and stabilized. Threats to groundwater shift from sediment and fuel/oil/grease, to lawn chemicals, oil and grease from personal vehicles, brake dust, chip seals, roof tar, and other household contaminants. Plans should be made to address post construction stormwater contaminants.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency oversee and permit stormwater runoff. In 2003, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission developed the Northwest Arkansas Stormwater Quality Best Management Practices Preliminary Guide Manual for community use. The manual was developed with six control measures including public education and outreach, public participation and involvement, illicit discharge, detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction runoff control, pollution prevention, and good housekeeping. When open land is developed the hydrology of the site completely changes. Possible contaminants associated with development include sediment, nutrients, microbes, organic matter, toxic contaminants, trash, and debris. Each of these together or separately can pollute groundwater. Once contaminants leave the site and enter drainage within a groundwater recharge zone, whatever the water was carrying is now contributing to groundwater contamination threatens rare and endangered karst animals.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically authorized by the Department of the Interior. The proliferation of cellular communications, radio, and television broadcasting towers across the country combined with high-bird mortalities that have been recorded at some of these sites has raised the question whether or not all towers pose a danger to night-migrating birds. Therefore, the Service makes the following recommendations:

1. Towers requiring lights for aviation safety should be equipped with the minimum amount of pilot warning and obstruction avoidance lighting allowed by the FAA. Unless



otherwise required by the FAA, only white strobe lights should be used at night, and these should be the minimum number, medium intensity, and minimum number of flashes per minute allowable by the FAA. The use of solid red or pulsating red warning lights at night should be avoided. Current research indicates that solid or pulsating red lights attract night-migrating birds at a much higher rate than white strobe lights.

2. Tower designs using guy wires for support which are proposed to be located adjacent to rivers, lakes, wetlands, or on ridges should have daytime visual markers on the wires to prevent collision by diurnally moving species such as raptors and waterbirds. (For guidance on these markers, see *Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC): 1994. Migrating Bird Collisions with Power Lines: The State of the Art in 1994. Edison Electric Institute, Washington, D.C., 78pp*, and *Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC): 1996. Suggested Practices for Raptor Protection on Power Lines. Edison Electric Institute /Raptor Research Foundation, Washington, D.C., 128pp*. Copies can be obtained via the Internet at <http://www.eei.org/resources/pubcat/enviro/>, or by calling 1-800-334-5453.
3. Towers and appendant facilities should be sited, designed, and constructed so as to avoid or minimize habitat loss within and adjacent to the tower "footprint". However, a larger tower footprint is preferable to the use of guy wires in construction. Road access and fencing should be minimized to reduce or prevent habitat fragmentation and disturbance, and to reduce aboveground obstacles to birds in flight.
4. In order to reduce the number of towers needed in the future, providers are encouraged to design new towers structurally and electrically to accommodate the applicant/licensee's antennas and comparable antennas for at least two additional users (minimum of three users for each tower structure), unless this design would require the addition of lights or guy wires to an otherwise unlighted or unguyed tower.
5. Security lighting for on-ground facilities and equipment should be down-shielded to keep light within the boundaries of the site
6. Service personnel or researchers for the Communications Tower Working Group should be allowed access to the site to evaluate bird use, conduct dead-bird searches, to place net catchments below the towers but above the ground, and to place radar, Global Positioning System, infrared, thermal imagery, and acoustical monitoring equipment as necessary to assess and verify bird movements and to gain information on the impacts of various tower sizes, configurations, and lighting systems.
7. Towers no longer in use or determined to be obsolete should be removed within 12 months of cessation of use.

The comments herein are for the sole purpose of providing technical assistance to the action agency or for individual pre-project planning assistance. These comments and opinions should not be misconstrued as an "effect determination" or considered as concurrence with any proceeding determination(s) by the action agency in accordance with Section 7 of the ESA.




These comments do not authorize the "take" of a threatened or endangered species as defined under the ESA. In the absence of authorization (e.g., an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with "incidental take" provisions, a finding concurrence letter, etc.) from the Service, both lethal and nonlethal "take" of protected species are in violation of the ESA.

We appreciate your interest in the conservation of endangered species. If you have any questions, please contact the Arkansas Ecological Services Staff at (501) 513-4487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James D. Boggs".

 Jim Boggs  
Project Leader





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Date: October 26, 2011  
Subject: Elements of Special Concern  
Walnut Street Improvement  
FTN No. 5830-100  
Benton Co., AR  
ANHC No.: P-CF..-11-108

Mr. David Rupe  
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Dear Mr. Rupe:

Staff members of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission have reviewed our files for records indicating the occurrence of rare plants and animals, outstanding natural communities, natural or scenic rivers, or other elements of special concern within or near the following site:

Project Name	County	Quad. Name	Location
Walnut Street Improv.	Benton	Bentonville South 7.50	T19N/R30W/S11

We find no records at present time.

A Benton County Element list is enclosed. Represented on this list are elements for which we have records in our database. The list has been annotated to indicate those elements known to occur within a one and a five mile radius of the project site. A legend is enclosed to help you interpret the codes used on this list.

Please keep in mind that the project area may contain important natural features of which we are unaware. Staff members of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission have not conducted a field survey of the study site. Our review is based on data available to the program at the time of the request. It should not be regarded as a final statement on the elements or areas under consideration. Because our files are updated constantly, you may want to check with us again at a later time.

Thank you for consulting us. It has been a pleasure to work with you on this study.

Sincerely,

*Katie Shannon*  
*for*

Cindy Osborne  
Data Manager/Environmental Review Coordinator

Enclosures: Legend  
Benton County Element List (annotated)  
Invoice



8/24/2011

**Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission**  
**Department of Arkansas Heritage**  
**Inventory Research Program**  
**Benton County**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
<b>Animals-Invertebrates</b>					
<i>Alasmidonta marginata</i>	elktoe	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Caecidotea ancyla</i>	an isopod	-	INV	G3G4	S2
<i>Caecidotea steevesi</i>	an isopod	-	INV	G3G4	S1
<i>Caecidotea stiladactyla</i>	an isopod	-	INV	G3G4	S3
<i>Cambarus aculabrum</i>	a crayfish	LE	INV	G1	S1
<i>Cambarus setosus</i>	bristly cave crayfish	-	INV	G3	S1
<i>Crosbyella roeweri</i>	a cave obligate harvestman	-	INV	G1G2	S1
<i>Gastrocopta rogersensis</i>	a land snail	-	INV	G3G4	S2
<i>Gryllotalpa major</i>	prairie mole cricket	-	INV	G3	S1S2
<i>Hesperia meskei</i>	Meske's skipper	-	INV	G3G4	S1S2
<i>Hesperochernes occidentalis</i>	a pseudoscorpion	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Heterosternuta sulphuria</i>	Sulphur Springs diving beetle	-	INV	G1?	S1?
<i>Lampsilis rafinesqueana</i>	Neosho mucket	C	INV	G2	S1
<i>Lampsilis siliquioidea</i>	fatmucket	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Lasmigona costata</i>	flutedshell	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Ligidium elrodii</i>	an isopod	-	INV	G4G5	S2
<i>Lucanus elaphus</i>	giant stag beetle	-	INV	G3G5	S2
<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>	American burying beetle	LE	INV	G2G3	S1
<i>Orconectes meeki brevis</i>	a crayfish	-	INV	G4T3	S2
<i>Orconectes nana</i>	a crayfish	-	INV	G3	S3
<i>Orconectes williamsi</i>	William's crayfish	-	INV	G3	S1
<i>Ptychobranchus occidentalis</i>	Ouachita kidneyshell	-	INV	G3G4	S3
<i>Pygmarrhopalites clarus</i>	a springtail	-	INV	G4	S1S2
<i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i>	rabbitsfoot	C	INV	G3G4T3	S2
<i>Speyeria diana</i>	Diana	-	INV	G3G4	S2S3
<i>Speyeria idalia</i>	regal fritillary	-	INV	G3	S1
<i>Stygobromus onondagaensis</i>	an amphipod	-	INV	G3	S1?
<i>Stygobromus ozarkensis</i>	Ozark cave amphipod	-	INV	G4	S2
<i>Trigenotyla parca</i>	a cave obligate millipede	-	INV	G1G2	S1
<i>Venustaconcha ellipsiformis</i>	ellipse	-	INV	G4	S1
<i>Villosa iris</i>	rainbow	-	INV	G5Q	S2S3
<i>Villosa lienosa</i>	little spectaclecase	-	INV	G5	S3
<b>Animals-Vertebrates</b>					
<i>Amblyopsis rosae</i>	Ozark cavefish	LT	INV	G3	S1
<i>Ambystoma annulatum</i>	ringed salamander	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum</i>	eastern tiger salamander	-	INV	G5T5	S3
<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow	-	INV	G4	S1B,S2N
<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Sedge Wren	-	INV	G5	S1B,S4N
<i>Crotaphytus collaris</i>	eastern collared lizard	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Willow Flycatcher	-	INV	G5	S1B,S3N
<i>Etheostoma cragini</i>	Arkansas darter	C	INV	G3G4	S1
<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>	least darter	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Eurycea spelaea</i>	grotto salamander	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Eurycea tynerensis</i>	Oklahoma salamander	-	INV	G3	S3



