

Welcome to the Virtual Location Public Hearing for:



Northwest Arkansas
National Airport (XNA)
Access

ARDOT Job 090069

January 31 – March 17, 2021

How do I become involved?

- Please complete the sign-in form to register your participation in this meeting.
- Review all of the materials provided in the virtual meeting.
- Written statements may be submitted anytime between January 31 – March 17, 2021 by using the attached comment form and mailing/emailing it to Garver, Attn: Lindi Miller, 4701 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118; or PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com.
- Your attendance and participation are greatly appreciated!

For more information, please call 501-823-0730 or email

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Location Public Hearing Information

What is the purpose of this hearing?

Through the materials presented in this hearing, we hope to make you familiar with the proposed project. The primary objective of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for you to voice your opinion on this project. In order to meet this objective, public participation is needed to identify and discuss any problems or controversial issues. Since we are not meeting in person, it is important to clearly identify your issues and concerns, and if needed you can call or email us for clarification on any matters related to this project – phone and email contact information is provided in the enclosed meeting materials. To accomplish this goal, we request your cooperation and participation.

The following information has been prepared to provide details about the proposed project. Information has been included pertaining to the conceptual design and preliminary environmental impacts. Additional information on each of these topics is available in the Environmental Assessment (EA) document, and on the hearing project website or by contacting the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT). Garver personnel are also available to answer questions and explain the project and its impacts via email at PublicInvolvement@Garverusa.com.

What is the Purpose of Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) Access 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.

What are the alternatives being considered?

Three build alternatives and no build alternative were considered and evaluated. The project limits include the south entrance to XNA at Highway 264 as the northern terminus and the SNB as the southern terminus (Figure 1). These project limits were selected to provide the closest direct connection from XNA to a major regional highway system.

No Action Alternative

The No Action Alternative would involve maintenance activities and planned improvements to area roadways that currently provide access to the XNA airport. Selection of the No Action Alternative would avoid a major state and federal expenditure and impacts to the economic, natural, and social environments directly related to this project.

Build Alternatives

The **New Location Alternative (Preferred)** would be a fully-controlled access highway facility approximately 4.6 miles long with a new, grade separated trumpet-type interchange at the SNB (Figure 2).

The **Partial New Location Alternative** would be approximately 4.3 miles long with 2.7 miles on new location paralleling Colonel Myers Rd. to the east with full access control and 1.6 miles of improvements to Highway 112 and Highway 264 with partial control access (Figure 3).

The **Improve Existing Highways Alternative** improves Highway 112 and 264 between the SNB and the entrance to XNA including a bypass section in Cave Springs. All improvements would be partial control access (Figure 4).

