

Corning Bypass (Future I-57)

Clay County

Job 101172



What is the Corning Bypass Project?

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is presenting the detailed design plans for the 4.1-mile new location roadway extending north from Highway 62/67 west of Corning and terminating north of Corning at Highway 67 in Clay County. The bypass would be a fully-controlled access facility designed to interstate standards. The new roadway will be a four-lane divided highway with a depressed 80-foot-wide median and an approximately 300-foot-wide right-of-way. The roadway will have four 12-foot-wide driving lanes with 6-foot-wide inside shoulders and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. An overpass at County Road 139 will provide a north-south connection for local traffic, while County Road 143 will be converted to cul-de-sacs on both sides of the bypass.

The Corning Bypass is part of a regional interstate connectivity project, named *Future Interstate 57 (I-57)*. In October 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Record of Decision (ROD) identifying the Selected Alternative, or chosen route, for the *Future I-57* corridor between Walnut Ridge and the Missouri State line, clearing the way for the next phase of the project development. The Corning Bypass will construct a critical segment of the *Future I-57* project.

Why are We Meeting Today?

ARDOT is conducting a Public Involvement Meeting to present the detailed design plans for the Corning Bypass. We are meeting to encourage public participation in this project. Please provide any relevant information to assist ARDOT in developing the best project for this community.

The format for the meeting is an open house, which means there is no formal presentation. You are encouraged to view the maps and materials, ask questions, and provide comments to our staff. Your comments are very important and could help shape the nature of future improvements. Comments may be submitted through Friday, March 29, 2024.

What Comes Next?

ARDOT will address all comments received during the comment period (March 8-29) and will finalize the environmental studies for the new overpass on County Road 139. That environmental review will be submitted to FHWA for review and approval.

Right-of-way acquisition is anticipated to be complete by mid 2024. Construction is anticipated to begin early 2025 and be complete by late 2026.

For additional information, please visit our website at Future57.TransportationPlanroom.com/CorningBypass, call us at 501-823-0730, or email us at PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com.

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