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Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	-	INV	G5	S2B,S4N
<i>Lepus californicus</i>	black-tailed jackrabbit	-	INV	G5	S1S2
<i>Lithobates areolatus circulosus</i>	northern crawfish frog	-	INV	G4T4	S2
<i>Lithobates sylvaticus</i>	wood frog	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	gray myotis	LE	INV	G3	S2S3
<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Indiana bat	LE	INV	G2	S1
<i>Nocomis asper</i>	redspot chub	-	INV	G4	S2?
<i>Percina nasuta</i>	longnose darter	-	INV	G3	S2
<i>Percina phoxocephala</i>	slenderhead darter	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Plestiodon obsoletus</i>	Great Plains skink	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Plethodon angusticlavius</i>	Ozark zigzag salamander	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Reithrodontomys montanus</i>	plains harvest mouse	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Sonora semiannulata</i>	ground snake	-	INV	G5	SNR
<i>Sorex longirostris</i>	southeastern shrew	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Terrapene ornata ornata</i>	ornate box turtle	-	INV	G5T5	S2
* <i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	Bewick's Wren	-	INV	G5	S2B,S3N
<b>Plants-Vascular</b>					
<i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>nigrum</i>	black maple	-	INV	G5T5	S1S2
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	lead-plant	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Androsace occidentalis</i>	rock-jasmine	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>	field pussytoes	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Arabis hirsuta</i> var. <i>adpressipilis</i>	hairy rockcress	-	INV	G5T4Q	S1?
<i>Argyrochosma dealbata</i>	powdery cloak fern	-	INV	G4G5	S2
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> ssp. <i>mexicana</i>	white sagebrush	-	INV	G5T5?	S1S2
✓ <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> ssp. <i>incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed	-	INV	G5T5	S2
<i>Asplenium pinnatifidum</i>	lobed spleenwort	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Asplenium x kentuckiense</i>	Kentucky spleenwort	-	INV	GNA	SH
<i>Bromus nottowayanus</i>	satin brome	-	INV	G3G5	S2
✓ <i>Callirhoe bushii</i>	Bush <del>q</del> poppy-mallow	-	INV	G3	S3
✓ <i>Calopogon oklahomensis</i>	Oklahoma grass-pink	-	INV	G3	S2
<i>Camassia angusta</i>	prairie wild hyacinth	-	INV	G5?Q	S2S3
<i>Carex aggregata</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Carex bicknellii</i>	Bicknell's sedge	-	INV	G5	S1
✓ <i>Carex buxbaumii</i>	brown bog sedge	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Carex conjuncta</i>	sedge	-	INV	G4G5	S1
✓ <i>Carex conoidea</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Carex davisii</i>	Davis' sedge	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Carex gracilescens</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5?	S2
<i>Carex gravida</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5	S2S3
<i>Carex hirtifolia</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Carex hitchcockiana</i>	Hitchcock <del>q</del> sedge	-	INV	G5	S1S2
<i>Carex normalis</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5	S1
✓ <i>Carex opaca</i>	sedge	-	SE	G4	S2S3
<i>Carex pellita</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5	S1S2
<i>Carex prasina</i>	drooping sedge	-	INV	G4	SH
✓ <i>Carex scoparia</i> var. <i>scoparia</i>	sedge	-	INV	G5T5	S1S2
<i>Carex sparganioides</i>	bur-reed sedge	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i>	blue cohosh	-	INV	G4G5	S2
<i>Collinsia verna</i>	blue-eyed Mary	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Crataegus coccinioides</i>	Kansas hawthorn	-	INV	G4?	SH
<i>Cuscuta glomerata</i>	rope dodder	-	INV	G5	S1



**Benton County (cont.)**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
<i>Delphinium treleasei</i>	Trelease's larkspur	-	INV	G3	S3
<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>	Illinois tick-trefoil	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Diphysastrum digitatum</i>	southern running-pine	-	INV	G5	S1S2
<i>Dulichium arundinaceum</i> var. <i>arundinaceum</i>	three-way sedge	-	INV	G5TNR	S2S3
✓ <i>Eleocharis wolfii</i>	Wolf's spike-rush	-	INV	G3G4	S3
<i>Elymus glaucus</i> ssp. <i>mackenzii</i>		-	INV	G5TNR	S1
<i>Eriocaulon koernickianum</i>	small-head pipewort	-	SE	G2	S2
✓ <i>Erysimum capitatum</i> var. <i>capitatum</i>	western wallflower	-	INV	G5T5	S2
<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i>	big-leaf aster	-	INV	G5	SH
✓ <i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>	downy gentian	-	INV	G4G5	S2
<i>Helianthus occidentalis</i> ssp. <i>occidentalis</i>	naked-stem sunflower	-	INV	G5T5	S1S2
<i>Helianthus pauciflorus</i> ssp. <i>pauciflorus</i>	prairie sunflower	-	INV	G5T5?	S1
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> var. <i>arkansana</i>	Arkansas alumroot	-	INV	G5T3Q	S3
✓ <i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	prairie June grass	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Liatris punctata</i> var. <i>mucronata</i>	dotted gayfeather	-	INV	G5T5	S2
<i>Liatris punctata</i> var. <i>punctata</i>	dotted gayfeather	-	INV	G5T5	SH
<i>Limnodea arkansana</i>	Ozark grass	-	INV	G4?	SH
<i>Malvastrum hispidum</i>	yellow false mallow	-	INV	G3G5	S2
<i>Mentzelia oligosperma</i>	stick-leaf	-	INV	G4	SH
<i>Mimulus ringens</i> var. <i>ringens</i>	monkey-flower	-	INV	G5T5	S1S2
✓ <i>Muhlenbergia bushii</i>	nodding muhly	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Muhlenbergia cuspidata</i>	plains muhly	-	INV	G4	SH
<i>Nemastylis nuttallii</i>	Nuttall's pleat-leaf	-	INV	G4	S2
<i>Phacelia purshii</i>	Miami mist	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Phlox bifida</i>	sand phlox	-	INV	G5?	S3
<i>Physalis missouriensis</i>	Missouri ground-cherry	-	INV	G5?	SH
✓ <i>Prenanthes aspera</i>	rough rattlesnake-root	-	INV	G4?	S2S3
✓ <i>Scleria muehlenbergii</i>	Muhlenberg's nut-rush	-	INV	G5	S1S2
<i>Silene ovata</i>	ovate-leaf catchfly	-	ST	G3	S3
✓ <i>Silene regia</i>	royal catchfly	-	ST	G3	S2
<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i>	white flat-top goldenrod	-	INV	G5	S1S2
✓ <i>Stenanthium gramineum</i>	featherbells	-	INV	G4G5	S3
<i>Symphotrichum sericeum</i>	silvery aster	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Tradescantia ozarkana</i>	Ozark spiderwort	-	INV	G3	S3
✓ <i>Trillium ozarkanum</i>	Ozark trillium	-	INV	G3	S3
<i>Ulmus thomasii</i>	rock elm	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Utricularia subulata</i>	zigzag bladderwort	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Valerianella ozarkana</i>	Ozark cornsalad	-	INV	G3	S3
<i>Veratrum woodii</i>	false hellebore	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Viola canadensis</i> var. <i>canadensis</i>	Canadian white violet	-	INV	G5T5	S2

**Special Elements-Natural Communities**

Cave Stream	-	INV	GNR	SNR
✓ Ozark Prairie and Woodland	-	INV	GNR	SNR
Spring-Ozark Mountains	-	INV	GNR	SNR

**Special Elements-Other**

Colonial nesting site, water birds	-	INV	GNR	SNR
Geological feature	-	INV	GNR	SNR

\*-These elements of special concern have been recorded within one mile of the Walnut Street Improvements Project.

✓-These elements of special concern have been recorded within five miles of the Walnut Street Improvements Project.

## LEGEND

### STATUS CODES

#### FEDERAL STATUS CODES

C	=	Candidate species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has enough scientific information to warrant proposing this species for listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
LE	=	Listed Endangered; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed this species as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.
LT	=	Listed Threatened; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed this species as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
-PD	=	Proposed for Delisting; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed that this species be removed from the list of Endangered or Threatened Species.
PE	=	Proposed Endangered; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed this species for listing as endangered.
PT	=	Proposed Threatened; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed this species for listing as threatened.
T/SA E/SA	=	Threatened (or Endangered) because of similarity of appearance.

#### STATE STATUS CODES

INV	=	Inventory Element; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is currently conducting active inventory work on these elements. Available data suggests these elements are of conservation concern. These elements may include outstanding examples of Natural Communities, colonial bird nesting sites, outstanding scenic and geologic features as well as plants and animals, which, according to current information, may be rare, peripheral, or of an undetermined status in the state. The ANHC is gathering detailed location information on these elements.
WAT	=	Watch List Species; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is not conducting active inventory work on these species, however, available information suggests they may be of conservation concern. The ANHC is gathering general information on status and trends of these elements. An “*” indicates the status of the species will be changed to “INV” if the species is verified as occurring in the state (this typically means the agency has received a verified breeding record for the species).
MON	=	Monitored Species; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is currently monitoring information on these species. These species do not have conservation concerns at present. They may be new species to the state, or species on which additional information is needed. The ANHC is gathering detailed location information on these elements.
SE	=	State Endangered; the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission applies this term to native plant taxa which are in danger of being extirpated from the state.
ST	=	State Threatened; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission applies this term to native plant taxa which are believed likely to become endangered in Arkansas in the foreseeable future, based on current inventory information.

### DEFINITION OF RANKS

#### Global Ranks

G1	=	Critically imperiled globally. At a very high risk of extinction due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors.
G2	=	Imperiled globally. At high risk of extinction due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors.
G3	=	Vulnerable globally. At moderate risk of extinction due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors.
G4	=	Apparently secure globally. Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors.
G5	=	Secure globally. Common, widespread and abundant.
GH	=	Of historical occurrence, possibly extinct globally. Missing; known from only historical occurrences, but still some hope of rediscovery.
GU	=	Unrankable. Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends.



