



Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

June 18, 2025

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**Minutes of the April 2, 2025
Meeting**

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Keep Arkansas Beautiful

KAB

Planting Seeds of Restoration & Innovation

Presented to ARDOT Commission
By McKenzie McMath Coronel,
KAB Director



JUNE 2025



SUPPORTING ARKANSAS'S PRIORITIES



THE NATURAL STATE INITIATIVE



IMAGE

Leverage partnerships to expand reach and elevate the state's image



QUALITY OF LIFE

Emphasize quality of life for those seeking to relocate



PARTNERSHIPS

Identify and utilize brand partners that reflect Arkansas's culture and can further advance the vision; partner in a more intentional manner



YOUTH

Expand in-school outdoor recreation programs to introduce kids to the outdoors

ARKANSAS LEARNS ACT



SERVICE

74 hours of service-learning for high-schoolers



LEARNING

Standards for literacy, science and social studies



TRAINING

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

KAB: Powered by ARKANSANS

Community-driven,
environmental conservation

Practical initiatives and hands-
on projects that enhance and
preserve our natural
landscapes through
community-driven efforts



Cleanups



Wildflower Plantings



Recycling



Education

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

Communities play a crucial role keeping Arkansas beautiful. They are the agents of the **restoration and preservation** of our natural surroundings. By involving local communities, we foster a sense of **ownership, pride and responsibility** in the beauty around us.

KAB's efforts to keep communities clean and beautiful involves **thousands of volunteers** each year who work to remove unsightly litter and bulky waste on our **roadways, waterways, shorelines and public spaces**. These cleanups and the volunteers who join us are integral to keeping The Natural State natural.



Nativ & Game and Fish Foundation, Fall 2024

CLEANUP **IMPACT** 2024

21,517

Volunteers

75

Counties

829

Events

**1,366 Tons of
Litter Picked up**

**772,051 Acres of
Parks & Public
Areas Cleaned**

**129,102
Volunteer Hours**



CLEANUP OBJECTIVES FOR FY25

24,000

Volunteers

75

Counties

800+

Events

**More Student
Volunteers**

**More Cross-
Cultural
Engagement**

**More Wildflower
Plantings**





WILDFLOWER PLANTINGS

Planting native wildflowers not only **beautifies** our state but also supports **pollinators**, enhances **public spaces** and creates a **healthy environment**.

In Spring 2025, KAB launched the **“Arkansas Wild”** initiative that promotes wildflower plantings by offering native pollinator packs of wildflower seeds. We have developed a guide on how and when to plant as well as a way for us to track the success of plantings around the state. These plantings can be done in communities, along roadsides, waterways or trails, or in public parks and spaces.

Through the outlined program, we can generate **Hands-on wildflower planting projects**, foster community pride and involvement and contribute to the **natural artwork** of our scenic and urban landscapes.

RECYCLING INITIATIVE

KAB aims to **enhance recycling efforts** across Arkansas.

Materials that could be recycled but aren't end up as **litter or unnecessarily landfilled**. Through education, collaboration, grant application and community engagement, KAB will

- **Aid** in establishing comprehensive recycling capabilities across the state.
- **Educate** more Arkansans about recycling and its role in contributing to the health of our ecosystems and sustainable future.
- **Foster** a culture of stewardship and responsibility
- in 2024, **214,757** tons of recyclable materials were collected.



SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

KAB supports early learning with a strong emphasis on **teaching environmental stewardship**.

In collaboration with **Arkansas PBS, Little Rock Zoo** and the **Arkansas Dept of Education**, we have developed several educational materials.

- Our book series aligns with **state standards in literacy, science and social studies** and are in accordance with the **LEARNS Act** which prioritizes foundational literacy and civic responsibility.
- Materials aim to engage students, shape behavior from an early age, and provide adults guidance on topics and activities related to KAB's mission.

All of our materials are available free of charge, in both English and Spanish. Orders for your park can be [placed on our website](#).



Craig O'neal at Forrest Heights, Messy Garden Debut, 2023



SCHOOLS & EDUCATION *cont'd*

Service Learning Opportunities

Aligned with the LEARNS Act, KAB has developed projects that qualify for required volunteer hours that foster a deeper appreciation of environmental conservation.

“ Find a project that interests you and benefits your community”.

Service Learning Project Categories:

- Eco Restoration
- Beautification
- Conservation

These categories are filled with an array of ideas that students can make their own.

[Find out more on our website!](#)

THANK YOU



03

**Consideration of Minute
Orders**

MINUTE ORDER

District: Statewide

County: Statewide

Category: Purchasing

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on April 7, April 28, May 12, May 23, and June 3, 2025, in the amounts of \$964,660.00, \$656,979.94, \$2,929,515.00, \$124,125.00 and \$1,086,323.06, respectively, totaling \$5,761,603.00, and supply and service contracts, in accordance with authority previously conveyed, all of which have been documented by official minutes which are of record in the files of the Commission and Equipment and Procurement Division.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the action of the Purchasing Committee be ratified and confirmed in all particulars.

Minute Order 1

ACTIONS OF THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Approved:

_____ Chairman

_____ Vice-Chairman

_____ Member

_____ Member

_____ Member

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Submitted By:


Assistant Chief - Administration

Approved:

_____ Director

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

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District: Statewide
County: Various
Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, the Great Arkansas Cleanup is an important anti-litter program, which improves the scenic beauty of the State's highways; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation spends approximately \$8 million annually to remove litter from the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the Department's previous contributions to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Foundation have been helpful in continuing the Great Arkansas Cleanup.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to make a contribution of \$40,000 this year to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Foundation for use in conducting the Great Arkansas Cleanup Campaign.

Minute Order 2

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL CAMPAIGN

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Submitted By:

Crystal Woods
Assistant Chief - Administration

Approved:

Director

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Minute Order 3

ENHANCED SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Statewide

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County: Statewide

Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, the safety and security of employees, visitors, and facilities is imperative to the efficient operation of the Arkansas Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a comprehensive security system, including access control by badges and strategically placed surveillance cameras, is considered a necessary and reasonable measure to deter unwanted activity, monitor premises in real-time, and assist in post-incident investigations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to procure the services of an enterprise building security firm and proceed with the design and installation of an enhanced security system for the Department's facilities as funds become available.

