Southwest Trail System (Bicycle and Pedestrian Path) Connecting Hot Springs with Little Rock

Pulaski County Job 061562

Overview

Pulaski, Saline, and Garland Counties, in coordination with the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, are studying location alternatives for the Southwest Trail. The purpose is to provide a connection to Hot Springs National Park, the Old River Bridge on the Saline River, the Little Rock Central High School Historic Site, and the Arkansas River Trail System that allows for pedestrians and bicyclists to safely enjoy outdoor recreation while providing an economic stimulus to the local and regional economies.

A Few Details

- The trail is approximately 60 miles long
- The trail is located in Garland, Saline, and Pulaski counties
- The trail currently has a primary alignment as well as 17 optional segments

Identifying an Alignment

The purpose of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is to identify a preferred trail alignment that minimizes the negative impacts to the natural and social environment while addressing the needs of the project to the greatest extent possible.

Study Timeline

The EA study process began in April 2018 and is projected to be complete in fall 2019. After today's public meeting and 15-day comment period, the trail alternatives will be revised and additional environmental studies and design work will begin. An environmental document will be prepared and another public meeting will be held toward the end of the study before a selected alignment is identified.

We appreciate your involvement in this study. Please review the maps and other materials, ask questions, and provide your thoughts on a comment form.

Tonight's information is available at: http://ardot.gov/public_meetings/2018/061562/061562.aspx