<b>GX</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Presumed extinct globally. Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery.</b>
<b>GNR</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Unranked. The global rank not yet assessed.</b>
<b>GNA</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Not Applicable. A conservation status rank is not applicable.</b>
<b>T-RANKS=</b>		<b>T subranks are given to global ranks when a subspecies, variety, or race is considered at the state level. The subrank is made up of a "T" plus a number or letter (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, H, U, X) with the same ranking rules as a full species.</b>

#### State Ranks

<b>S1</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Critically imperiled in the state due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation.</b>
<b>S2</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Imperiled in the state due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation.</b>
<b>S3</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Vulnerable in the state due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation.</b>
<b>S4</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Apparently secure in the state. Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors.</b>
<b>S5</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Secure in the state. Common, widespread and abundant.</b>
<b>SH</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Of historical occurrence, with some possibility of rediscovery. Its presence may not have been verified in the past 20-40 years. A species may be assigned this rank without the 20-40 year delay if the only known occurrences were destroyed or if it had been extensively and unsuccessfully sought.</b>
<b>SU</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Unrankable. Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends.</b>
<b>SX</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Presumed extirpated from the state. Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery.</b>
<b>SNR</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Unranked. The state rank not yet assessed.</b>
<b>SNA</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Not Applicable. A conservation status rank is not applicable.</b>

#### General Ranking Notes

<b>Q</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>A "Q" in the global rank indicates the element's taxonomic classification as a species is a matter of conjecture among scientists.</b>
<b>RANGES=</b>		<b>Ranges are used to indicate a range of uncertainty about the status of the element.</b>
<b>?</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>A question mark is used to denote an inexact numeric rank.</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Refers to the breeding population of a species in the state.</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Refers to the non-breeding population of a species in the state.</b>

# **APPENDIX C**

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## **Public Involvement Meeting Synopsis**



## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**AHTD Job 090338  
CTA Job 11106100  
Dixieland Rd. – 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers)  
Benton County  
Thursday, April 11, 2013**

An open forum public involvement meeting for the proposed Highway 71B (W. Walnut Street) Widening was held at the Center for Non-Profits in Rogers, AR from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Media news releases, flyers, legal ads, and notices mailed to the project mailing list, which included local property owners, were utilized to inform the public of the meeting. Special efforts to involve minorities in the meeting include radio ads and letters to minority churches. A Spanish interpreter was hired for the meeting.

The following information was available for inspection and comment. Small scale copies of the displays are attached.

- Displays included 4 aerial photographs at a scale of 1" = 100', illustrating (2 copies) proposed landscaping improvements and (2 copies) preliminary design of the proposed project.
- Display of proposed typical section
- City of Rogers Notice of Nondiscrimination
- Environmental Document (CE2)

Handouts for the public included a comment sheet and a small-scale map illustrating proposed roadway improvements. Copies of these are attached.

Table 1 describes the results of the public participation at the meeting.

**Table 1**

<b>Public Participation</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Attendance at meeting	40
Comments received at meeting	6
Additional comments received after meeting	7
<b>Total comments received</b>	13
Petitions received	0

Crafton Tull staff reviewed all comments received and evaluated their contents. The summary of comments listed below reflects the personal perception or opinion of the person or organization making the statement. The sequencing of the comments is random and is not intended to reflect importance or numerical values. Some of the comments were combined and/or paraphrased to simplify the synopsis process.

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An analysis of the responses received as a result of the public survey is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2**

<b>Survey Results</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Do you feel there is a need for the proposed widening of Hwy. 71B from Dixieland Road to 8 <sup>th</sup> Street?	12	0
Do you know of any historical sites, family cemeteries, or archaeological sites in the project area?	0	13
Do you know of any environmental constraints, such as endangered species, hazardous waste sites, existing or former landfills, or parks and public lands in the vicinity of the project?	0	13
Does your home or property offer any limitations to the project, such as septic systems, that the City needs to consider in its design?	0	12
Do you have a suggestion that would make this proposed project better serve the needs of the community?	4	7
Do you feel that the proposed widening project will have any impacts on your property and/or community (economic, environmental, social, etc.)?	Beneficial 3	Adverse 5

The following is a listing of general comments concerning issues associated with the entire project.

- There is a need for the proposed widening for traffic movement.
- There are no known historical sites, family cemeteries, or archaeological sites in the project area.
- There are no known environmental constraints except a couple trees which may be an endangered species. (Swamp Oaks planted in 1963)
- There are no known home or property limitations to the project.
  - o Sewer line running under new road and cleanout at proposed easement. Past issues with construction in the area.
- Suggestions that would make the proposed project better serve the community.
  - o No suggestions.
  - o The sooner the better.
  - o Landscape well with a watering system to keep trees and plants healthy.
  - o Construct in stages. Widen from Dixieland to 13<sup>th</sup> and then widen from 13<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> instead of widening in one segment.
  - o Construct after business hours.
- Impacts from the proposed project to the property or community.
  - o Adverse
    - Ingress and egress of customers during construction.



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- The effects of noise on patients during construction.
  - Loss of parking.
  - Loss of business visibility from the proposed landscaping.
  - Loss of business during construction.
- Beneficial
  - Ease of traffic flow during peak hours.
  - Overall esthetics of the street.
  - Increase the interest in downtown and improve property values.
- Additional comments/concerns.
  - Business will need all existing driveways restored.
  - Who will be responsible for the upkeep of the landscaping?
  - The existing storm drain and inlets are flooding.
  - Will the period lighting be extended to this area?
  - Will need larger curve radius on entrances.
  - Concerned about the storm runoff from proposed roadway onto property.
  - The flowering trees will cause major cleaning issues for property owners.
  - Please consider having utilities underground.
  - Concerned the cost of utility relocation and being deprived of these services during construction.
- Additional comments/concerns. (Continued)
  - What is the timeframe of construction?
  - Concerned about the cost of sign relocation.
  - Negative impact to the existing site lighting because of the removal/relocation of the power poles along Hwy. 71B.
  - What are the impacts to current landscaping islands and will the proposed landscaping meet the City of Rogers' requirements?
  - Underground storage tanks.

Attachments: Blank Citizen Comment Form

Small-Scale project location map

Small-Scale Displays

Mailing List & Form Letters – Public Officials, Property Owners and Minority Ministers

Radio Ad & Letter

Legal Ad

Flyer

Public Meeting Register

Spanish Interpreter Compensation

Comments

**THE CITY OF ROGERS**  
**CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

**AHTD JOB NUMBER 090338**  
**Dixieland Rd. – 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)**  
**BENTON COUNTY**

**LOCATION:**  
**THE CENTER FOR NONPROFITS**  
**(MCAULEY HALL)**  
**1200 W. WALNUT STREET**  
**ROGERS, AR**  
**4:00 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013**

Make your comments on this form and leave it with personnel at the meeting or mail it within 15 days to: Crafton Tull, 901 N. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Rogers, Arkansas 72756.  
Email: [mike.burns@CraftonTull.com](mailto:mike.burns@CraftonTull.com)

Yes      No  
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Do you feel there is a need for the proposed widening of Highway 71B from Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street? Comment (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you know of any historical sites, family cemeteries, or archaeological sites in the project area? Please note and discuss with staff. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you know of any environmental constraints, such as endangered species, hazardous waste sites, existing or former landfills, or parks and public lands in the vicinity of the project? Please note and discuss with staff. \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your home or property offer any limitations to the project, such as septic systems, that the City needs to consider in its design? \_\_\_\_\_

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# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

APRIL 11, 2013  
ROGERS, ARKANSAS



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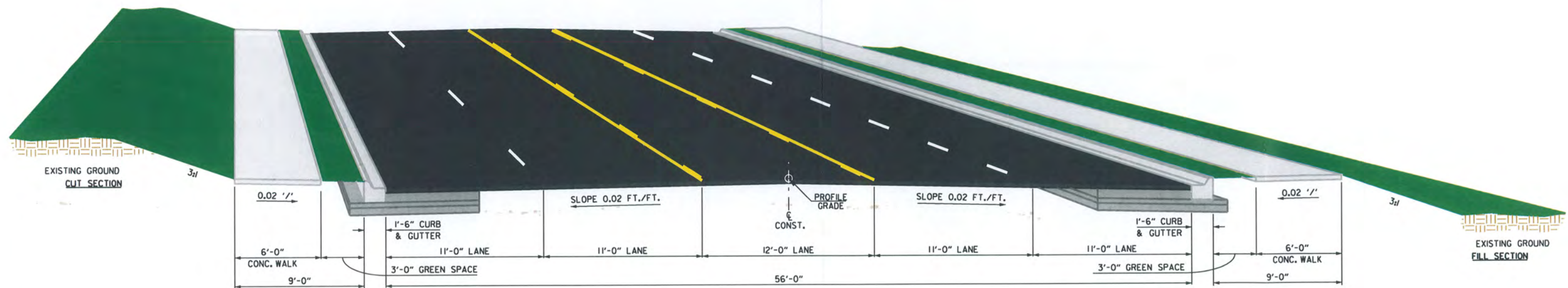
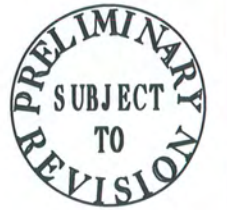
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AHTD JOB NO. 090338  
DIXIELAND RD. - 8TH ST. (ROGERS)(S)  
BENTON COUNTY  
ROGERS, ARKANSAS  
APRIL 11, 2013