Approved:

_____ Chairman

_____ Vice-Chairman

_____ Member

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Submitted By:



Chief of Administration

Approved:

_____ Director

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

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District: Statewide
County: Statewide
Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is responsible for the inspection and inventory of all public highway bridges in the State in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) as established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, the NBIS requires that bridge inspections be performed by qualified personnel at prescribed intervals to ensure the continued safety and serviceability of the structures; and

WHEREAS, ARDOT personnel currently conducts most bridge inspection activities; and

WHEREAS, the use of consultants will assist ARDOT in maintaining timely and accurate inspections, load rating analysis, documentation, and reporting, and will support ARDOT's overall mission of maintaining a safe and efficient transportation system.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to request proposals, select consulting firms, and enter into any necessary contracts and agreements to provide bridge inspection and load rating services as necessary to comply with the NBIS for calendar years 2026-2028 with an option to extend through calendar year 2030.

Minute Order 4

ON-CALL BRIDGE INSPECTION AND LOAD RATING SERVICES

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Submitted By:

D. Adams

Assistant Chief Engineer - Maintenance
Approved:

Director
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Minute Order 5

ON-CALL RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Statewide

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County: Statewide

Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Department to provide timely right of way acquisition services for selected projects in order to proceed with construction; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minute Order 2020-102 passed on December 9, 2020, the Department currently has on-call contracts to perform indefinite delivery of right of way acquisition services through calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, these on-call contracts have been found to be an effective method of producing timely right of way acquisition services and supplementing Department staff in project delivery and legal proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to request proposals, select an on-call consulting firm or firms, and enter into any necessary contracts and agreements as needs are identified for the calendar years 2026-2028 with an option to extend through calendar year 2030.

Approved:

_____ Chairman

_____ Vice-Chairman

_____ Member

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Submitted By:

Assistant Chief Engineer - Design

Approved:

Director

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MINUTE ORDER

District: Nine

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County: Benton

Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, the current Arkansas State Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (Plan) was adopted by Minute Order 2017-007; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identified objectives and action strategies to accommodate and promote bicycle tourism in the State, including the development of a statewide bikeway network that connects to the United States Bicycle Route (USBR) System; and

WHEREAS, the USBR System is a nationwide network of city streets, county roads, trail systems, and state highways connecting urban and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is responsible for approving designations of USBR routes; and

WHEREAS, Department staff, in coordination with other State agencies, local officials, and other stakeholders, have identified and documented support for designation of USBR 251 from the Missouri State Line to Bella Vista, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, AASHTO has approved the U.S. Bicycle Route Numbering application designating the route from the Missouri State Line to Bella Vista, Arkansas as USBR 251.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to designate the route from the Missouri State Line to Bella Vista, Arkansas as shown on the attached sketch, as USBR 251.

Approved:

_____ Chairman

_____ Vice-Chairman

_____ Member

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Submitted By:

_____ Assistant Chief Engineer - Program Delivery

Approved:

_____ Director

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Minute Order 6

UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE DESIGNATION

Minute Order 7

HWY. 82 PROPERTY | CAPITAL ASSET TO RIGHT OF WAY | ASHLEY CO.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Two Page 1 of 2 Pages
County: Ashley
Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) owns property in Ashley County, Arkansas, acquired in 2003 from Newcome-MWP General Partnership by fee; and

WHEREAS, this property is contiguous to U.S. Highway 82 in Ashley County and is now necessary for Job No. 020772, Hwy. 160 - Montrose (Widening) (S), and which property the Commission now holds as a capital asset; and

WHEREAS, the legal description for the property is:

Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19 Township 16 South, Range 4 West, Ashley County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a Bolt with a 1-1/4 inch square head being used as the Section Corner of Sections 17, 18, 19, and 20; thence South 01°22'25" West along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19 a distance of 210.58 feet to a point on the Northerly Right of way line of U.S. Highway 82 as established by ARDOT Job 020772 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 1°22'25" West along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19 a distance of 35.31 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 82 as established by AHTD Job 020321; thence North 84°25'55" West along said right of way line a distance of 195.06 feet to a point; thence North 51°12'07" West along said right of way line a distance of 63.87 feet to a point on the Northerly Right of way line of U.S. Highway 82 as established by ARDOT Job 020772; thence South 84°28'52" East along said right of way line a distance of 245.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.18 acres (7,744 sq. ft.) more or less as shown on plans prepared by the ARDOT referenced as Job 020772.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Two Page 2 of 2 Pages
County: Ashley
Category: Miscellaneous

NOW THEREFORE, the character of the above-described property is hereby changed from capital asset to that of right of way, hereafter designated as Tract No. 15, Job No 020772; a copy of this Minute Order shall, if required, be recorded in the Circuit Clerk and Recorder's office of Ashley County, Arkansas, and the right of way shall, if necessary be remonumented.

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Submitted By:


Assistant Chief Engineer, Design
Approved: _____
Director
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Minute Order 8

SURPLUS PROPERTY | INDEPENDENCE CO.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Five Page 1 of 3 Pages
County: Independence
Category: Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract 10XR, Job 050213, from Carl Pinkston and Carol S. Pinkston, Trustees of The Southern Trust, u/t/d July 28, 2000, by Warranty Deed dated May 11, 2013, and filed of record on May 16, 2013, in Book: DEED 2013 at Page 2301, and as Instrument Number L201303389, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Independence County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired property known as Tract 11XR, Job 050213, from The Barnett Endeavors, L.L.C, an Arkansas limited liability company organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arkansas, by Tommy E. Barnett, Boyce C. Barnett, Michele K. Barnett and Connie D. Barnett, by Warranty Deed dated June 4, 2013, and filed of record on June 4, 2013, in Book: DEED 2013 at Page 2626, and as Instrument Number L201303829, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Independence County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture has requested to purchase Tracts 10XR and 11XR, Job 050213, which the District Engineer for District 5 has determined are not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, Tracts 10XR and 11XR were acquired as surplus by the Commission and are exempt from reacquisition by the former owners under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture offered to purchase the tracts for EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000.00), representing the fair market value as determined as of September 3, 2024 by two qualified appraisers; and

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Five Page 3 of 3 Pages
County: Independence
Category: Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the legal description for the property is:

