

From: Peele, Nancy
Sent: Fri, 14 Feb 2025 14:17:14 +0000
To: Meachum, Pete (OST)
Subject: FW: Rep. Westerman (AR)- White Rock Mountain road repair
Attachments: Location Map 1.pdf

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Good afternoon all,

WHITE ROCK MOUNTAIN ROAD & EAST FLY GAP ROAD (AR)

DESCRIPTION: Multiple landslides from rainfall events in 2020, 2021 and 2022 have affected White Rock Mountain Road (FR-1003) on the Ozark – St. Francis National Forest in Arkansas. In spring 2022, a rainfall event damaged the western section of White Rock Mountain Road and the East Fly Gap Road (see attached location map). The resulting roadway and landslide damage repair costs are eligible for Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) funds. The FHWA Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD)’s White Rock Mountain Road and East Fly Gap Road project (“the project”) will consist of the following:

1. reconstruct approximately 380 feet of White Rock Mountain Road with a 6-inch gravel surface and an embankment system, replace a culvert, recondition the road and ditch, and reconstruct the aggregate pavement structure.
2. reconstruct and realign approximately 700 feet of East Fly Gap Road, using a 6-inch gravel surface and an embankment system.

LOCATION AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Ozark – St. Francis National Forests, Franklin County, Arkansas. Congressional District number 3.

STATUS/TIMELINE:

- EFLHD awarded a task order for Architectural and Engineering design work in September 2024.
- Completion of construction advertisement documents – planned for late summer 2025.
- Advertisement of construction contract – planned for fall 2025.
- Award of construction contract – planned for winter 2025/2026.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you,

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Good morning all, and thanks for your time today. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss the White Rock Mountain road issue directly with Executive Director Shepherd this morning. I'm writing to confirm a few follow up action items:

- Heather will share brief after internal review (Thursday COB)
- Heather will share timeline/schedule with milestones (Thursday COB)
- ED Shepherd is checking to see if this project falls under the programmatic agreement
- Staff will set up biweekly check-ins with FHWA – Murray will initiate this on a separate thread with Miles and Heather

We look forward to seeing the information you all provide later this week. Thank you for your attention to this important issue – as expressed in the meeting this morning, it continues to be a pressing issue for Congressman Westerman's constituents, and we'd like to see it resolved expeditiously.

Thanks!
Murray

From: Dean, Heather (FHWA) <Heather.Dean@dot.gov>
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Good morning,

Yes, apologize I meant the 11th. Thank you. And you can use my cell, which is (b)(6)

Thank you,

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Thank you, Heather!

Confirming the following meeting for Chairman Westerman. Please note that the date will be Tuesday, February 11.

Meeting: Gloria Shepherd – FHWA Executive Director
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Time: 9:00AM ET
Location: Cannon House Office Building, Rm. 202
Attendees:

- Gloria Shepherd, FHWA Executive Director
- Brian Fouch, Associate Administrator for the Office of Federal Lands Highways
- Heather Dean Simei, Team Lead, FHWA Congressional Affairs Team

Could you please provide a cell number for an attendee in the event of any last-minute changes?

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you and have a great rest of your week!

Jackson Conner, Director of Scheduling

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From: Dean, Heather (FHWA) <Heather.Dean@dot.gov>

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Good morning,

In attendance will be:

- Gloria Shepherd, FHWA Executive Director
- Brian Fouch, Associate Administrator for the Office of Federal Lands Highways
- Heather Dean Simei, Team Lead, FHWA Congressional Affairs Team

Please let us know if you need any further information. We look forward to meeting with you all next **Tuesday, the 12th at 9am in 202 Cannon.**

Thank you,

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Heather –

Chairman Westerman returns to DC on Monday mid morning.

We will take the 9 am on Tuesday, Feb 12th. Once you know the attendees, please let us know the names and titles. Thanks, Nancy

Nancy Peele

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Chief of Staff

Office of Chairman Westerman

From: Dean, Heather (FHWA) <Heather.Dean@dot.gov>
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Good morning Nancy,

Thank you again for the call. Per our conversation, please see the dates and times we can do below:

Monday, Feb. 10- 8:30am, 10-11am

Tuesday, Feb. 11- 9-10, 2:30-3:30pm

If you need additional dates/times please let us know.

Thank you,

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Heather – as we come to close on Wednesday, Feb 5th, we have yet to hear back from you on Chairman Westerman's request for a meeting. What are the next steps to confirm a meeting with your team in 202 Cannon? We look forward to your response. Best, Nancy

Nancy Peele
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From: Dean, Heather (FHWA) <Heather.Dean@dot.gov>
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Good afternoon, Nancy (and all)

Understood, we're working on this now. Do you have any additional details regarding the project, or is this to discuss the repair status?

Thank you,

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Heather – Chairman Westerman would like the meeting to be in person this week in 202 Cannon. Preferably Tuesday or Wednesday.

We also have reached out to Pete Meachum, chief of staff for Secretary Duffy, to coordinate a time for Chairman Westerman and Secretary Duffy to visit in 202 Cannon.

Thanks, Nancy

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Good afternoon all,

Confirming receipt of your request. We will coordinate with the appropriate staff and someone from FHWA will follow-up with you all on setting up a call.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon,

Looking forward to working with you to schedule this meeting between Chairman Westerman and Executive Director Shepherd.

Please send over availability as soon as you can, and we will find a time that works mutually. The Chairman is incredibly motivated to have this meeting, in-person, in DC this week. Thanks in advance for working with us.

Jackson

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