

**Highway Consensus Group Meeting
EDCCC Transportation Subcommittee**

Primary Priority Project:

“Gateway Project” Improving, landscaping and widening Highway 67/7 from Caddo Valley to 10th and Caddo in Arkadelphia.

Phase I: Create University Parkway from 10th and Country Club to 10th and Pine; Replace two-lane bridge from over the Caddo River linking Caddo Valley and Arkadelphia with a new, four-lane bridge and improve stretch of Highway 7 on either side of the bridge; Improve general presentation of ingress and egress on Interstate 30 exits 78 and 73.

Phase II: Addition of traffic light on eastbound I-30 off ramp in Caddo Valley; Improve and widen Highway 7 in Caddo Valley; Improve and widen Highway 7 from Caddo Valley to Country Club in Arkadelphia.

Phase III: Widen Pine Street in Arkadelphia to four lanes from 10th and Pine to 26th and Pine. Incorporate landscaping and medians where appropriate; Improve Caddo and 10th Street Intersection.

Additional Priority Projects:

- **New Ouachita River Bridge on Highway 7/8. Potential funding available for improvement of the safety of bridges. Research needed into potential funding sources.**
- **Amity Highway 84 and 182 Intersection – Highway 182 needs to be straightened in this area. A house in the curve poses a problem. Funding for additional research and discussion in the Amity area needed.**
- **Gurdon – Reconfiguration, landscaping, and improvement of Highway 67 on either side of the railroad tracks in downtown Gurdon. Funding for additional analysis and planning needed.**
- **Truck Bypass around the City of Arkadelphia. Truck traffic, particularly log trucks, pose noise, logistical, and traffic problems in downtown Arkadelphia. A new traffic plan for downtown is needed. Such a plan would ideally reroute large truck traffic while maintaining consumer traffic. This plan should be consistent with Arkadelphia’s Comprehensive Development Plan. Funding for additional analysis and planning needed.**

- **I-30 Interstate Exits at County Club Road and/or Military Road. The Highway Department has previously informed that traffic counts do not justify such an exit. Additional analysis and planning needed. This appears to be a long term need. As a result, our top priority incorporates improving access to the existing Caddo Valley Exit.**