A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 25, Township 14 North, Range 06 West, Independence County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, thence North 89°27'07" East, along the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of 934.01 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°27'07" East, continuing along said North line, a distance of 56.27 feet; thence South 18°56'43" East, leaving said North line, a distance of 112.36 feet; thence South 75°56'11" West, a distance of 114.42 feet; thence North 71°11'41" West, a distance of 27.71 feet; thence North 19°40'37" East, a distance of 132.33 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.28 of an Acre, more or less.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000.00) from Arkansas Department of Agriculture, the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying the right, title, interest or equity of the above-described properties to Arkansas Department of Agriculture; and hereby releasing the same from the State Highway System, that the Right of Way Division is directed and authorized to record a copy of this Minute Order and the Quitclaim Deed in the records of Independence County, Arkansas; and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented to reflect the boundaries designated herein. Any Federal-Aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal-Aid funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

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Submitted By:


Assistant Chief Engineer - Design

Approved:

Director 

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Six

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County: Pulaski

Category: Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property identified as Job No. 006456, more commonly known as "Access Road Project No. RD-1" in Pulaski County, Arkansas, by Court Order dated July 29, 1954, and being recorded in County Court Records of Pulaski County, Arkansas in Book 60, Page 130; and

WHEREAS, the District Six Engineer has determined that the area proposed for release of the existing right of way is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes and recommends that this area of the right of way be declared surplus property and the Court Order be revised by this Minute Order as more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission's interest in the right of way shown in Exhibit A is hereby released; that the Right of Way Division is authorized and directed to record a copy of this Minute Order in the records of Pulaski County; and, that the right of way shall, if necessary, be remonumented to reflect the new boundaries after the release of the above-designated area. Any Federal-Aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal-Aid funds or otherwise credited as provided by Federal law.

Minute Order 9

SURPLUS PROPERTY

PULASKI CO.

Approved:

_____ Chairman

_____ Vice-Chairman

_____ Member

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Submitted By:

_____ Assistant Chief Engineer - Design

Approved:

_____ Director

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Minute Order 10

PARTNERING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF GREENLAND

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

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District: Four
County: Washington
Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF GREENLAND, local officials have requested to partner with the Department to make improvements to the frontage roads in the City of Greenland; and

WHEREAS, the City has offered to accept ownership and maintenance responsibility for both frontage roads (Lillie Lane and Campbell), as shown on the attached sketch; and

WHEREAS, the Department will perform pavement preservation before transferring ownership to the City; and

WHEREAS, in turn, the Department will accept ownership and maintenance responsibility for 0.07 miles of Wilson Street from Northwest Campbell to Highway 265, as shown on the attached sketch, and perform any necessary improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with the City of Greenland to proceed with the proposed improvements.

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Submitted By:

Keli Wythe

Assistant Chief Engineer - Program Delivery

Approved:

Director
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MINUTE ORDER

District: Five
County: Cleburne
Category: Miscellaneous

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WHEREAS, IN CLEBURNE COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF HEBER SPRINGS, local officials have requested to partner with the Department to make drainage improvements on a portion of Highway 110; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to handle phases of the drainage improvement project; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested that the Department reimburse the City actual costs of the drainage improvement work within the Department's right of way, up to \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have offered to accept ownership and maintenance responsibilities for various state highways to offset the costs associated with the proposed drainage improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with the City of Heber Springs and Cleburne County to make funding available for this project.

FURTHERMORE, upon official notification by the Chief Engineer – Preconstruction, the following changes will be made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

- Highway 210, Section 0 is to be removed from the State Highway System.
- The portion of Highway 110, Section 5 beginning at the intersection of Highway 107, Section 6 and continuing west to the end of state maintenance is to be removed from the State Highway System.

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Submitted By:

Assistant Chief Engineer - Program Delivery

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PARTNERING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HEBER SPRINGS

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Minute Order 12

HIGHWAY SYSTEM CHANGES IN THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

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District: Eight
County: Johnson
Category: Highway System

WHEREAS, IN JOHNSON COUNTY, the City of Clarksville has requested that a portion of the Interstate 40 Frontage Road, known locally as Taylor Road, be transferred to the City Street System; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarksville has passed Resolution No. 2025-1130, agreeing to accept ownership of this portion of Taylor Road in accordance with the Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-65-109.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon official notification by the Chief Engineer – Preconstruction, the portion of the Interstate 40 Frontage Road, known locally as Taylor Road as shown on the attached sketch is hereby removed from the State Highway System.

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Submitted By:



Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Four
County: Sebastian
Category: Miscellaneous

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WHEREAS, In compliance with A.C.A. § 27-51-1301 and Minute Order 3423, dated September 30, 1959, angle parking may be permitted along a highway based on an engineering and traffic investigation if the roadway is of sufficient width without interfering with the free movement of traffic; and

WHEREAS, angle parking exists along Garrison Avenue (Highway 22), from 3rd Street to 13th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith has requested to close a driveway access at 1121 Garrison Avenue (Highway 22), and convert the space into additional angle parking; and

WHEREAS, The Arkansas Department of Transportation completed an engineering and traffic investigation and determined that the additional requested angle parking along Garrison Avenue would not restrict the normal flow of traffic and would help support the economy of this historic Fort Smith business corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to permit the City's installation of new angle parking spaces along Garrison Avenue as requested, in accordance with the Commission Policy.

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

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Member

Submitted By:


Assistant Chief Engineer - Maintenance

Approved:

Director
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Minute Order 13

ANGLED PARKING ON GARRISON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH

MINUTE ORDER

District: Four and Nine

County: Washington and Madison

Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 412 from east of Springdale in Washington County to Huntsville in Madison County was constructed as a four-lane divided highway facility; and

WHEREAS, most of this 17-mile segment of the highway has partial control of access; and

WHEREAS, the 6.5-mile section from east of Nob Hill to west of Highway 45 near Hindsville is uncontrolled as indicated on the attached sketch; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the safety and mobility of this high priority corridor, it is recommended to convert the existing uncontrolled portion of U.S. Highway 412 to partial control of access.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to proceed with appraisals, negotiations and acquisition of access rights from affected properties to implement partial control of access as funds become available.

Minute Order 14
PARTIAL CONTROL OF
ACCESS ON U.S. HWY. 412
WASHINGTON AND
MADISON COUNTIES

Approved:

- Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Member
Member
Member

Submitted By:

Assistant Chief Engineer - Design

Approved:

Director

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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District: Ten
County: Craighead, Mississippi, and Poinsett
Category: Miscellaneous

WHEREAS, IN CRAIGHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, AND POINSETT COUNTIES, local officials and community leaders have requested a study to determine the need for and feasibility of a direct highway connection between Jonesboro and Osceola in Craighead and Mississippi Counties, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the proposed connection would enhance regional connectivity between Jonesboro, the major economic hub of Northeast Arkansas, and the Osceola area, one of the top steel producing regions in the country.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to conduct a planning study to determine the need for and feasibility of a highway connection from Jonesboro to Osceola.