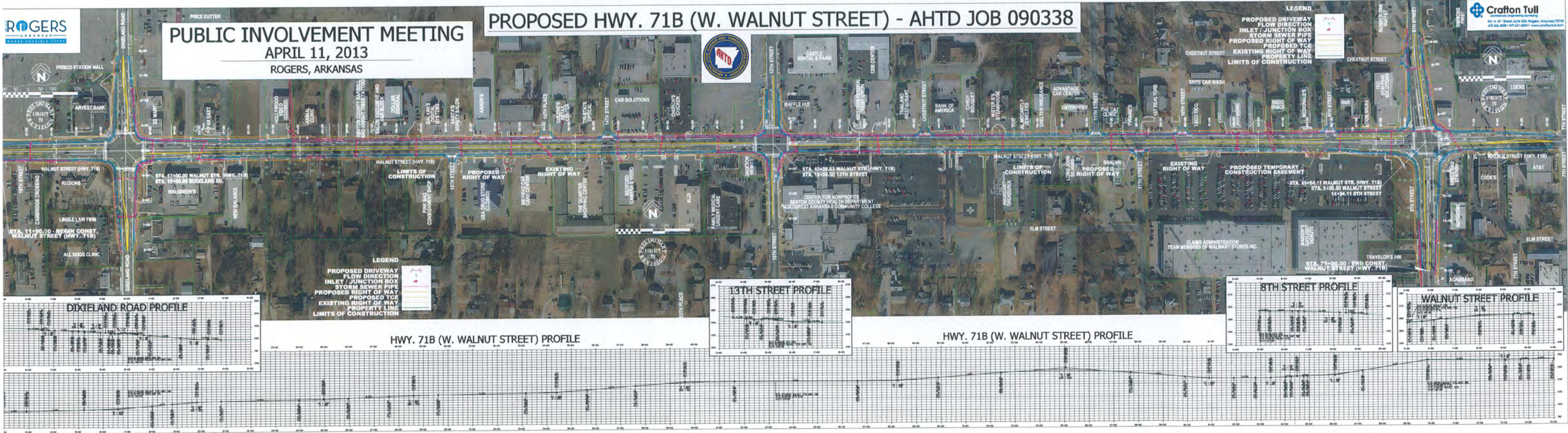
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**APRIL 11, 2013**  
ROGERS, ARKANSAS

**PROPOSED HWY. 71B (W. WALNUT STREET) - AHTD JOB 090338**







April 1, 2013

The Honorable Uvalde Lindsey  
Arkansas State Senator  
2257 Gentle Oaks Lane  
Fayetteville, AR 72703

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Public Involvement Meeting  
AHTD Job No. 090338  
Dixieland Rd. – 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)  
Benton County

Dear The Honorable Lindsey:

The City of Rogers, in cooperation with, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department will hold a Public Involvement Meeting for the subject project on Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at The Center For Nonprofits (McAuley Hall), 1200 W. Walnut Street in Rogers.

This “open house” meeting is for interested citizens to view displays, ask questions, and offer comments about the proposed project.

You are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and offer your views concerning the project. Any publicity you might give this meeting will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike Burns  
Vice President - Transportation  
Crafton Tull



<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
The Honorable Mayor	Robert	Clinard	Benton County Judge	215 East Central Avenue	Bentonville	AR	72712
	Greg	Hines	Mayor of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
The Honorable	Cecile	Bledsoe	Arkansas State Senator	709 Sky Mountain Drive	Rogers	AR	72757
The Honorable	Jim	Hendren	Arkansas State Senator	1607 Hwy. 72	Gravette	AR	72736
The Honorable	Bart	Hester	Arkansas State Senator	2024 Shores Avenue	Cave Springs	AR	72718
The Honorable	Uvalde	Lindsey	Arkansas State Senator	2257 Gentle Oaks Lane	Fayetteville	AR	72703
The Honorable	Jon	Woods	Arkansas State Senator	P.O. Box 8022	Springdale	AR	72766
The Honorable	Jonathan	Barnett	Arkansas State Representative	1980 Hwy. 412 West	Siloam Springs	AR	72761
The Honorable	Debra	Hobbs	Arkansas State Representative	3901 Arnold Avenue	Rogers	AR	72758
The Honorable	Mary	Slinkard	Arkansas State Representative	10422 Virden Lane	Gravette	AR	72736
The Honorable	Sue	Scott	Arkansas State Representative	1412 Hilltop Farms Lane	Rogers	AR	72756
The Honorable	Duncan	Baird	Arkansas State Representative	P.O. Box 185	Lowell	AR	72745
The Honorable	Jim	Dotson	Arkansas State Representative	P.O. Box 651	Bentonville	AR	72712
The Honorable	Dan	Douglass	Arkansas State Representative	6251 SW Regional Airport Blvd.	Bentonville	AR	72712
The Honorable Mr.	Steve	Lawrence	AHTD - District Nine	4590 Highway 65	Harrison	AR	72602
City Council	Buddy	Wright	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
City Council	Mark	Kruger	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
City Council	Gary	Townzen	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
City Council	Marge	Wolfe	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
City Council	Clay	Kendall	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
City Council	Betsy	Reithemeyer	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
City Council	Bob	Goodwin	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756
City Council	Andrew	Hatfield	City of Rogers	301 West Chestnut	Rogers	AR	72756

March 1, 2013

«Title» «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»

«Church»

«Address»

«City», «State» «Zipcode»

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Public Involvement Meeting  
AHTD Job No. 090338  
Dixieland Rd. – 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)  
Benton County

Dear «Title» «Last\_Name»:

For your consideration as an announcement to your congregation(s), the city of Rogers, in cooperation with, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department are conducting a Public Involvement Meeting scheduled for the subject project on Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at The Center For Nonprofits (McAuley Hall), 1200 W. Walnut Street in Rogers.

This “open house” meeting is for interested citizens to view displays, ask questions, and offer comments about this proposed project.

We feel this information will be of interest to the members of your congregation(s) that may be affected by this project and that your announcement will increase interest in highway construction in general.

Thank you for giving this request your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Burns  
Vice President - Transportation  
Crafton Tull



<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Hispanic Pastor	Jamie	Zamarron	First Baptist Rogers	3364 West Pleasant Grove	Rogers	AR	72758	479-636-3451
Pastor	Ovidiu	Radulescu	Rogers Seventh Day Adventist	P.O. Box 2706	Rogers	AR	72757	479-636-3111
Organizer	Jeffery	Tate	The Baha'I Faith of Rogers	701 S. 13th St	Rogers	AR	72758	479-636-7945
Monsignor	David	LeSieur	St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church	1416 W. Popular St.	Rogers	AR	72758	479-636-4020

April 1, 2013

John T. Canterbury Trust  
319 South 18th St.  
Ft. Smith, AR 72901-3900

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Public Involvement Meeting  
AHTD Job No. 090338  
Highway 71B (W. Walnut Street)  
Dixieland Rd. – 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers)(Hwy. 71B)  
Benton County

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Mike Burns, P.E.  
Vice President – Transportation  
Crafton Tull



