

FACT SHEET



30 CROSSING BACKGROUND

In 2014, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) initiated a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study to identify the purpose and need for improvements to Interstate 30, determine possible long-term solutions, and recommend alternative(s) that could be carried forward into further refinement during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study. The PEL Study is consistent with current federal regulations.

The PEL study area consisted of preliminary environmental and engineering analysis along the I-30 corridor, which extends approximately 6.7 miles through portions of Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas.

- I-30 from I-530 to the south and I-40 to the north.
- I-40 to its interchange with I-67 in North Little Rock.

HOW MANY LANES WILL I-30 BE WIDENED TO?

The PEL study was completed in July 2015, and the study's recommended alternative is the 10-lane downtown CD alternative, also called the PEL Recommendation. The PEL Recommendation includes five lanes in each direction, with two of the main lanes serving as Collector/Distributor (CD) lanes from just south of Broadway Street in North Little Rock to the Highway 10 interchange just north of 3rd Street in Little Rock. (See the map on the back of this sheet.)

CD lanes are separated from mainlanes by a barrier and connect interstate mainlanes with entrance/exit ramps. These lanes operate at lower speeds than mainlanes and provide safe access to and from the corridor.

The I-30 PEL study determined that widening to 10 lanes will best relieve traffic congestion, improve roadway safety, and address structural and functional roadway and bridge deficiencies.

AN 8-LANE WIDENING ALTERNATIVE

An additional alternative is being evaluated during the NEPA study to widen I-30 to 8 lanes. This analysis will be shown at the October 22 public meeting at Friendly Chapel Church of the Nazarene in North Little Rock. Feedback on this additional alternative is encouraged.

RECOMMENDED 30 CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

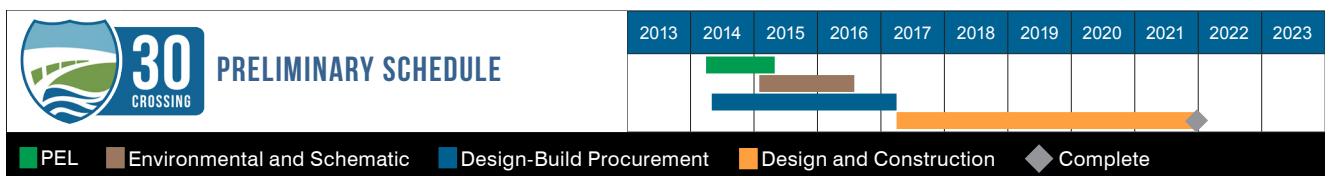
- **Interstate widening** – Increasing I-30 to 8 or 10 lanes between I-530 (south terminal) and I-40 (north terminal) to handle existing and future capacity.
- **Interchange redesign** – Modifying existing interchanges to improve safety and reduce congestion. This includes improvements to I-30's connection to Cantrell Road, I-630, and I-40.
- **River Bridge replacement** – Constructing a new I-30 bridge to meet current design standards and address navigational traffic on the Arkansas River.
- **Access and ramp location changes** – Modifying entrance and exit points along I-30 to meet current ramp design length requirements for safe acceleration and deceleration.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Project-specific determinations, such as interchange designs and the locations of ramps and interchanges, along with a more detailed analysis of potential impacts, is being analyzed now through the NEPA process. A public meeting and public hearing will be held throughout this process, and the public is encouraged to participate and provide input.

DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

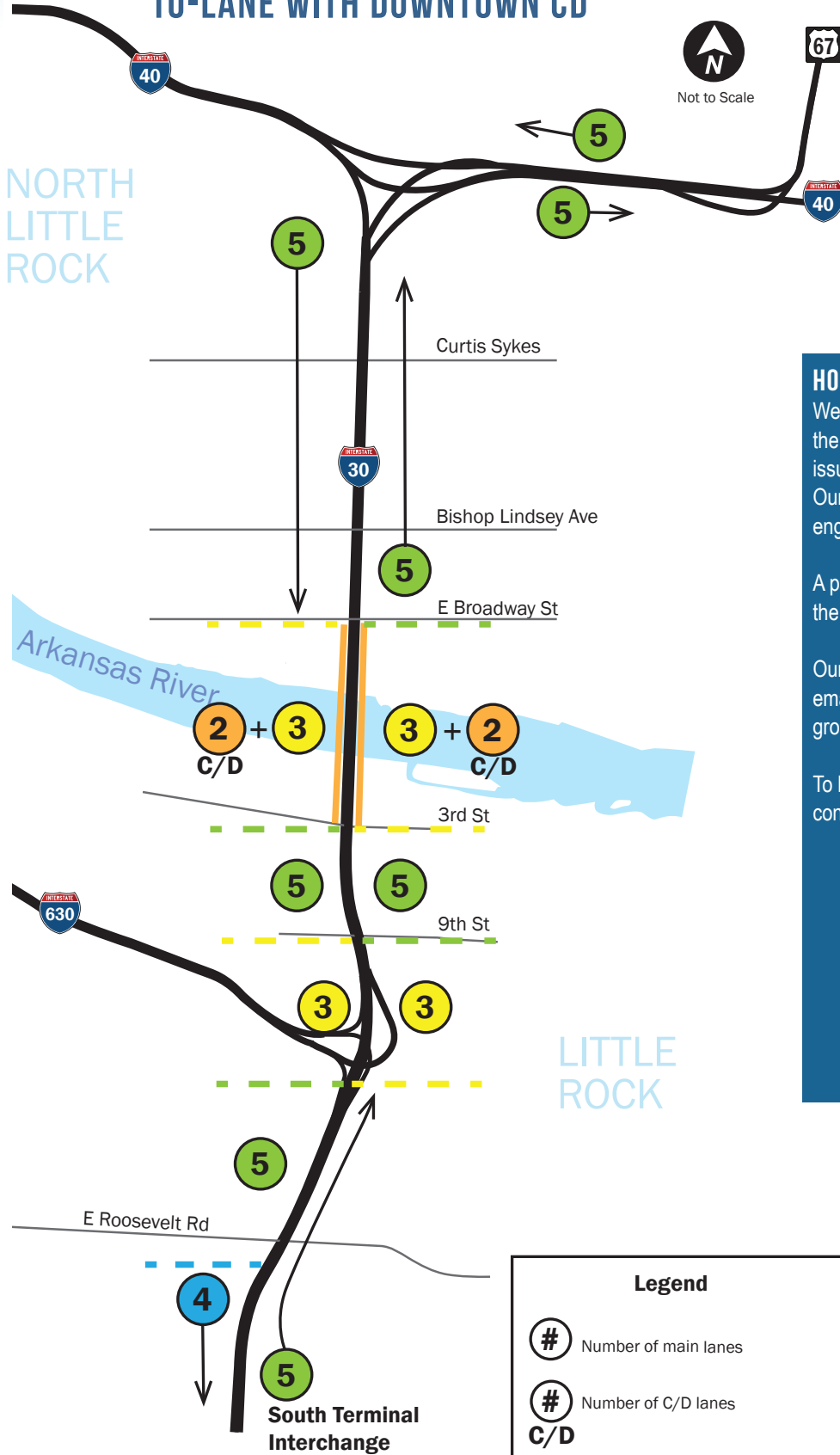
The 30 Crossing project will be developed using the design-build method, which is a project delivery system utilizing a contract between AHTD and a design-build construction contractor to complete the final design and construct the project. Using the design-build method rather than a traditional design-bid-build method is estimated to reduce the project's design and construction schedule by 18 months.



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10-LANE WITH DOWNTOWN CD



HOW CAN THE PUBLIC GET INVOLVED?

We understand that any proposed solution to the region's transportation needs must address issues and concerns from many stakeholders. Our process includes continuous outreach to engage the community throughout the project.

A project website has been developed to provide the latest information. Visit www.30Crossing.com.

Our project team responds to questions through email and phone calls, as well as meets with groups and makes presentations.

To learn more or to request a presentation, contact information is provided below:

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Legend

- Number of main lanes
- Number of C/D lanes