Minute Order 15

HIGHWAY CONNECTION STUDY FROM JONESBORO TO OSCEOLA

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

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Submitted By:



Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning

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Director

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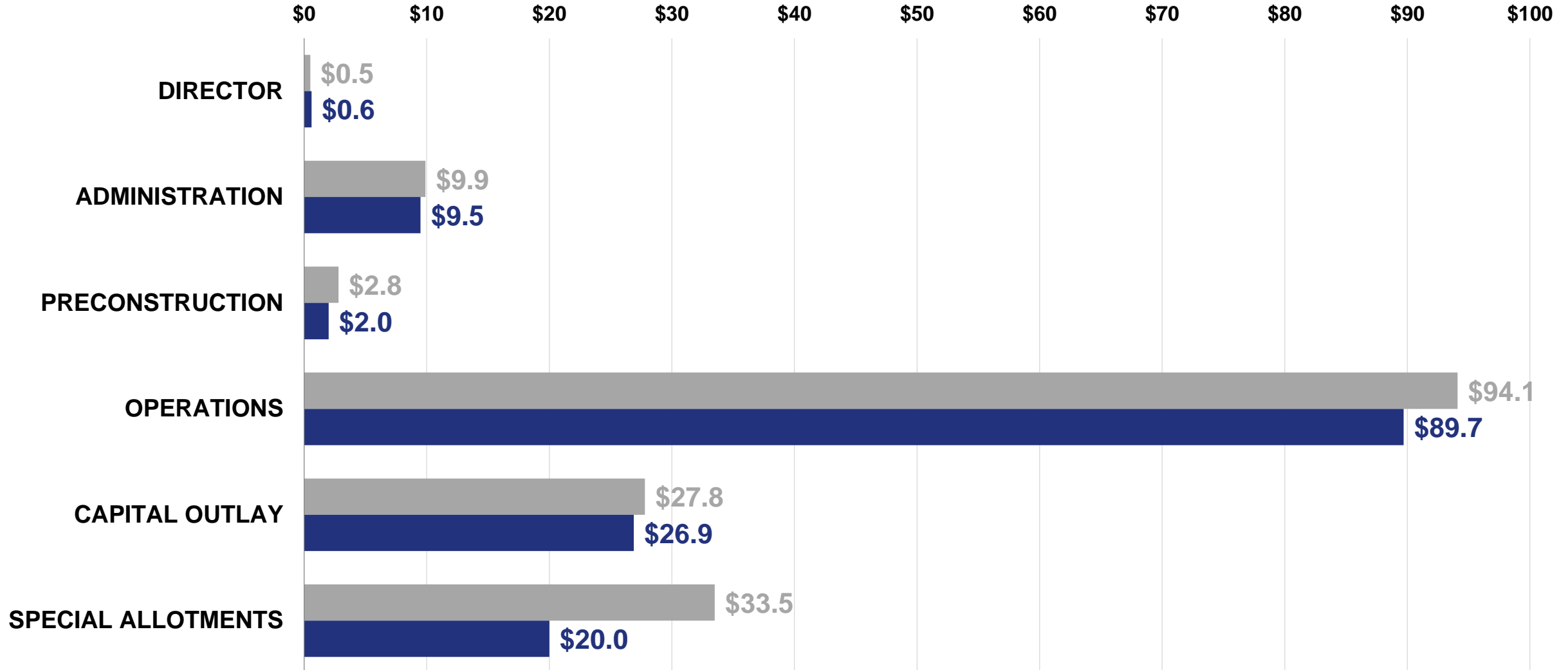
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State Highway Financial Report

SFY 2025 Budgeted vs. Actual Expenses – By Budget Category

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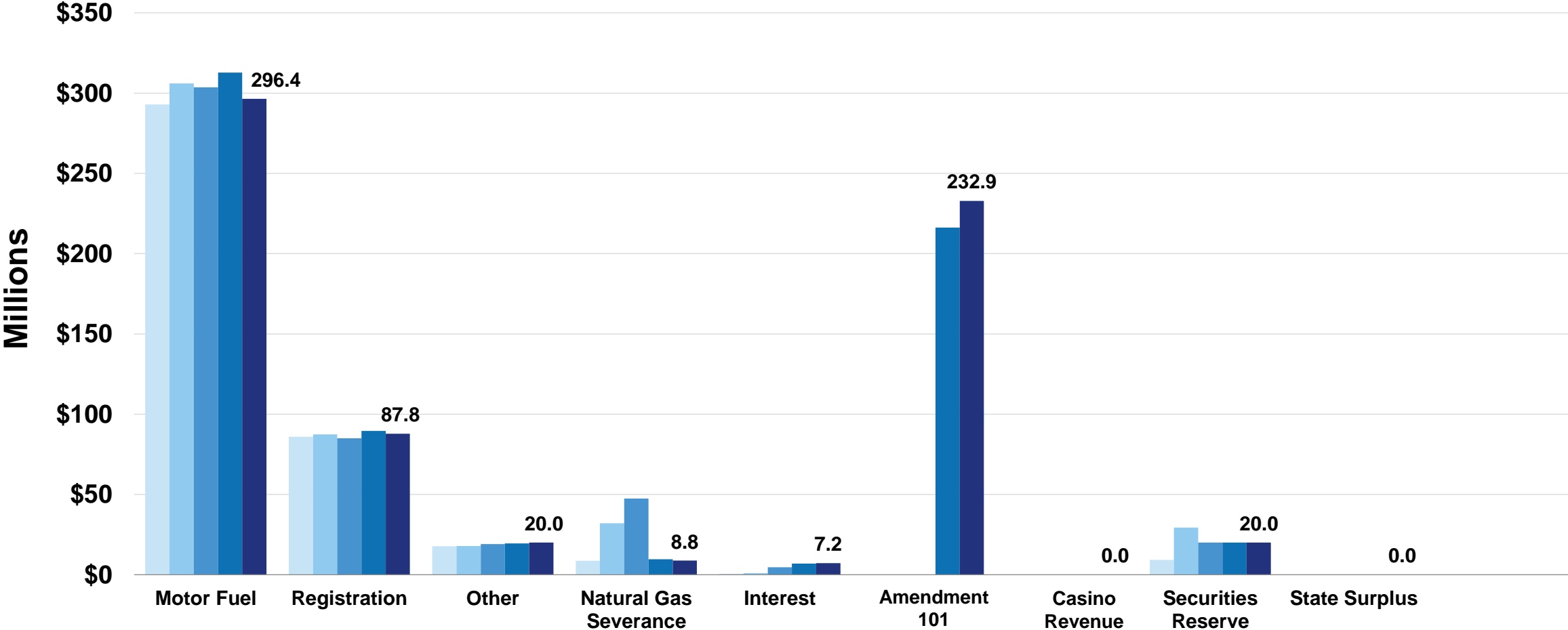
■ BUDGETED - \$168.6
■ ACTUAL - \$148.6
(MILLIONS)



