

Southwest Trail TW                      MEH                      8/3 (Mon AM – 6:51 & 8:51)

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A virtual public hearing is underway through August 26th for a proposed pedestrian and cycling trail linking Little Rock with Hot Springs.

The Southwest Trail was formally proposed seven years. Much of it would make use of abandoned railroad beds. It would also cross a 129-year-old over the Saline River in Benton, which is the second-oldest bridge still standing in Arkansas. A half-million dollar grant was awarded five years ago for its restoration.

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