Figure 1: Project Location Map

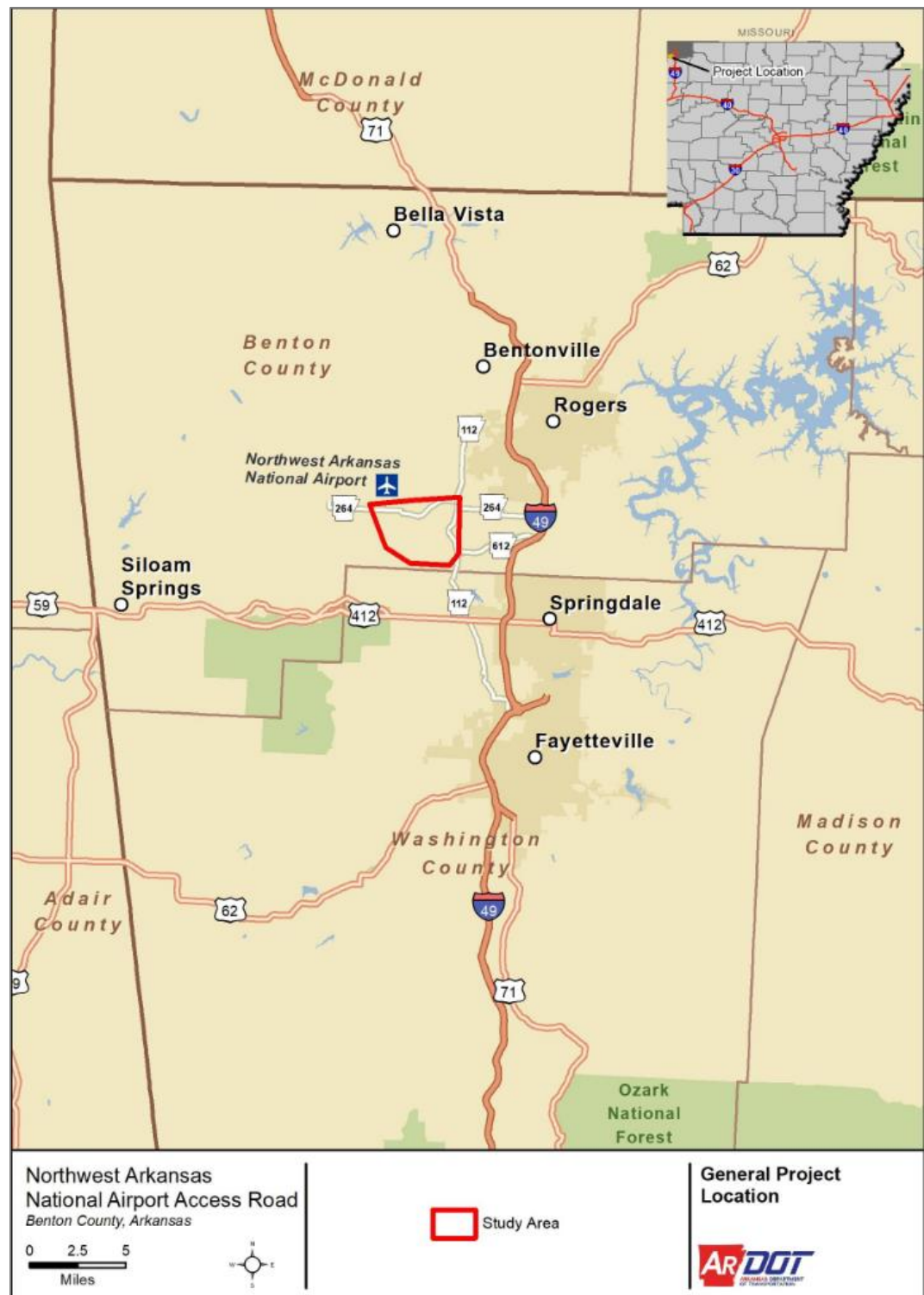


