

# Bryant Pkwy. Extension (S)

## Job 061705



## What is the Bryant Parkway (Pkwy.) Extension Project?

The City of Bryant, Arkansas, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), is proposing to extend Bryant Pkwy. from Shobe Road to Hwy. 183 to enhance mobility, connectivity, and to support economic growth for the City of Bryant and the Airport. The proposed roadway will consist of a curb and gutter two-lane roadway north of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) bridge, and a two-lane open shoulder roadway south of the UPRR bridge. As identified in the Bryant Parkway traffic study, the population of Bryant is growing rapidly which has caused the city to outgrow its current infrastructure, including Highway (Hwy.) 183, which is the City's only north/south arterial corridor. This has resulted in a need for an alternate north/south route to provide enhanced connectivity and mobility to the eastern and southern areas of the City of Bryant, and to reduce traffic congestion on Hwy. 183. Additionally, the project will reduce emergency vehicle response times, enhance access to the Saline County Regional Airport, and provide a second grade separated pedestrian and bicycle crossing over UPRR.

## What has been completed on the project since we last met on April 26, 2018?

Five original Bryant Pkwy. Extension project alternative alignments (Alternatives A-E) were developed and presented to the public in 2018. An Environmental Assessment (EA) document has been prepared and carried three alternatives forward for detailed review: Alternative B, Alternative D, and the No Action Alternative. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires including a "No Action" alternative in environmental analysis in order to provide a baseline against which the other alternatives can be compared. As detailed in the EA document, Alternative B was identified as the Preferred Alternative. The EA, roadway design (at the 60% level), the proposed right of way limits, and typical sections of the proposed roadway are shown in the interactive project map and the "60% Design – Line and Grade" PDF available on the public hearing website under Project Documents. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the EA for public review and comment in February 2021 and this hearing is the opportunity for the public to provide comments.

## Why are we meeting?

The format for the meeting is a Virtual Location and 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 Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the proposed Bryant Pkwy. Extension Project. Visit the Virtual Location and Design Public Hearing website to view the project presentation, design details of the Preferred Alternative, EA, 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 present the Preferred Alternative and provide an opportunity for you to voice your opinion on the Bryant Pkwy. Extension project. Your comments are very important and will become part of the formal record. Comments may be submitted through Sunday, May 9, 2021.

## What happens after the hearing?

After a review of comments received from citizens, public officials, and public agencies, the next step in the environmental process will be to prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document for review by the FHWA. The approved FONSI will identify the Selected Alternative and concludes the NEPA process. Right of way acquisition can then begin. For additional information, please visit our website at [BryantPkwyExt.transportationplanroom.com](https://BryantPkwyExt.transportationplanroom.com), call us 501-823-0730, or email us at [PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com](mailto:PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com).

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