Actual Revenue – 5 Year Trends Through **APRIL**

- SFY 2021
- SFY 2022
- SFY 2023
- SFY 2024
- SFY 2025

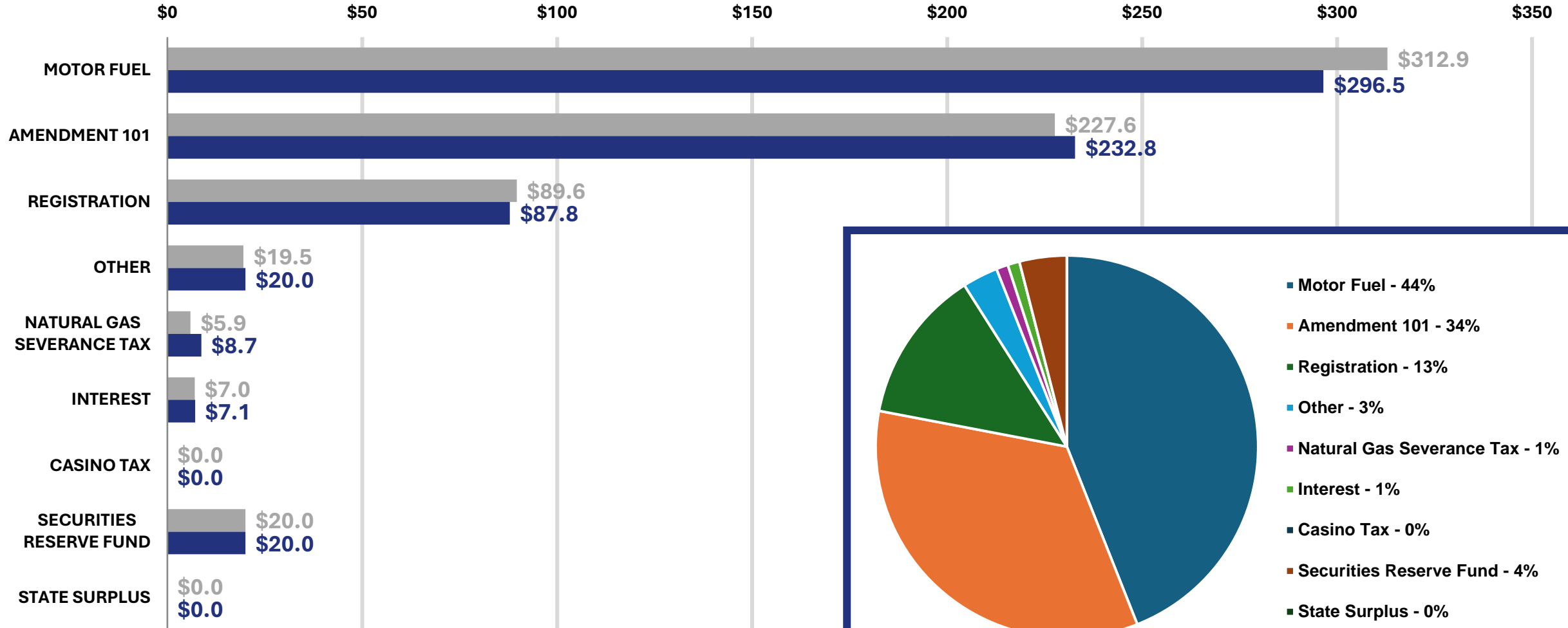
Motor Fuel and Registration Revenue includes Act 416 of 2019



SFY 2025 Budgeted vs. Actual Revenue

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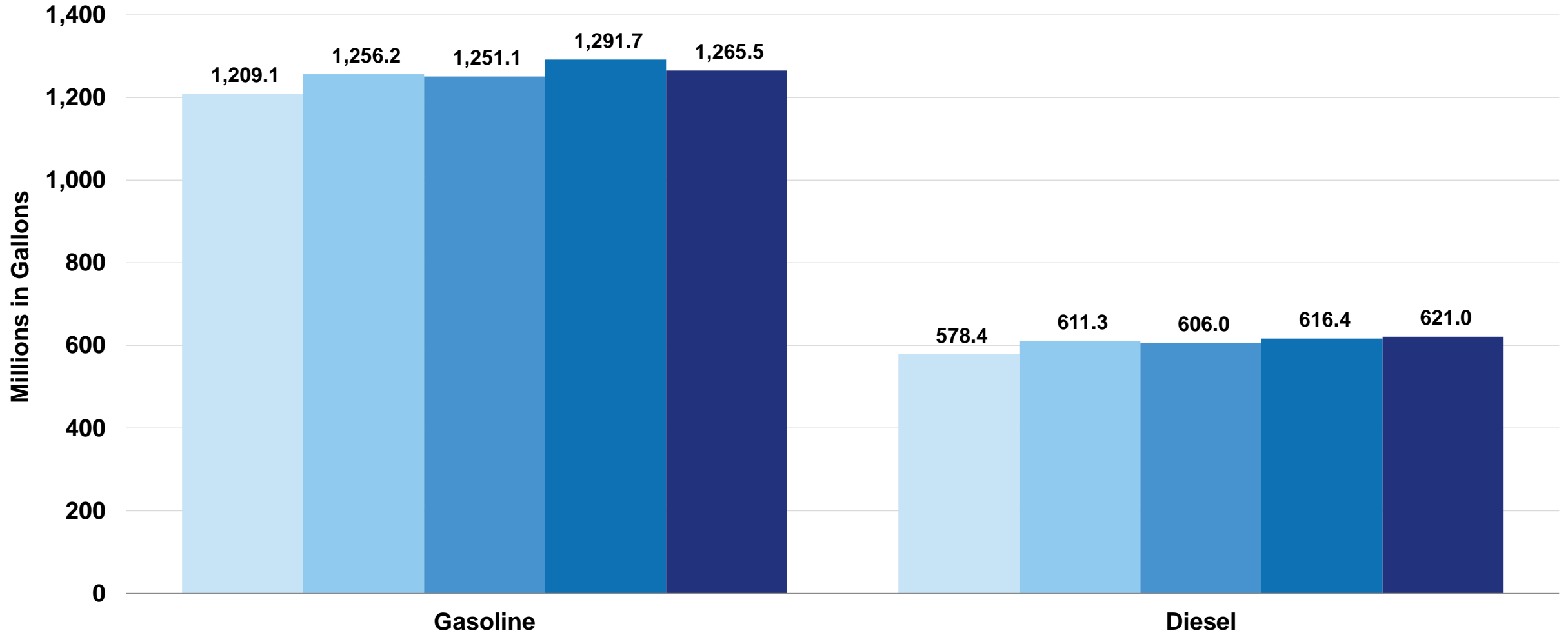
■ BUDGETED - \$682.5
 ■ ACTUAL - \$672.9
 (MILLIONS)