Tract	Owner	Address	City	State	Zip Code
1	First National Bank & Trust Company	P.O. Box 1327	Fayetteville	AR	72757-1327
2	JEY Investments, Inc., E-Z Mart Stores, Inc.	1900 Dalrock Road	Rowlett	TX	75088-5526
3	Concord Food Stores, Inc.	918 South Gutensohn Road	Springdale	AR	72762-5165
4	Wayne & Rosa Buescher	1997 Barrington Dr.	Fayetteville	AR	72703-3060
5	John La Tour	112 West Center St, Suite 560	Fayetteville	AR	72701-6091
6	Elias Properties Arkansas	500 North Broadway	Jericho	NY	11753-2127
7	G & R Holdings, LLC Animal Clinic of Rogers	1709 West Walnut St.	Rogers	AR	72756-3323
8	Mitkell Properties of Arkansas, LLC Attn: Kelly Mitchell	1771 International Pkwy, #121	Richardson	TX	75081-6734
9	Tom Haynes, Jr.	P.O. Box 661	Prarie Grove	AR	72753-0661
10	Long-Watson-Long Development, LLC	2000 Hwy 25-B North, Suite D2	Heber Springs	AR	72543-6418
11	Karla M. Galvan	P.O. Box 1722	Rogers	AR	72757-1722
12	MKBM Properties, LLC	1901 North Westwood Blvd., PMB 205	Poplar Bluff	MO	63901-2800
13	Joseph & Leslie Berman	302 South 7th	Rogers	AR	72756-3312
14	Colene Tate	4619 Knoll View Way	Rogers	AR	72758-8115
15	Alan & Vicki Latourette, Texas State Optical	110 Sratoga	Farmington	AR	72730
16	Starr Hickman Rentals, LLC	2161 Ivey Ln.	Springdale	AR	72764-7746
17	C.S. Company Gottlieb Corp	P.O. Box 10107	Fayetteville	AR	72703-0107
18	Barajak, LLC	1231 West Walnut St., Suite A	Rogers	AR	72756-3502
19	Barajak, LLC	1231 West Walnut St., Suite A	Rogers	AR	72756-3502
20	First Federal Savings Bank, Rogers AR Regions Bank	250 Riverchase Pkwy, Suite 600	Birmingham	AL	35244-1832
21	Minnetonka Capital Investments V, LLC Walgreens Store #5237	P.O. Box 901	Deerfield	IL	60015-0901
22	David P. & Suzanne L. Dickinson	3373 North Hwy 171	Malvern	AR	72104-9087
23	James & Theresa Bewley	13692 Walnut Valley Rd.	Rogers	AR	72765-8843
24	McClendon Rev Trust Agreement, Heath Drive	3312 Heath Dr.	Deltona	FL	32725-3095
25	Lillian R. Applegate Trust	300 Innis Free Cir, Apt A10	Rogers	AR	72758-1103
26	John P. Applegate Trust	300 Innis Free Cir, Apt A10	Rogers	AR	72758-103
27	Steven Zeh Ponnosamy	11709 NE 101st Place	Kirkland	WA	98033-5156
28	Howard S. & Ruby I. Deason	460 Palace St.	Aurora	IL	60506-3014
29	Mark Valdez	1500 West Walnut	Rogers	AR	72756
30	Stephen L. LaFrance Pharmacy, Inc	3017 North Midland Dr.	Pine Bluff	AR	71603-4828
31	The Delmar P. & Pamela J. Aastrup Family Trust	P.O. Box 566	Noel	MO	64854-0566
32	J A S Investrmnts, Inc.	800 Morningside Dr.	Rogers	AR	72756-9365
33	Stanley A. & Tonya L. Bedford, Trustees of the Bedford Trust	10471 Ervin McGarrah Rd.	Lowell	AR	72745-8581
34	Aldi, Inc.	10505 South K7 Hwy	Olathe	KS	66061-9735
35	Wilford Robert Taylor & Kenneth D. Ewing, Gary Russell	201 South 19th St., Suite Q	Rogers	AR	72758-1123
36	C & C Kelley Properties, LLC	2117 Chandler Rd.	Muskogee	OK	74403-4624
37	RPC Land Holdings, LLC	16670 Sugar Creek Rd.	Garfield	AR	72732-9640
38	Western Federal Credit Union, Attn: Accounting Dept	P.O. Box 10018	Manhattan Beach	CA	90267-7518
39	Kathie A. Marvin Rev Trust	P.O. Box 1282	Fayetteville	AR	72702-1282
40	Bank of American, N.A.	101 North Tryon St.	Charlotte	NC	28246-0100
41	Thomas & Ann Gray	1618 Oak Tree Lane	Rogers	AR	72756-7055
42	PJ 749, LLC	20530 Wellhouse Rd.	Rogers	AR	72756-8685
43	Alto V. McCarty & Carolyn Hope Pounds McCarty Trustees	1041 West Walnut St.	Rogers	AR	72756-3526
44	Vernon Swank & Larry Whitaker	P.O. Box 1232	Rogers	AR	72756-1232
45	Garrett Tire Co. of Rogers, Inc.	1037 West Walnut St.	Rogers	AR	72756-3526
46	Matt G. & Sadie Petty	400 West Capitol Ave, Suite 1744	Little Rock	AR	72201-3431
47	Angela J. Rose	14499 Zimmerman Ln	Rogers	AR	72756-8584
48	The Mildred L. Arquette Trust	12696 Douglas Ln.	Rogers	AR	72756-9265
49	Georeg M. & Nancy J. Huber	12713 Huber Rd.	Bentonville	AR	72712-9266
50	Ansley Investments, LLC Clarence Utley, CPA	1717 West 6th St., Suite 259	Austin	AR	78703-4866
51	Peter A. Esch Jr. Trustee of the Peter A. Esch Jr. Trust	P.O. Box 1137	Rogers	AR	72757-1137
52	Benton Properties, Inc	4100 North Corp. Center Inc., Suite 220	Springdale	AR	72762
53	Ronald W. Connoll Trust	16670 Sugar Creek Rd.	Garfield	AR	72732
54	P/J Vaughn Properties, LLC	1920 North Wheeler Ave.	Fayetteville	AR	72703-2636
55	McDonalds Corporation	P.O. Box 1366	Springdale	AR	72765-1366
56	RNR Investments, LLC	P.O. Box 892	Jonesboro	AR	72403-0892
57	Dalton B. Ray	815 West Walnut St.	Rogers	AR	72756-3537
58	John T. Canterbury Trust	319 South 18th St.	Ft. Smith	AR	72901-3900
59	The Addison M. Rife Rev Trust	815 West Willow St.	Rogers	AR	72756-5259
60	St. Mary's-Rogers Memorial Hospital, Mathews, Campbell, Rhoads	119 South 2nd St.	Rogers	AR	72756-4525
61	Jones Trust, Matthews, Campbell, Rhoads	119 South 2nd St.	Rogers	AR	72756-4525
62	SMEK, LLC, Peter Levshin	1411 West 190th St., Suite 110	Gardena	CA	90248-4370
63	LJ Remainder, LLC., Long John Silvers 5206	5200 Commerce Crossings Dr.	Louisville	AR	40229-2182
64	Retail Buildings, Inc, Jacobi & Associates	7030 South Yale Ave., Suite 107	Tulsa	OK	74136-5749
65	Retail Buildings, Inc, Jacobi & Associates	7030 South Yale Ave., Suite 107	Tulsa	OK	74136-5749
66	Walmart Stores Inc.	P.O. Box 8050 MS 0555	Bentonville	AR	72712-8050
67	Walmart Stores Inc.	P.O. Box 8050 MS 0555	Bentonville	AR	72712-8050
68	Ashi, Inc	3900 SW Blackberry St.	Bentonville	AR	72712-7575
69	Irene Hinton	n/a			
70	Ronnie & Glenda Prophet	503 Concord St.	Rogers	AR	72756
71	PJ Vaughn Properties	1702 M. College Ave.	Fayetteville	AR	72703
72	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	702 SW 8th St.	Bentonville	AR	72716
73	Garner & Larimore	2100 New Hope Rd	Rogers	AR	72716
74	Darrow Garner, Inc.	14442 Highway 12 E	Rogers	AR	72756
75	Autozone, Inc.	119 S. 8th	Rogers	AR	72756
76	Cook Family Properties	726 W. Walnut	Rogers	AR	72756
77	Southwestern Bell Telephone	1010 Pine St.	St. Louis	MO	63101
78	Southwestern Bell Telephone	1010 Pine St.	St. Louis	MO	63101
79	Carl Blansett	n/a			
80	David K. Drake	Deceased - please see attached			
81	Martha E. Taylor	no information found			
82	Barton A. Riggs	deceased 1928, founded the B.A. Riggs Subdivision.			
83	J.W. Stroud	deceased 1918, Rogers Merchant.			

March 25, 2013

KSEC – La Zeta 95.7FM  
Attn: Iris Vega  
2323-D S. Old Missouri Rd.  
Springdale, AR 72764

Dear Iris Vega:

Your assistance is requested in publicizing a Public Involvement Meeting that will be held in Rogers for the purpose of discussing the proposed widening of Hwy. 71B (W. Walnut Street) from Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. In compliance with Title VI regulations, it is important that we reach as many minority listeners as possible. We have identified La Zeta 95.7 as the station capable of addressing our announcement needs.

Enclosed please find a paid service announcement with general information about the scheduled Public Involvement Meeting that will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We request that the attached schedule be used.

Send invoice for payment to:

Crafton Tull  
Attention: Mike Burns  
901 North 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rogers, AR 72756

If you have any questions regarding the written announcement or need additional information, please contact Mike Burns at 479-636-4838.

Sincerely,

Michael Burns, P.E.  
Vice President – Transportation  
Crafton Tull

Enclosure:



**Public Meeting Notice**

(30 seconds)

The City of Rogers, in cooperation with, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department will conduct a Public Involvement Meeting to discuss the proposed widening of Hwy. 71B (W. Walnut Street) from Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at The Center For Nonprofits, (McAuley Hall), 1200 W. Walnut Street in Rogers. The meeting will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This will be an “open house” meeting with no formal presentations. The public is invited to visit anytime during the scheduled hours to view exhibits, ask questions, and offer comments.

This has been a message from La Zeta 95.7 and the City of Rogers.

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# Arkansas Democrat Gazette

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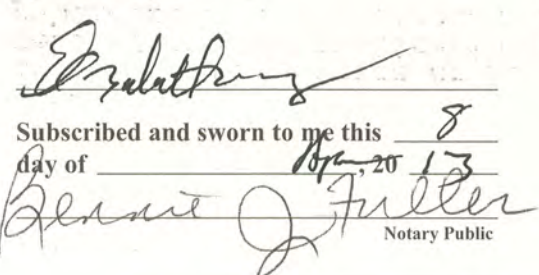
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 2-21-2021

### AD COPY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
WHAT: Public Involvement Meeting to discuss the proposed widening of Hwy. 71B (W. Walnut Street) from Dixieland Road to 8th Street.  
WHEN: Thursday, April, 11, 2013 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
WHERE: The Center For Non-profits (McAuley Hall), 1200 W. Walnut Street, Rogers, AR  
Sponsors: The City of Rogers, in cooperation with, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.  
Special communication or accommodation needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may contact Crafton Tull, Attn: Mike Burns, 901 North 47th Street, Suite 200, Rogers, AR, 72756 or at 479-636-4838. The hearing or speech impaired, may contact the Arkansas Relay System at (Voice/TTY 711). Requests should be made at least 4 days prior to the public meeting.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION: The City of Rogers does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

AHTD Job No. 090338  
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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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**WHEN:** Thursday, April, 11, 2013  
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**WHERE:** The Center For Nonprofits  
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Rogers, AR

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## PUBLIC MEETING REGISTER

Date: April 11, 2013Meeting Held At: Center For Nonprofits (McAuley Hall)  
Job Name: Dixieland Rd. - 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)Job No: 090338

