

# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

I.D. 5307-00-03  
STH 11 – STH 81, CTH O  
Ames Branch Bridge, B-33-0139

I.D. 5720-00-04  
CTH G – CTH O, CTH C  
Bonner Branch Bridge, B-33-0140

Lafayette County  
January 13, 2022

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss the replacement of the bridges carrying CTH O over Ames Branch and CTH C over Bonner Branch. The intent of the meeting is to present information about the proposed project and to gather input from you.

Feel free to view the displays and ask representatives from Ayres and Lafayette County any questions. An informal presentation is planned for shortly after the onset to help explain the displays and project.

A comment form is available for your comments and concerns about this project. Please provide written comments by either returning them today or sending them to the address shown.

## **PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED**

The purpose of these projects is to address the deteriorated bridge structures on CTH O and CTH C in Lafayette County. The bridges are located at the crossings of Ames Branch and Bonner Branch, approximately 2.4 miles south of the junction with STH 81 and approximately 0.1 miles north of the junction with CTH G, respectively. The existing bridges need to be replaced because they are structurally deficient.

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

While the “no build” option was considered for both bridges, it did not meet the projects’ purpose and need. The preferred alternative for both is to replace the existing single-span concrete deck girder bridges with new concrete flat slab bridges (single span for CTH O and two-span for CTH C). The bridge width between railings will be 32 feet for CTH O and 28’ for CTH C. Both bridges will have a normal crown of 2%.

The projects will include replacing the bridge and rebuilding about 100 feet of roadway for each. The roadway horizontal alignment and vertical profile will approximately match the existing condition for both bridges. The projects are not anticipated to impact any adjacent private right-of-way. Work included will be bridge removal, new bridge construction, grading, placement of crushed aggregate base course and asphalt pavement, guardrail on CTH O, erosion control, and minor landscaping.

## **TRAFFIC CONTROL**

During construction, the bridges will be closed to traffic. The projects will jointly last approximately 4 months during the summer of 2023.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Less than 0.1 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the CTH O project. The CTH C project is not anticipated to impact any wetlands. Necessary permits for wetland and in-stream impacts will be completed with the DNR and US Army Corps of Engineers.

Ames Branch is classified as a headwater cool to warmwater stream with documented smallmouth bass. No waterway work is allowed from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> to protect the fish population. Bonner Branch is classified as a warm water tributary and no waterway work is allowed from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Public Involvement Meeting	January 13, 2022	Final Plans Complete	August 1, 2022
Environmental Document	February 2022	Bid Letting	December 13, 2022
Design Study Report	March 2022	Bridge Construction	Summer 2023
90% Plans Complete	June 2022		