Consumption – Trends Year Over Year

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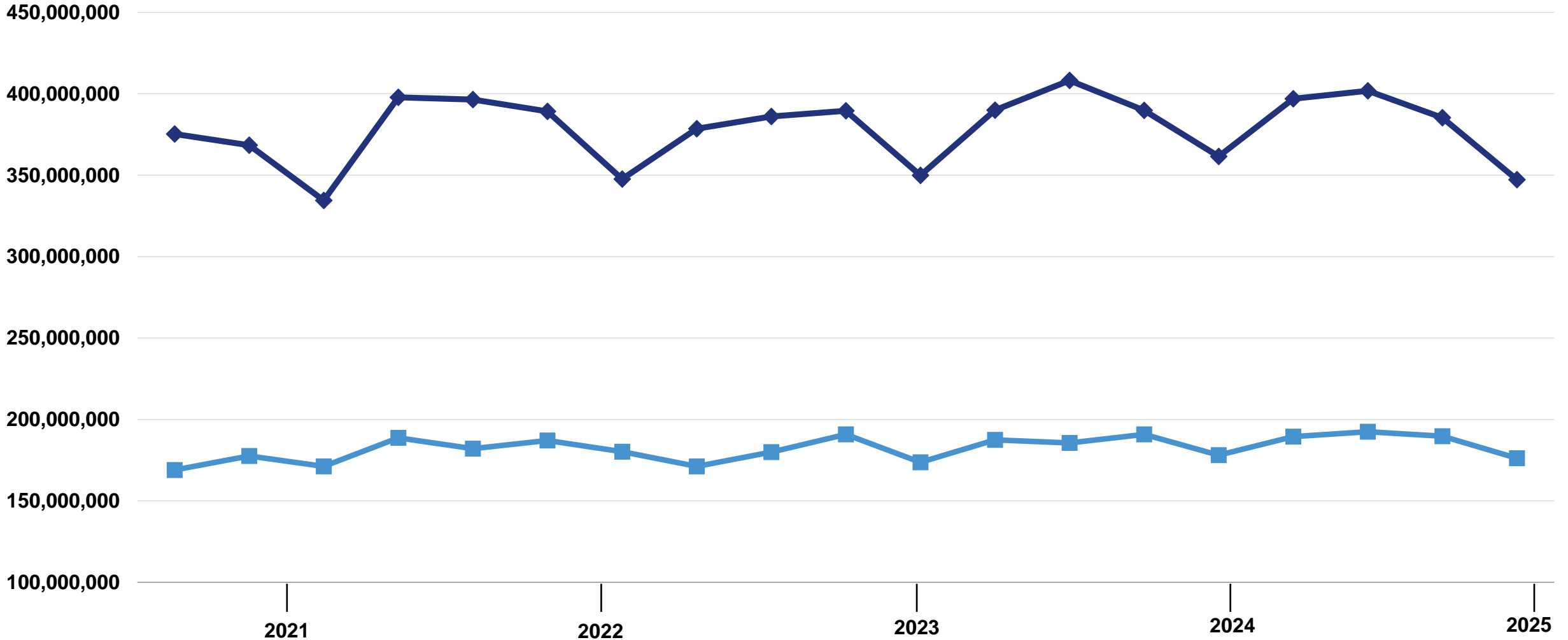
- SFY 2021
- SFY 2022
- SFY 2023
- SFY 2024
- SFY 2025



Motor Fuel Consumption – Quarterly

STATE FISCAL YEAR 21 TO PRESENT

◆ Gasoline ■ Diesel



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Updates

Federal and State Legislative Activities

Kevin Thornton, P.E.

Chief – Administration

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES



2025 Regular Session Summary

- January 13 – Session Begins
- April 16 – Consideration Ends
- May 5th – Sine Die
- August 5th – Effective Date of Bills
- 1,928 Bills and Resolutions Filed



2025 ARDOT LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Green Lights	Act 209
Amendment to Driver's Manual	Act 117
Safety for Mobile Operations	Act 327
School & Office Trailer Deregulation	Act 256
Changes to Bonding Authority	Act 217
CM-GC Changes	Act 328
Surplus Property	Act 210
Utility Relocation	Act 699
Denatured Ethanol	---