Figure 2: New Location Alternative

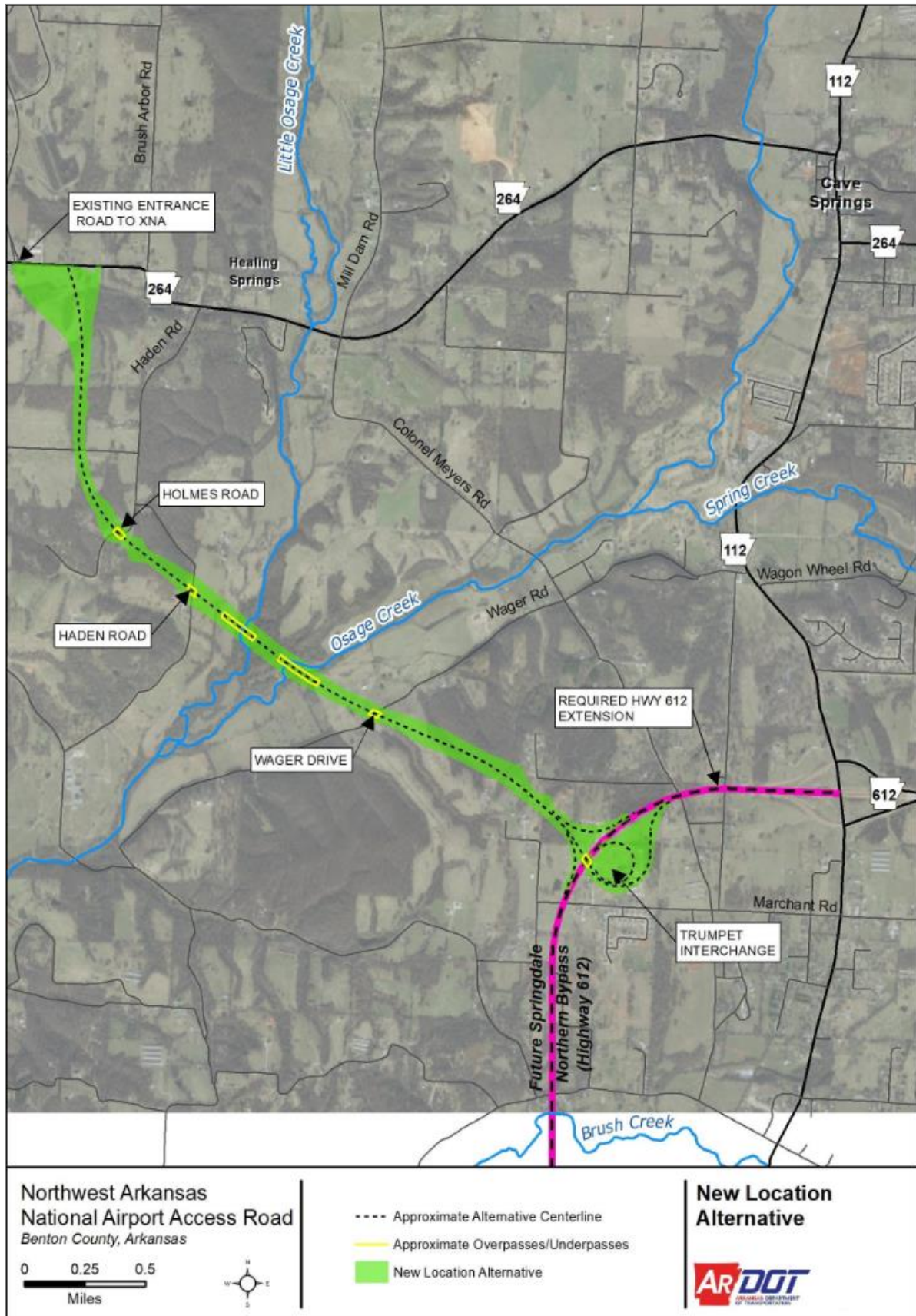


