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ARDOT To Host Location and Design Public Hearing for Proposed New Roadway Connecting Highway 90 And Highway 67 North of Pocahontas

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with support from ARDOT consultant Garver, will conduct a **Location and Design Public Hearing Tuesday, July 23 from 4-7 p.m.** to present and discuss the proposed new roadway connecting Highway 90 and Highway 67 north of Pocahontas in Randolph County.

The in-person hearing will be held at the **Pocahontas Community Center (Gym), 300 Geneva Dr., Pocahontas, Arkansas**. This is an "open house" meeting with no formal presentations.

The preliminary design plans and Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment, online and in-person, beginning **Sunday, June 23 until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2024**, at the following locations:

- Website: PocahontasBypass.TransportationPlanroom.com
- Randolph County Library, 111 W. Everett St., Pocahontas, Arkansas 72455

[Link to Meeting Materials](#)

*(Please note that **all meeting materials** will not be active until July 18)*

A Spanish translation of the presentation is available on the website. Submit online comment forms

at PocahontasBypass.TransportationPlanroom.com or print the form and mail to ArDOT's consultant, Garver, Attn: Caitlin Hetzel, 4701 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. If you do not have internet access, please contact Caitlin Hetzel at (501)-823-0730 or PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com to ask questions about the proposed project.



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ICYMI: Highlights from NIBS' Building Innovation Conference 2024

CE reports from the National Institute of Building Sciences' Building Innovation Conference 2024, where industry experts answered questions on sustainability, diversity and inclusion, technology and more.

The National Institute of Building Sciences' Building Innovation Conference 2024, held in Washington, D.C., from May 22-24, offered attendees insights on incoming shifts within the industry with hard-hitting declarations from experts who broke down what the future of the built environment holds. Chief among the discussion topics were the supply chain, workforce diversification and social equity, and climate adaptation and mitigation. Here are key takeaways and quotable moments from the opening general session, which presented "A Look Ahead: The Next 50 Years of the Built Environment":

Diversity and inclusion have been hot-button issues for some time, with many advances in the last several years in terms of women's visibility and opportunity for advancement. However, panelists still noted room for improvement regarding how women are perceived within the construction industry.

- "Change often happens when something makes you angry." — Mónica Serrano, Resilience Program Manager, Turner Construction; Co-Host, "Adapt: Climate Change and the Built Environment" podcast
- "The men that I work with are intimidated by me. Why is that a problem in 2024? They don't know how to speak to me, and I'm training men how to have soft skills when interacting with other women. It doesn't really make me angry. It makes me sad, and of course, you get angry because you want to fix it. There are women out there [in the construction industry] who are very knowledgeable. They're bringing a different dynamic." — Christi Powell, Women Business Enterprise Manager, 84 Lumber

The supply chain will continue to be a challenge over the next five decades, both for suppliers themselves and for the contractors who rely on them.

- "The capacity to either sink or swim for suppliers lies in their ability to change rapidly. This adoption is also fueled by suppliers prioritizing building a relationship or partnership with customers and having detailed table conversations on how they can fulfill needs." — Amy Marks, Executive Vice President, Global Strategy, Symetri.

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- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.

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