PLEASE PRINT Name	Street or P.O. Box	City, Zip	Representing: Organization or "Self"
1. KANTONIO GALYAN	1505 W WALNUT ST	ROGERS AR.	Galyan's Digital Systems
2. Tom Galyon	1200 W. Walnut	Rogers AR	Jones Trust
3. Carlos Chicco	3562 Starpoint Rd	Rogers, AR	Union Arkansas
4. Mike Burns			Crafton Tull
5. David Rupe			FTN Associates
6. Ann Gray	1149 W. Walnut	Rogers	Candy Bouquet & Healthway
7. Suzanna Epting	1149 W. Walnut	Rogers	Candy Bouquet & Healthway
8. Susan Staffeld			AHTD
9. Tom Gray	1149 W WALNUT	ROGERS	CB & Healthway
10. BILL MATHEWS	P.O. BOX 1366	Springdale, Ar. 72765	McDonald's Restaurant
11. ART C. Reyna	1313 W. Walnut	Rogers, 72756	Church's Chicken
12. MATT CRAFTON	1210 W. Sumac St.	Rogers, 72756	CRAFTON Tull
13. Lerrel Smith	301 W. Chestnut	Rogers 72756	City of Rogers
14. Darin Brattle			Crafton Tull
15. PAUL HIVEY			NABH/2
16. Jon Jones			AHTD
17. Maurice Jackson			AHTD
18. ROBERT HALL	1429 W. Walnut		Acorns / The Outlets
19. Steve Glass			Rogers
20. Kerry Jensen	113 W. Walnut	Rogers	Main Street Rogers

# PUBLIC MEETING REGISTER

Date: April 11, 2013

Meeting Held At: Center For Nonprofits (McAuley Hall)

Job No: 090338

Job Name: Dixieland Rd. - 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)

41. EDWIN N. MCCLURE	119 S. 2ND ST	ROGERS, AR 72756	ROGERS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM.
42. MITCHELL ARCHER	PO BOX 610	HARRISON, AR 72601	AHTD
43. GEORGIE TATE	1405 W. WALNUT	ROGERS, ARK. 72756	Colene's Elite Hair Fash.
44. MIKE GILBERT	1226 W. Ash	Rogers, AR 72756	SELF
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# PUBLIC MEETING REGISTER

Date: April 11, 2013

Meeting Held At: Center For Nonprofits (McAuley Hall)  
 Job Name: Dixieland Rd. - 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)

Job No: 090338

21.	Karla Galvan	1505 W Walnut St	Rogers, 72756	Business (Galvan's Digital)
22.	LANCE JOBE	301 W. CHESTNUT ST	ROGERS, 72756	CITY OF ROGERS
23.	Jason Bernard	1316 W. Walnut St.	Rogers, Ar 72756	Aldi Foods
24.	Dawn Valdez	1500 W. Walnut	Rogers AR 72756	Pink Bag Consignment
25.	Sarah Hopper	P.O. Box 48	Springdale, AR 72765	Harp's Food Stores
26.	Angela Rose	1081 W. Walnut	Rogers, AR 72754	CAT CLINIC OF NW AR
27.	DAVID BUSHEY	3700 Hwy 112	Bentonville, AR 72712	AHTD
28.	DENNIS BIRGE	"	"	"
29.	John Sportleder	1400 W Walnut		Quarter Shopping
30.	Tom Hopper	6 Windsor	ROGERS AR 72756	CTA
31.	David Sweavinger	511 So. 4th	Rogers, AR 72756	CTA
32.	Josh King			AHTD
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**THE CITY OF ROGERS**  
**CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

**AHTD JOB NUMBER 090338**  
**Dixieland Rd. – 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)**  
**BENTON COUNTY**

**LOCATION:**  
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for clients to enter business. Affects  
of noise on my patients - Need a barrier  
between equipment & building

Name: Angela J. Rose DVM (Please Print)

Rogers, Ar  
72756

Phone: (474) 631-6661

E-mail: grosejvm@aol.com

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Make sure it's well landscaped w/ a watering system to keep plants/trees looking good.

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Name : Tom Galyon (Please Print)

Address: 1200 W. Walnut Phone: (479) 936 -- 8218  
Rogers, AR 72756

E-mail: tgalyon@jonestrust.org

Please make additional comments here. Will the period lighting that's in downtown Rogers be extended into this area?



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*Absolutely needed for traffic movement, the looks of this entrance and a boost to this area economically.*

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511 So. 4th. This will continue the increasing interest in downtown and improve property values

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Name: John Spotteder - JAS Investments, Inc. Quarter Shopping Center (Please Print)

Address: 800 Morningside Drive Phone: (479) 925-1925 home  
Rogers AR 72756 479 619 5250

E-mail: Quarter@MC2K.com

Please make additional comments here.

see attached letter & photos



April 18, 2013

JAS Investments, Inc.  
800 Morningside Drive  
Rogers, AR 72756

Crafton Tull  
901 N. 47th Street, Suite #200  
Rogers, AR 72756

Dear Mr. Mike Burns:

Re: Quarter Shopping Center, 1400 W. Walnut Street, Suites #101 – 125

I feel that the proposed widening project will have major impacts on my property.

1. I have 25 retail/office spaces that have a large number of employees, customers, delivery trucks coming to the shopping center. I need two entrances to handle the traffic flow in the parking lot. I will not be able to rent to potential tenants in the future if the customers, trucks, employees and emergency vehicles cannot have access to the shopping center.
2. I have large delivery trucks coming into the delivery driveway between the Quarter Shopping Center and Bedford Camera on the East side. These large size trucks cannot deliver to the front door of the Pupuseria in Suite #101. The tenant cannot have deliveries of fresh meat and vegetable going in the front door where customers are eating their meals. Restore the second entrance on your widening plans.
3. I need a larger curve radius on the three entrances that are similar to Bedford Camera and Aldi's.
4. If the sign has to be moved I would like it to be placed in the center island between the two entrances.
5. I am concerned with the water flow into the Quarter Shopping Center parking lot from the highway after the roadway is raised with two inches of asphalt overlay. The existing parking lot is used as a water runoff retention basin from the roof and parking lot storm water. There are two drain pipes that flow from the parking lot under the building to the drains on the West side. The rain storm on April 18, 2013 caused water and leaves to flow to the south end of the Quarter Shopping Center. The drain was partially covered with debris.
6. I am concerned with the water flow from the large church property located to the South on Poplar. I have enclosed some photo's showing what happens when the water cannot flow off from the Meineke Car Care Center property because the water is higher on Walnut Street. You can see how the water is touching the bottom of the cars way down in front of the old USA Drug business causing a flood into the car repair pits and parking lot of the Meineke business.

7. I am concerned with placing flowering trees in front of the shopping center. The trees would block visual access to the tenant signs above their businesses. The Trees will block visual access to the main Quarter Shopping Center highway sign with its high-resolution color LED digital display. While attending the Public Involvement Meeting on April 11 I took some photographs outside the Center For Nonprofits. You can see the large accumulation of flowers in the parking lot. This would cause a major clean-up problem for property owners. The Quarter Shopping Center is a U-shaped building and collects everything when the winds are blowing from the North. The flowers would get tracked onto the business carpets with a constant cleaning problem.
8. The flowering tree flowers would get all over the used cars for sale at Car Solutions causing a major cleaning problem.
9. Please consider having all utilities underground all the way from Dixieland Road to 8th Street.
10. I request that I be involved with all future meetings with the City of Rogers, Crafton Tull and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department regarding the proposed Highway 71B (W. Walnut Street) project as changes are made

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Sporleder', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Sporleder, President  
JAS Investments, Inc.  
800 Morningside Drive  
Rogers, AR 72756

479 619-5250 cell phone







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Beneficial Impacts:

- Currently Walnut Street is very busy during peak hours. Widening the street will help to ease the traffic flow. This will help my business by giving easier access in and out to our customers.
- Also, the new curb, lightning, rest areas and greens will help the overall esthetics of the street.

Adverse Impacts:

- A large percentage of our business comes from walk-ins and construction may decrease our traffic exposure. If the construction takes too long our sales will decrease and my business will lose money.
- During construction, I am worried about the access to my business. I want to make sure that my business' entrance and exit will not be blocked by construction.

Additional Comments:

I am concern about two things that will specifically affect my business (property) by the potential construction route:

1. My current outdoor sign is located inside the route under consideration. I would like to know who will be responsible for removing and relocating the sign. I want to make sure that this will not be an expense that I will have to cover.
2. Also, the water and gas meters are located inside the same area. I also want to know who will be responsible for this expense and I want to make sure that my business will not be deprived of these two services for long periods of time.

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below. Thank you.  
Name: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Attn: Corp. Properties Dept. #8693 (Please Print)

Attn: REM for HO Properties  
Bentonville AR 72716-5535

Please make additional comments here. \* Please see questions 7  
Comments in e-mail to Ryan Costar on 4-24-13

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\* Please see questions 4

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## Ryan Castor

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**From:** Scott Saifi [s0saifi@wal-mart.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2013 3:40 PM  
**To:** Ryan Castor  
**Cc:** Scott Saifi  
**Subject:** RE: Hwy. 71B (W. Walnut Street) - Public Involvement Meeting (CMI #9727)  
**Attachments:** document2013-04-24-153148.pdf

Ryan,

Good afternoon. Thank you for sending over the information on the road-widening project.

