

# INTERSTATE 555 CORRIDOR STUDY

## OCTOBER 2023 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING FACTS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHY IS ARDOT STUDYING I-555?

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is conducting a long-range planning study of Interstate 555 (I-555) to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to the interchanges along I-555 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Craighead County is one of the fastest growing counties in Arkansas. As this growth is expected to continue, it is important to plan now for tomorrow's transportation needs.

Daily traffic volumes on I-555 are as high as 37,000 vehicles per day, representing trips to work, school, and other destinations. Several roadways that cross I-555 also carry high traffic volumes, and some of these cross-streets are at or above capacity or will exceed capacity in the future. By studying these roadways, plans can be made to meet future transportation needs.

### WHAT ARE THE FINDINGS OF THE I-555 STUDY?

The I-555 Study examined traffic operations and safety needs at interchanges along the I-555 corridor between Highway 91 (Dan Avenue) and Nestle Road. Most of the interchanges work well, with only modest improvements proposed in the future.

Operations along Highway 49 South (Southwest Drive), Highway 1B (Harrisburg Road), Caraway Road, and Highway 49 North (Red Wolf Boulevard) experience high levels of congestion. This will worsen as traffic increases in the future. To address mobility/congestion and safety needs, the I-555 Study identified several short-term and long-term concepts to improve conditions now and in the foreseeable future.

### WHEN WILL I-555 BE IMPROVED?

No funds have been identified for improvements to I-555 in Craighead County. Once the I-555 Study is complete, improvements will be considered as funds become available.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We welcome your comments on the proposed improvement concepts whether they relate to safety, mobility/congestion, maintenance, pedestrian/bicycle needs, or any other issue.

While we are eager to hear your thoughts, the most important thing that you can do is fill out a comment form. This will ensure that your comments are recorded. Comment forms can be submitted at this meeting or emailed to [Planning@ardot.gov](mailto:Planning@ardot.gov). You can find meeting materials and comment forms on ARDOT's website by going to [www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings](http://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings). Comment forms will need to be submitted by December 1, 2023.