2025
**ADDITIONAL
BILLS OF
INTEREST**

**Repeals the Continued
Annual Project Review by
the Office of Internal
Audit**

Act 704

**Increases Payment to
Survivors of Public
Employees Killed in the
Line of Duty including
Highway Workers**

Act 414

IMPACTS OF TARIFFS

Areas We Evaluated

No Definitive Price Increases Have Been Observed

Benefits of Procurement Processes Currently In Place

Looking Ahead

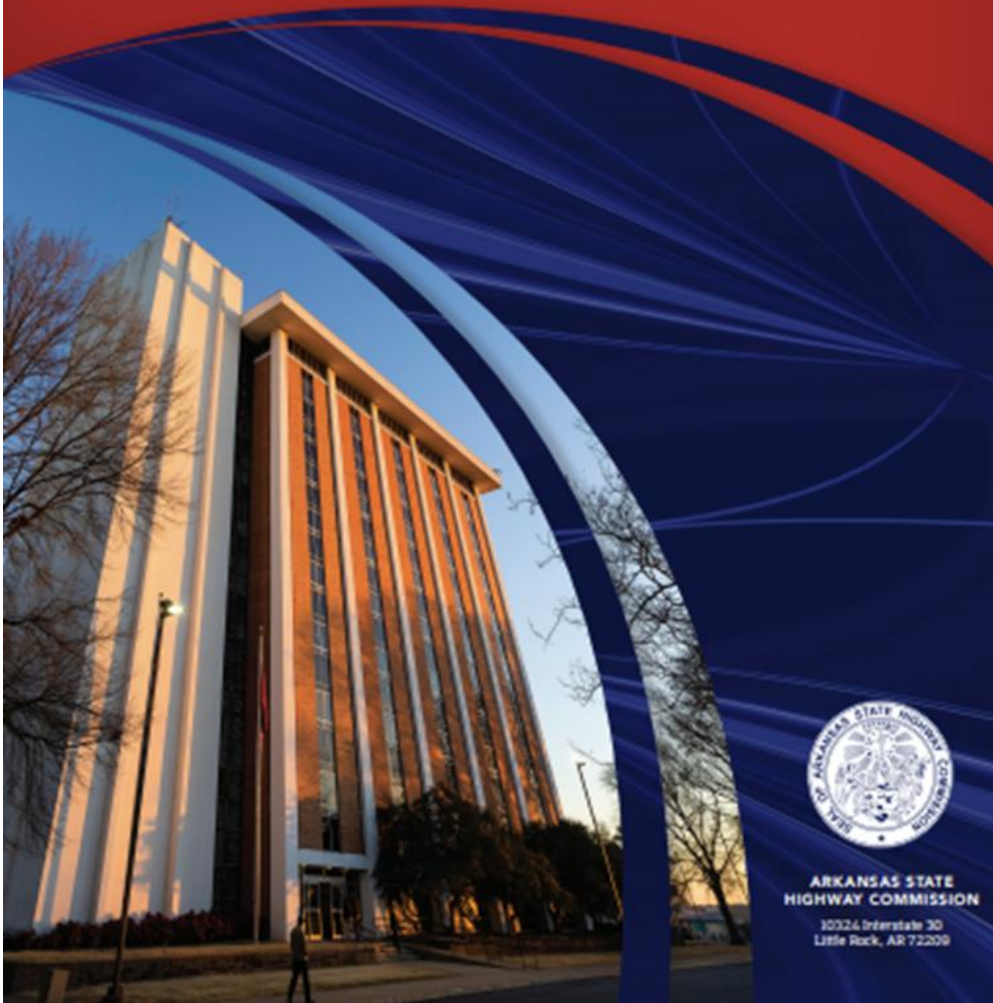


Efficiency Review Recommendation Implementation

Crystal Woods

Assistant Chief – Administration

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EFFICIENCY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS



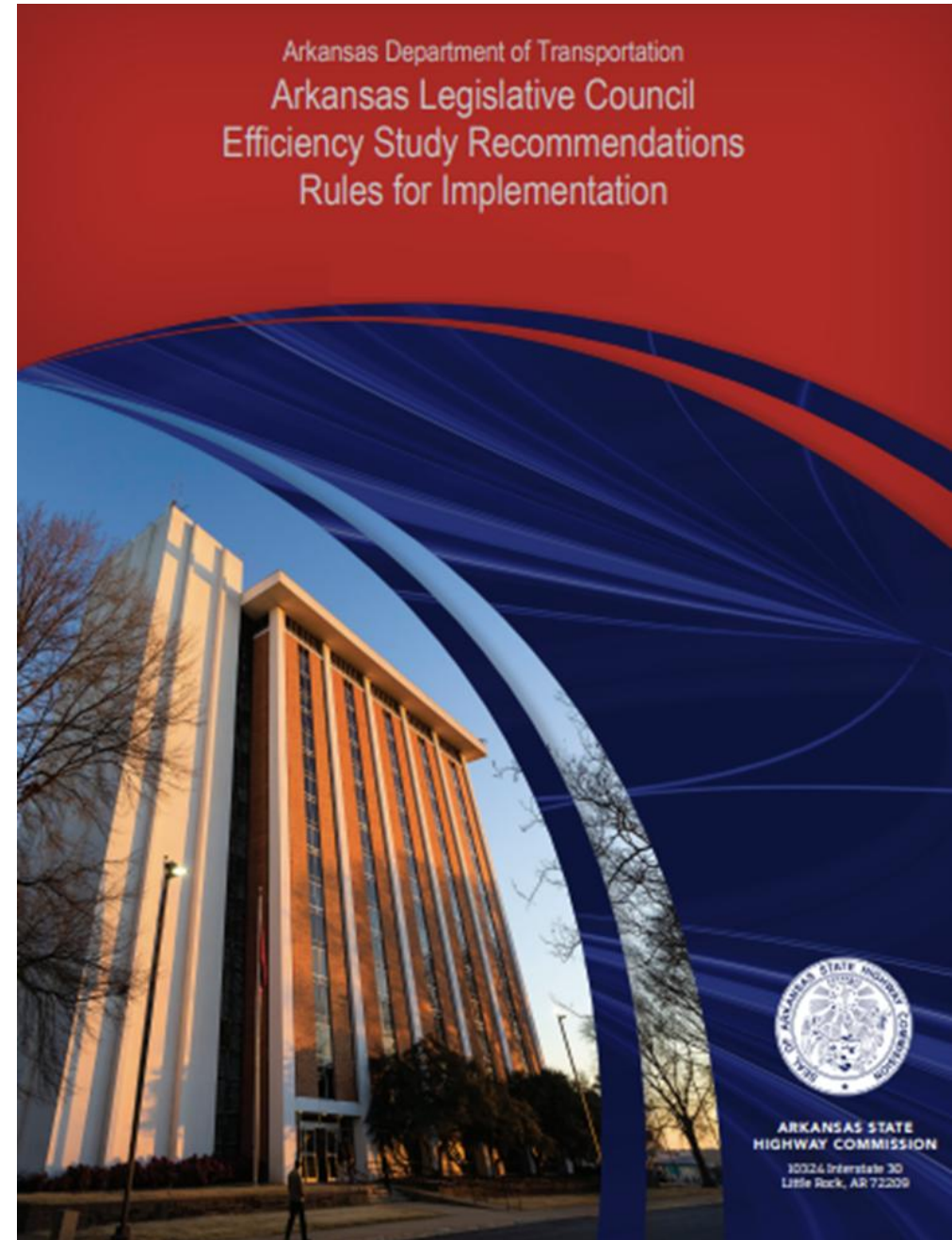
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EFFICIENCY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION #5

Implement efficiencies in procurement and purchasing

- Subcategory related to procurement of equipment and materials complete
- Subcategory related to construction projects:
 - Issued updated guidance to staff for incentive/disincentive bidding methods;
 - Finalizing change order study; and
 - If needed, will implement new/improved processes as a result of the study.