Figure 3: Partial New Location Alternative

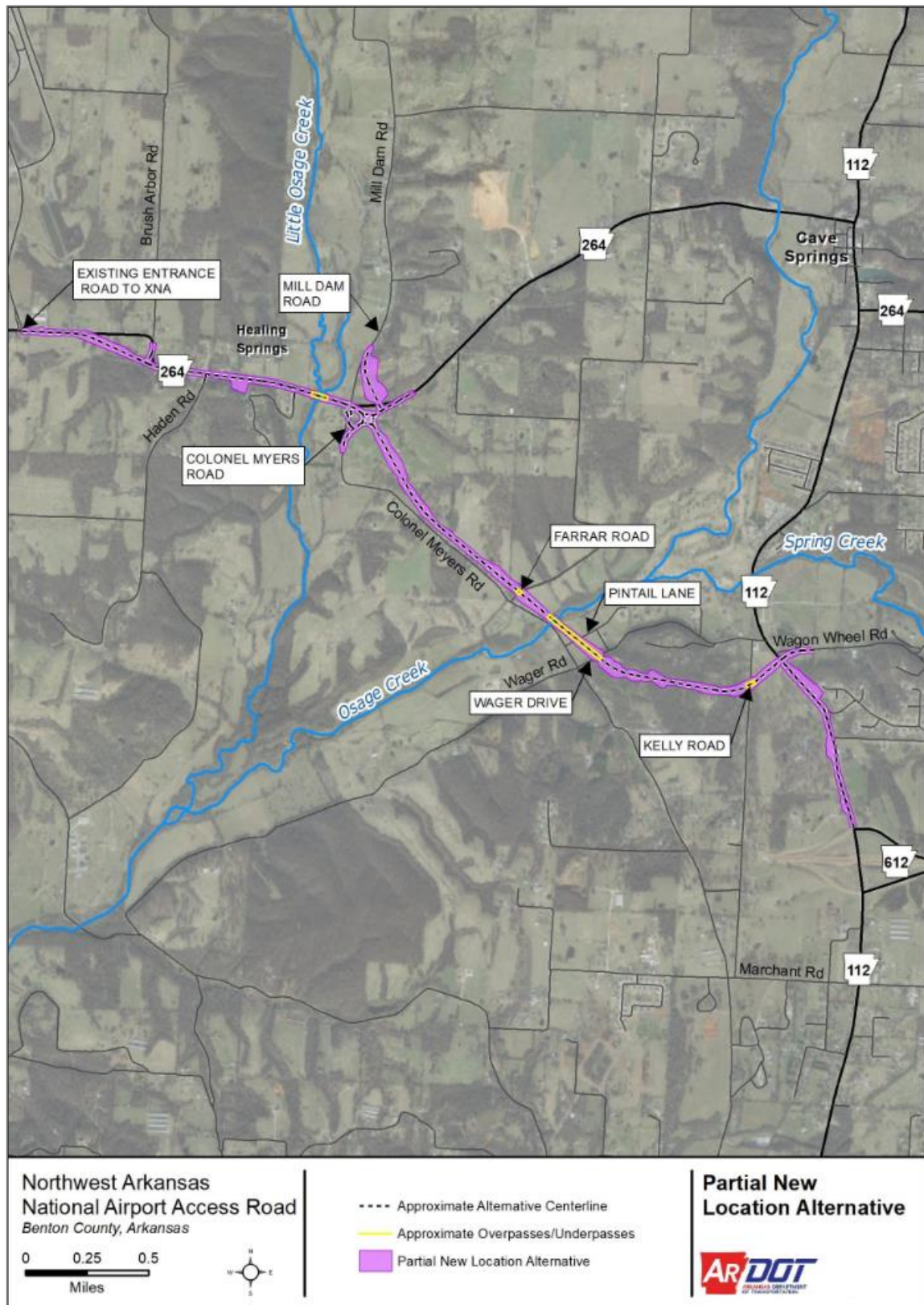
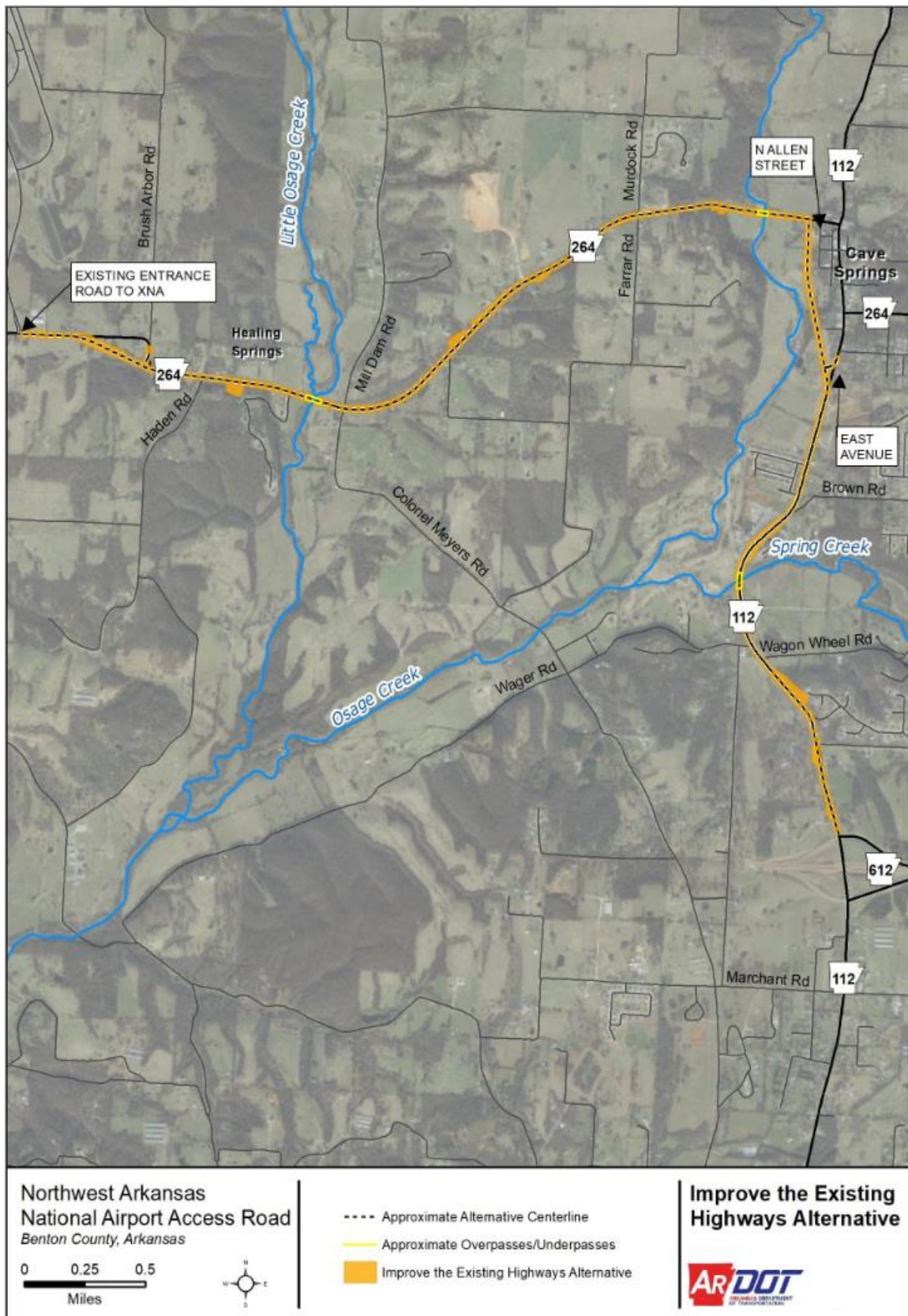


