

# Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) Access



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## What is the purpose of the XNA project?

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide an improved connection for the reliable and efficient movement of air transportation passengers and property between the Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) and the Springdale Northern Bypass (SNB) in Bentonville.

## Alternatives

The following alternatives were considered and evaluated:

- No Action Alternative
- New Location Alternative (Preferred)
- Partial New Location Alternative
- Improve Existing Highways 112 and 264 Alternative

## What has happened since we last met in December 2019?

Additional environmental studies and resource agency coordination have been conducted for all alternatives and their potential impacts to both the natural and social environment. These studies and reviews have been documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA) document approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for public review and comment in January 2021. The EA also identifies the New Location Alternative as the Preferred Alternative. This hearing is the opportunity for the public to review the EA and Preferred Alternative and provide comments. Please see the Virtual Location Public Hearing Packet for a closer look at these proposed alternatives.

## What happens after the hearing?

ARDOT will review the comments received from citizens, public officials, and public agencies regarding the EA and the Preferred Alternative. If the Preferred Alternative remains the same alternative, ARDOT, in cooperation with FHWA, will approve it to begin more detailed design and environmental studies. Once those studies have been completed and design information is available, ARDOT will hold a Design Public Hearing to allow additional comments to be provided by citizens, public officials, and public agencies. Following the Design Public Hearing, ARDOT will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document for review by the FHWA. If approved, the FONSI will identify the Selected Alternative and conclude the National Environmental Policy Act process. Right of way acquisition can then begin. For additional information, please visit the project website at [XNAAccess.transportationplanroom.com](https://XNAAccess.transportationplanroom.com), call 501-823-0730, or email [PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com](mailto:PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com).

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