

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 for the reliable and efficient movement of air transportation passengers and property between the Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) and the Springdale Northern Bypass (Hwy. 612).

What is the Preferred Alternative?

The New Location Alternative has been identified as the Preferred Alternative. The input during the Location Public Hearing affirmed the Preferred Alternative and provided important information to help the designers mitigate negative impacts as they further developed the design.

The New Location Alternative would be a fully-controlled access highway approximately 3.4 miles long with a new, grade-separated trumpet-type interchange at Highway 612. The alignment would extend north and west from the trumpet interchange on a new alignment to an at-grade intersection at Hwy. 264 at the existing entrance road to XNA. Overpasses would be located at three local roads: Holmes Road, Haden Road, and Wager Drive. Bridges would also be constructed over Little Osage Creek and Osage Creek.

The trumpet interchange on the southern end would be designed to connect to the future location of Hwy. 612 between Hwy. 112 and Hwy. 412, which is planned to be built prior to the construction of the new XNA Access Highway. This future interchange location was identified based on interchange spacing requirements by FHWA and consideration of environmental impacts.

Why are we meeting?

The format for the meeting is a Virtual Design Public Hearing, which means there is no in-person presentation due to COVID-19 restrictions. You are encouraged to join our virtual live event on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the proposed design plans for the XNA Access project.

Visit the Virtual Design Public Hearing website to view the project presentation, preferred alternative, study information, a public hearing packet, exhibits, an interactive map, and provide comments via an interactive comment form to our staff. The project team is conducting this meeting to encourage the public to review the proposed design plans for the XNA Access project. Comments may be submitted through Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

What happens after the hearing?

Following the Design Public Hearing, ARDOT will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document for review by the Federal Highway Administration. 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 our website at XNAAccess.TransportationPlanroom.com, call 501-823-0730, or email PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com.

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