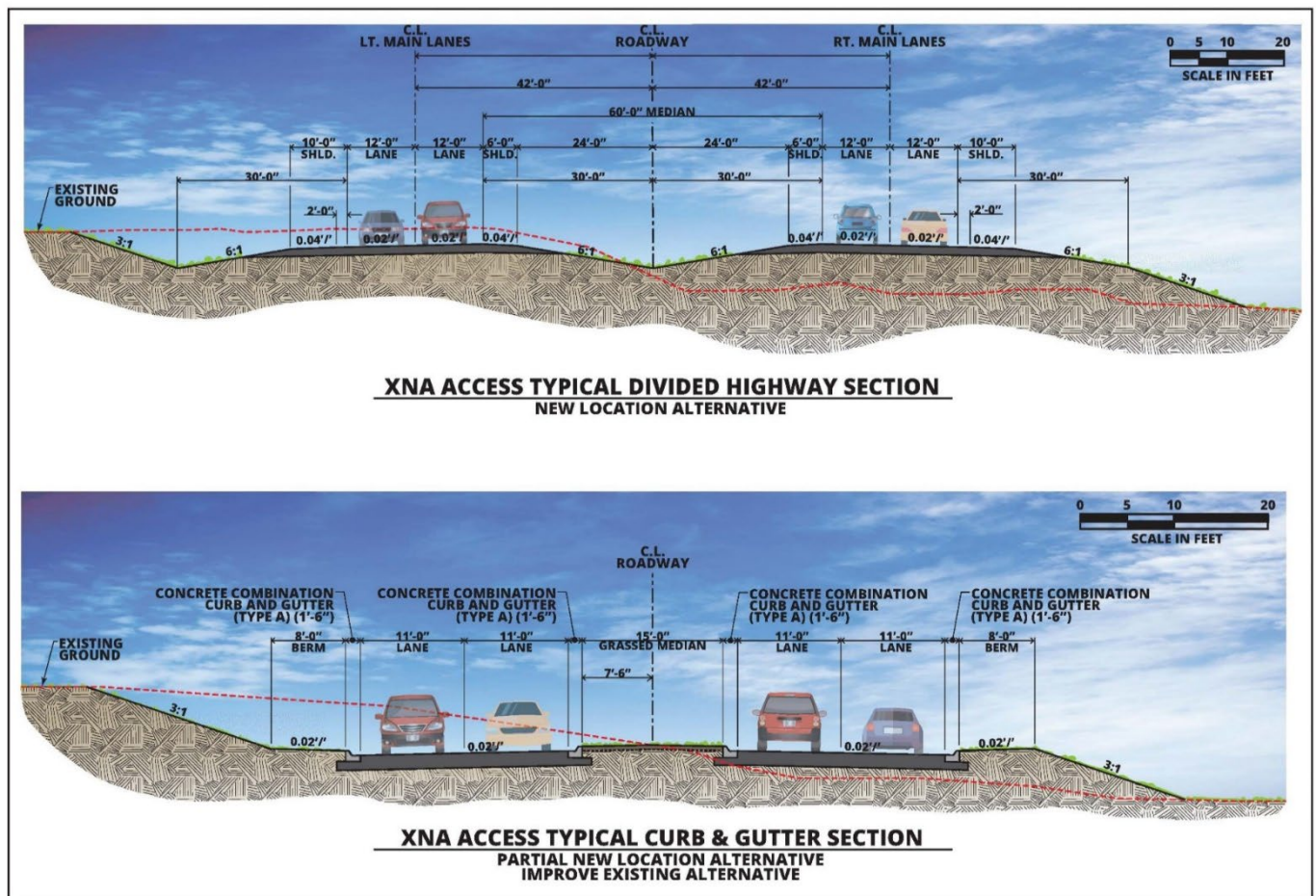
Figure 4: Improve Existing Highways Alternative



What will the roadway look like?

The New Location Alternative will look like the top typical section in Figure 5 (full access control), the Improve Existing Highways Alternative will like the bottom typical section in Figure 5 (partial access control), and the Partial New Location Alternative will be a combination of two typical sections. **Please note that the New Location Alternative will initially be built as a two-lane facility with controlled access. Once the traffic indicates that four lanes are needed the additional lanes will be constructed.**

Figure 5: Typical Sections



Typical Improvement Sections

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS NATIONAL AIRPORT ACCESS ALTERNATIVES

What has been completed on the project since our last meeting?

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 this 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, call 501-823-0730, or email PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT) CITIZEN COMMENT FORM

ARDOT JOB NUMBER 090069
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS NATIONAL AIRPORT (XNA) ACCESS
BENTON COUNTY

LOCATION:
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Make your comments on this form and provide it to Garver personnel by 4:30 p.m. on March 17, 2021. Send by mail to: Lindi Miller, Garver, 4701 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Alternatively, email the form to PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com.

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Please Print:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Comments: _____

Use additional sheets if necessary

**Written Comments should be received by 4:30 p.m., March 17, 2021
at the following address:**

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Oral Comments should be received on or before March 17, 2021.

Leave a comment by calling:
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