We have reviewed the same, and have some comments and questions, please see below:

1. Parking stalls – it appears we'll lose some parking (potential impact to the 90 degree stalls along 71b) – can you confirm how many stalls will be lost, if any?
2. Curb cut – it appears we'll lose one curb-cut (the access nearest 11<sup>th</sup> street) – please confirm; Also, will the movements at any of the other ingress/egress points be impacted (e.g., converted from full-access to right-in-right-out-only)? I believe the far east access is already RIRO – will that change or remain the same?
3. Access – It is imperative that we ensure access to the site is maintained at all times – can you give us some assurance this will be addressed (e.g., phasing construction)? Any time an access to an operating facility is impacted, we need to know well in advance and do absolutely everything we can to insure minimal disruption to our operations and that site access is maintained at all times.
4. Timeline for work? Estimated start/end dates. I understand if you don't have those immediately available, but please let us know when you can.
5. Are there any irrigation lines in the landscaped islands (if so, who will relocate)? Please confirm.
6. Landscaped islands – what will the final layout look like? I assume the landscaping and islands will be modified but reinstalled in an appropriate manner – please confirm. In that regard, our Facilities Management team would like to see the final landscaping plan and plant list as soon as it's available; if possible, can we get assurance that the plant material we be warranted to the city's requirements, which we believe to be 3 years?
7. Site Lighting – currently there are lights on the electrical poles along 71-b – will those poles be relocated or will they go underground with the electrical lines? What is the impact to our site lighting? We need to ensure no negative impact to the site lighting.
8. Final plans, easements, etc – Can you give me a rough estimate of when the plans will be finalized? The sooner I can get the legal descriptions of the permanent and temporary easement areas and the offer letter, the sooner I can get that over to appraisal for their review (appraisal review may take 45 days or so) and get this deal moving along.

As you may know, parking here is already pretty tight, so whatever can be done to minimize the loss of parking stalls is greatly appreciated. Our other biggest concerns revolve around safety (access modifications; site lighting; etc). I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you, -Scott

### **Scott Saifi, Real Estate Manager**

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**From:** Ryan Castor [<mailto:Ryan.Castor@craftontull.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2013 9:47 AM  
**To:** Scott Saifi  
**Subject:** FW: Hwy. 71B (W. Walnut Street) - Public Involvement Meeting

**THE CITY OF ROGERS**  
**CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

**AHTD JOB NUMBER 090338**  
**Dixieland Rd. – 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Rogers) (Hwy. 71B)**  
**BENTON COUNTY**

**LOCATION:**  
**THE CENTER FOR NONPROFITS**  
**(MCAULEY HALL)**  
**1200 W. WALNUT STREET**  
**ROGERS, AR**  
**4:00 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013**

Make your comments on this form and leave it with personnel at the meeting or mail it within 15 days to: Crafton Tull, 901 N. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Rogers, Arkansas 72756.  
Email: [mike.gurns@craftontul.com](mailto:mike.gurns@craftontul.com)

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you feel there is a need for the proposed widening of Highway 71B from Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street? Comment (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a suggestion that would make this proposed project better serve the needs of the community? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you feel that the proposed widening project will have any impacts (☐ Beneficial or ☐ Adverse) on your property and/or community (economic, environmental, social, etc.)? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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It is often necessary for the City and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to contact property owners along potential routes. If you are a property owner along or adjacent to the route under consideration, please provide information below. Thank you.

Name: Meinelke of Northwest Arkansas (Please Print)

Address: 1418 W. Walnut St. Phone: (479) 633 -- 8188  
Rogers, AR 72756

E-mail: RABRAKE1@Cox.Net

Please make additional comments here. \_\_\_\_\_

1) Proposed 1 entrance - Currently have 2 - Need 2  
for Semi Truck Supplies delivery -

2) Storm drain flooding - NE Corner of Property

3) Proposed trees will not allow sign to be seen.

Bob Brake - Owner

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Yes

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Name : Dawn Valdez (Pink Bag Consignment Shop) (Please Print)

Address: 1500 W. Walnut Phone: (479) 366 -- 3671  
Rogers AR 72756

E-mail: Pink Bag Consignment Shop@gmail.com

Please make additional comments here. \_\_\_\_\_

I was at the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> and I saw the proposed trees that was on the map and I feel that they would block the view and my business won't be as visible.

I am currently adding on to my business and will be doing new landscaping and adding trees close to the front of my new building. Trees along the street edge will block the view of my customers and passersbyers. Low bushes and shrubs would be better. By the street edge



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Yes ☒ No ☐

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As long as that includes a turn lane!

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See back for similar concern

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Yes No



Do you have a suggestion that would make this proposed project better serve the needs of the community? \_\_\_\_\_

More work done after business hours!

only when  
it is DONE  
there should be  
fewer wrecks  
than now!

Do you feel that the proposed widening project will have any impacts (Beneficial or ☒ Adverse) on your property and/or community (economic, environmental, social, etc.)? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Elderly patients for Healthway are going to be very confused getting in & out

Healthway is our business in the back half of the building.

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Name: Ann Gray (Please Print)

Address: 1149 W. Walnut Phone: (479) 621-6151  
Rogers, AR 72756

E-mail: h115way@hotmail.com

Please make additional comments here. \_\_\_\_\_

Concern - Proposed maps did not show our property

① with a driveway! Need same size drive, too

② Our sewer clean-out right at the proposed easement, with sewer line running under new road & sidewalk - Fixing that?

③ Who is responsible for maintaining "green" space & trees?

✓ We are on an ancient water/sewer line - we were disconnected last year when work was being done by water dept on corner of Bank of America! Thought it was an inactive line - NOT! - had to re-do the work (they did)!

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479-783-8471 • 479-651-1800 • Fax: 479-785-1399  
email: jcanter1@hotmail.com

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**DATE: APRIL 17, 2013**

To the City of Rogers, Arkansas:

**RE: CITIZEN COMMENT FORM  
AHTD JOB NUMBER 090338**

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 815 WEST WALNUT  
100 NORTH 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET

**ADVERSE IMPACT:** 815 WEST WALNUT, 2000' COMMERCIAL SPACE

The project will completely eliminate front door parking for this property, making this property difficult to lease. We have already lost a tenant in this building because of the proposed project.

**ADVERSE IMPACT:** 100 NORTH 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET - 16,000' COMMERCIAL SPACE

The project will completely eliminate all of the parking on the South side of this property and will take approximately one-half of the parking on the East side. This will leave only 7 to 8 spaces on the East side, with two of those remaining spaces required for handicapped access.

Our current tenant, Sears, has already indicated that the lack of parking will have a disastrous effect on their business and they will probably be vacating this property. The adverse personal financial impact of the loss of this strong tenant will be \$1,000,000.00. Additional adverse financial impact will be immediate as the proposed project will render the property almost unrentable. The economic damage this project will have on this property will easily be in the area of \$2,000,000.00 or more on an immediate basis and will continue to increase through loss of higher revenue from viable tenants.

I would appreciate your input in this matter and what I should expect from this economic disaster.



John Canterbury

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Phone:  $\frac{(479) 783}{479} - \frac{8471}{651} - \frac{1800}{1800}$

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# **APPENDIX D**

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**Noise Study**

NOISE IMPACT ANALYSIS  
WALNUT STREET (DIXIELAND ROAD TO 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET)  
ROGERS, ARKANSAS

Summary:

A noise impact analysis was performed for the proposed modifications of Walnut Street from Dixieland Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Rogers, Arkansas. For the analysis, maximum hourly average noise levels were measured at five different representative locations near the project, and projections were made of the expected noise levels due to the increased traffic volume over the next 20 years. The measured and projected noise levels were then compared to the standard Noise Abatement Criteria to evaluate the impact on the community and to estimate the probability that potential increases in noise due to the project might cause the criteria to be approached or exceeded. The results showed that the noise level at one or two residences in the 1700 block of Walnut Street will likely approach the appropriate Noise Abatement Criterion. However, the small increase in the maximum hourly average level is likely to be barely noticeable. Also, the great majority of residences and other sensitive receptors near Walnut Street will not be expected to approach or exceed the noise criterion.

Procedure:

The initial step was to choose noise measurement locations (receptors) that were representative of those sites most likely to be affected by noise from traffic on the project roadways. Noise measurements were then made at these locations during periods of high traffic volume on a typical weekday afternoon between 4 and 6 pm. Using standard noise modeling software (FHWA Traffic Noise Model, version 2.5), traffic noise levels were then predicted for these locations using both current and future estimated traffic volumes. The existing and predicted noise levels at the receptors were then compared with Federal noise standards and guidelines to predict the possibility of adverse effects on the local community, if any, from potential increased noise from the project.



### Noise Receptors:

Noise measurement locations were chosen which would be representative of areas that would be expected to be most affected by any noise increase. Most of the properties directly located on Walnut Street are commercial establishments less sensitive to noise than residences. However, there are six residences on the south side of Walnut, between Dixieland Road and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, so two measurement points were chosen near these homes. There is a church on N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street about 300 feet north of Walnut, along with several single-family houses, so one location in that area was chosen. The other two measurement points represented other single-family houses near Walnut Street, one south of Walnut and one north. The measurement locations are identified and described in Table 3 which also gives the measurement results.

### Noise measurement procedures:

Noise levels at the chosen locations were measured March 30, 2012 between 4 and 6 pm. During the noise measurements, traffic counts were also done, including observation of types of vehicles. There were no unusual conditions (such as bad weather, wet roads or nearby construction) which would be expected to affect the traffic, noise generation or background noise. The temperature was about 80 degrees F and there was minimal wind observed.

All measurements were done with a calibrated Larson Davis Model 824 sound analysis system with the microphone located at an elevation of approximately five feet and at least 15 feet from any reflecting objects. The unit of measurement was the averaged A-weighted decibel, dBA. The dBA is the most common way of measuring noise for its impact on human activities such as speech interference, sleep disturbance and general annoyance. The instrument has a rated accuracy of  $\pm 1$  dBA. Table 1 gives examples of approximate sound levels in dBA associated with common activities and noise sources for reference.

<b>Table 1. Common Indoor and Outdoor Sound Levels (dBA)</b>	
Outdoor Noise Sources	
Jet flyover at 1000 feet	100-105 dBA
Gasoline lawnmower at 3 feet	90-95
Diesel truck at 50 feet	80-90
Noisy urban daytime	75-80
Gasoline lawnmower at 100 feet	70-75
Quiet urban daytime	45-50
Quiet urban nighttime	40-45
Quiet suburban nighttime	35-40
Quiet rural nighttime	25-30
Indoor Noise Sources	
Rock band	105-115 dBA
Textile weaving plant	90-95
Food blender at 3 feet	85-90
Garbage disposal at 3 feet	75-80
Normal speech at 3 feet	60-65
Large business office	55-60
Soft whisper at 3 feet	35-40
Bedroom at nighttime	25-30

Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC):

Since the sound level fluctuates substantially at most locations from one moment to the next, it is common to use an indication of the maximum hourly average level to assess noise impact on a community. The A-weighted sound level averaged over the noisiest one hour period of the day is called  $L_{eq}(h)$ , maximum. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) have adopted noise abatement criteria for certain land use criteria based on the  $L_{eq}(h)$ , maximum values. These criteria, listed in Table 2, provide a basis for quantifying noise impacts and evaluating the need for noise abatement treatment. For this project, Land Use Category B is appropriate for the nearby sites, which include single family residences, and a church. This category specifies a noise abatement criterion value of  $L_{eq}(h)$ , maximum equal to 67 dBA. Therefore, if the value of  $L_{eq}(h)$ , maximum approaches or exceeds 67 dBA there is considered to be a noise impact on the community. Approaching 67 dBA is defined as 66 dBA. [Even though there are also many commercial sites along the project, they have a higher criterion level (72 dBA rather than 67 dBA) and are thus less likely to be impacted. Therefore only Category B is appropriate for the analysis.]

In addition to the absolute criteria presented in Table 2, another way of assessing impact is evaluation of the increase in  $L_{eq}(h)$  caused by the project. An increase of 10 dBA, representing a doubling of the perceived loudness of a sound, is usually considered a substantial increase and an indication of noise impact.



<b>Table 2. Noise Abatement Criteria Maximum Hourly A-weighted Sound Level in Decibels (dBA)</b>		
Activity Category	$L_{eq}(h)$ , maximum	Category Description
A	57 dBA (exterior)	Tracts of land in which serenity and (exterior) quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve important public needs and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
B	67 (exterior)	Residences, motels, hotels, public (exterior) meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, picnic areas, playgrounds, active sports areas and parks.
C	72 (exterior)	Developed lands, properties or (exterior) activities not included in categories A and B above.
D	--	Undeveloped lands.
E	52 (interior)	Residences, motels, hotels, public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals and auditoriums.

#### Measurement Results:

The results of the measurements are shown in Table 3. The only significant source of noise at any of the locations was from the traffic along Walnut Street. Traffic on the side streets near the measurement points was very light, and there were no significant other noise sources observed at the measurement locations. It should be noted that measurements at these same locations at some other time would be expected to give somewhat different values since the noise of traffic (due to variation in speed, number of vehicles, and relative number of trucks) and other noises will vary randomly from one hour and one day to the next. A difference in sound level of about 3 dB is the minimum that is usually noticeable and an increase of 10 dB is generally considered to cause a doubling of perceived loudness.

**Table 3. Measured maximum hour average noise levels at typical receptor locations near Walnut Street Project (measured March 30, 2012)**

Site	Description and location of receptor	Traffic count on Walnut Street during the measurement (vehicles per hr)	L <sub>eq</sub> (hr) (dBA)
1	Residence at corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Sts., 250 ft. north of Walnut	1050 EB, 972 WB <1% HT	56.7
2	Residence at 105 N. 11 <sup>th</sup> St., 230 ft. north of Walnut	878 EB, 1046 WB <2% HT	56.5
3	Residence at 1103 W. Elm St., 180 ft. south of Walnut	1050 EB, 972 WB <1% HT	55.7
4	Residence at 1600 W. Walnut, 120 ft. south of Walnut	1050 EB, 972 WB <1% HT	60.2
5	Residence at 1716 W. Walnut St., 90 ft. south of Walnut	1050 EB, 972 WB <1% HT	62.5
Abbreviations in table: HT = heavy trucks, EB = eastbound, WB = westbound			
In all cases, the traffic on Walnut Street was the principal source of noise at the measurement locations. For Site 3, the measurement location was near the rear of the residence, but in all other cases, the measurement location was near the front of the residences.			

Predicted noise levels from traffic data:

The FHWA Traffic Noise Model, version 2.5, was used with the existing roadway configuration to compare with and confirm the measured noise levels at the designated measurement sites. For purposes of this calculation, maximum hour traffic counts on Walnut Street were obtained from the traffic study for this project dated March 27, 2012. Calculations were also done using the traffic counts observed during the noise study. In both sets of calculations, the average traffic speed was set at 30 mph for most vehicles, except that heavy trucks were assumed to have a speed of 25 mph.

There was a noticeable difference in the two sets of traffic data. The traffic counts observed during the noise study were about 30% higher than the counts for the maximum hour during the traffic study. However, the percentage of heavy trucks in the traffic study during the maximum hour of traffic was about 4%,

compared to approximately 1% observed during the noise study. These two effects largely cancel each other out, as can be seen in Table 4, which shows that the predicted noise levels based on the traffic study data is only 0.6 to 1.0 dBA greater than the predicted level based on the noise study traffic volumes. .

<b>Table 4. Measured and projected maximum hour average noise levels at designated receptor locations along the Walnut Street Project (based on maximum hourly traffic volumes as listed in the Traffic Study and measured traffic volumes observed during the Noise Study)</b>			
Site	Measured $L_{eq}$ (hr) maximum (dBA)	Predicted $L_{eq}$ (hr) maximum (dBA) based on Traffic Study traffic volumes	Predicted $L_{eq}$ (hr) maximum (dBA) based on Noise Study traffic volumes
1	56.7	60.4	59.4
2	56.5	61.7	60.7
3	55.7	60.9	59.9
4	60.2	63.1	62.5
5	62.5	64.5	63.8

Table 4 also allows comparison between the measured noise levels and those predicted by the Model. At locations 4 and 5, the measured noise levels are 1.3 to 2.3 dBA below the predicted levels based on the noise study traffic volumes. This is good agreement, considering the many variables that may affect noise measurements and noise creation at any given moment. The discrepancy at sites 1-3 is 3 to 4 dBA. This is probably due to the fact that those sites had more intervening structures between the traffic on Walnut Street and the measurement locations. The Model attempts to account for the intervening structures, but it is a much simplified approximation of the real-world situation.

The FHWA Traffic Noise Model was also used to estimate future noise levels based on the predicted amount of traffic volume increase stated by the traffic study. The rate of increase is estimated at 2% per year, which will be a cumulative increase of around 48.5% in 20 years. Applying the 48.5% increase to the maximum hourly traffic volumes as stated in the traffic study increases the predicted maximum hourly average noise level by 1.7 to 1.8 dBA, as seen in Table 5.



<b>Table 5. Predicted maximum hour average noise levels at designated receptor locations near the Walnut Street Project (based on a 2% increase in traffic volume per year or a 48.5% cumulative increase over a twenty year period)</b>			
Site	2032 predicted $L_{eq}$ (hr) maximum (dBA) based on Traffic Study traffic volumes	2012 predicted $L_{eq}$ (hr) maximum (dBA) based on Traffic Study traffic volumes	Predicted 20 year increase in $L_{eq}$ (hr) maximum (dBA)
1	62.1	60.4	1.7
2	63.4	61.7	1.7
3	62.6	60.9	1.7
4	64.9	63.1	1.8
5	66.2	64.5	1.7

Comparison of measured and predicted noise level with noise criteria:

All five of the sites are in Category B, for which the maximum hourly average noise level criterion is 67 dBA and an approach to that criterion would be 66 dBA. Based on the 2032 predictions, a single measurement location (site 5) representing the closest receptors to Walnut Street would approach the 67 dBA noise criterion. The front of the house at that location is only about 90 feet from the centerline of Walnut Street.

However, it should be noted that at another of the residences on Walnut Street (site 4), the predicted 2032 noise level is less than the 66 dBA approach level (due to this house being somewhat farther from the street). Most of the residences near Walnut Street are represented by sites 1-3 (those on side streets or located well away from Walnut Street). Those three sites are predicted to remain well under the 67 dBA criterion even by 2032. Also, the measurements indicate that the predicted levels may overestimate the actual noise.

The other noise impact criterion, an increase in the maximum hourly average level of 10 dBA or more, is not met at any of the locations. The average maximum hourly average noise level as predicted by the noise prediction model is expected to increase by no more than about 1.8 dBA.

Conclusions:

A very few residences immediately adjacent to Walnut may approach the appropriate noise criterion level by 2032. The increase, however, is likely to be barely noticeable. Also, the great majority of residences and the church near Walnut Street will not be expected to approach or exceed the noise criterion. Noise abatement measures for the one or two residences approaching the criterion are not considered feasible or reasonable according to AHTD's Policy on Highway Traffic Noise Abatement. Any noise abatement efforts using barrier walls or berms are not warranted for this project. This is due to the relatively low density of development and to the need to provide direct access to these properties. In order to provide direct access, breaks in the barrier walls or berms would be required. These necessary highway access breaks would render any noise barrier ineffective and cost prohibitive.

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Thomas W. Rimmer, ScD  
June 14, 2012