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EFFICIENCY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION #7

Implement project and portfolio management frameworks

- Subcategory related to construction projects:
 - Selected AASHTOWare Project software to provide reporting tools for project monitoring;
 - Customizing the system and training staff throughout the state; and
 - Finalizing work with Garver to publish status of construction projects on website.



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EFFICIENCY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION #7, Continued

Implement project and portfolio management frameworks

- Subcategory related to maintenance activities:
 - Selected VUEWorks Maintenance Management System to help manage maintenance efforts based on asset condition;
 - Developed user manuals and training guides, and trained staff throughout the state; and
 - Working with Garver to publish status of maintenance activities on website.



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	Number of Rules	Number of Rules Completed	Percent Complete
1 Finalize KPIs and implement performance management	7	7	100%
2 Strengthen knowledge management in anticipation of increased retirement	5	5	100%
3 Publish status of construction projects and maintenance activities	6	3	50%
4 Implement a platform that tracks all stakeholder inquiries to resolution	8	8	100%
5 Implement efficiencies in procurement and purchasing	10	8	80%
6 Implement construction contractor performance measurement	9	8	89%
7 Implement project and portfolio management frameworks	12	10	83%
8 Implement best practices in construction project design	3	2	67%
9 Build an IT Governance Structure to guide the Department's IT investments	7	7	100%
10 Implement mid-term IT initiatives that can optimize business operations	6	6	100%
11 Develop critical pillars necessary to establish IT as an effective business partner	5	5	100%
12 Ensure staff can develop in their careers at the Department	12	12	100%
13 Improve staff capabilities to align with current/future organizational needs			
Total	90	81	90%

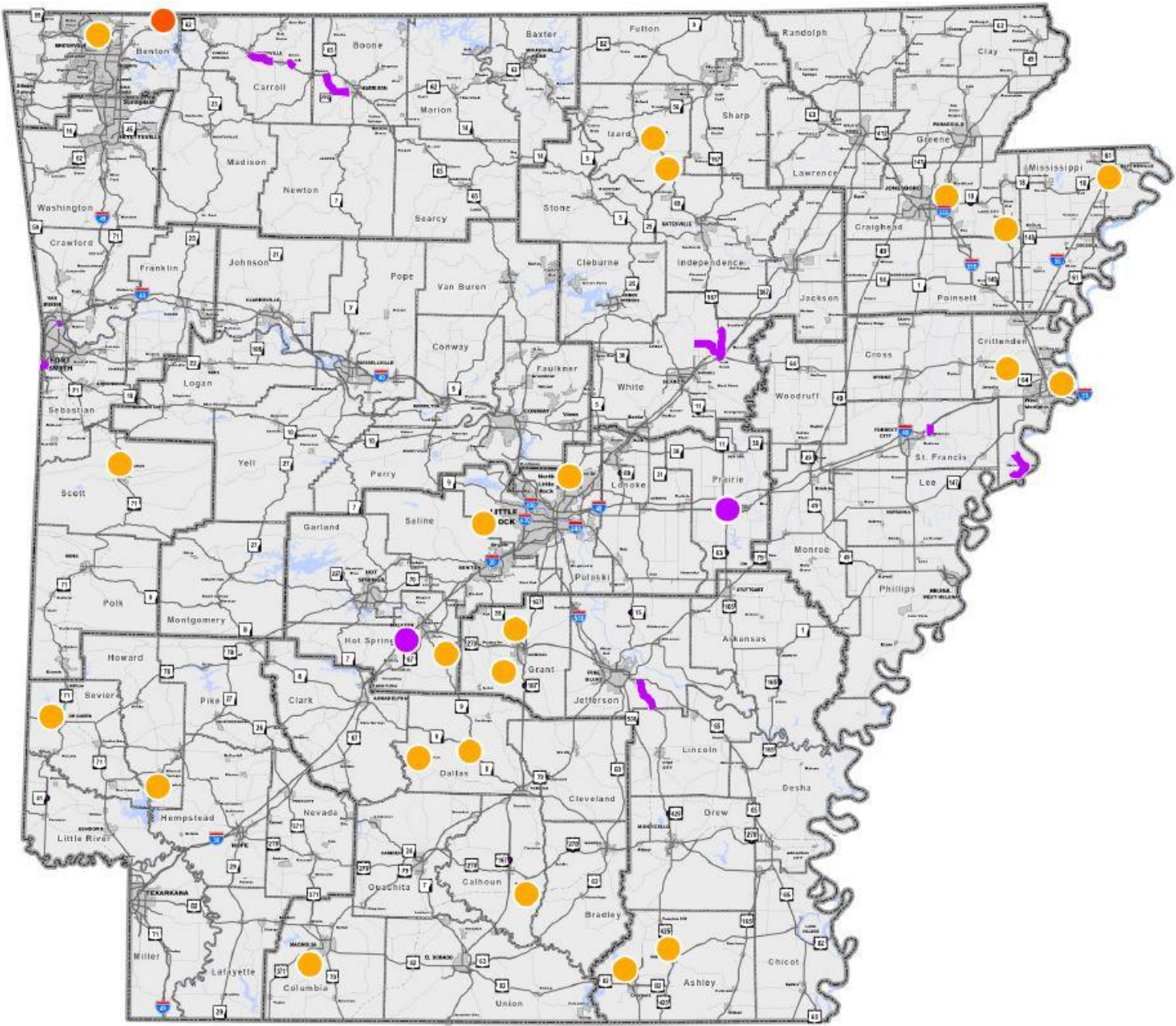
Bid Lettings

Jessie Jones, P.E.

Chief Engineer – Preconstruction

Awarded Projects

**APRIL 9, 2025
BID LETTING**



State Projects
Number of Projects Let: 9
Total Award Amount: \$29.7 M

County Projects
Number of Projects Let: 19
Total Award Amount: \$6.3 M

City Projects
Number of Projects Let: 1
Total Award Amount: \$0.3 M

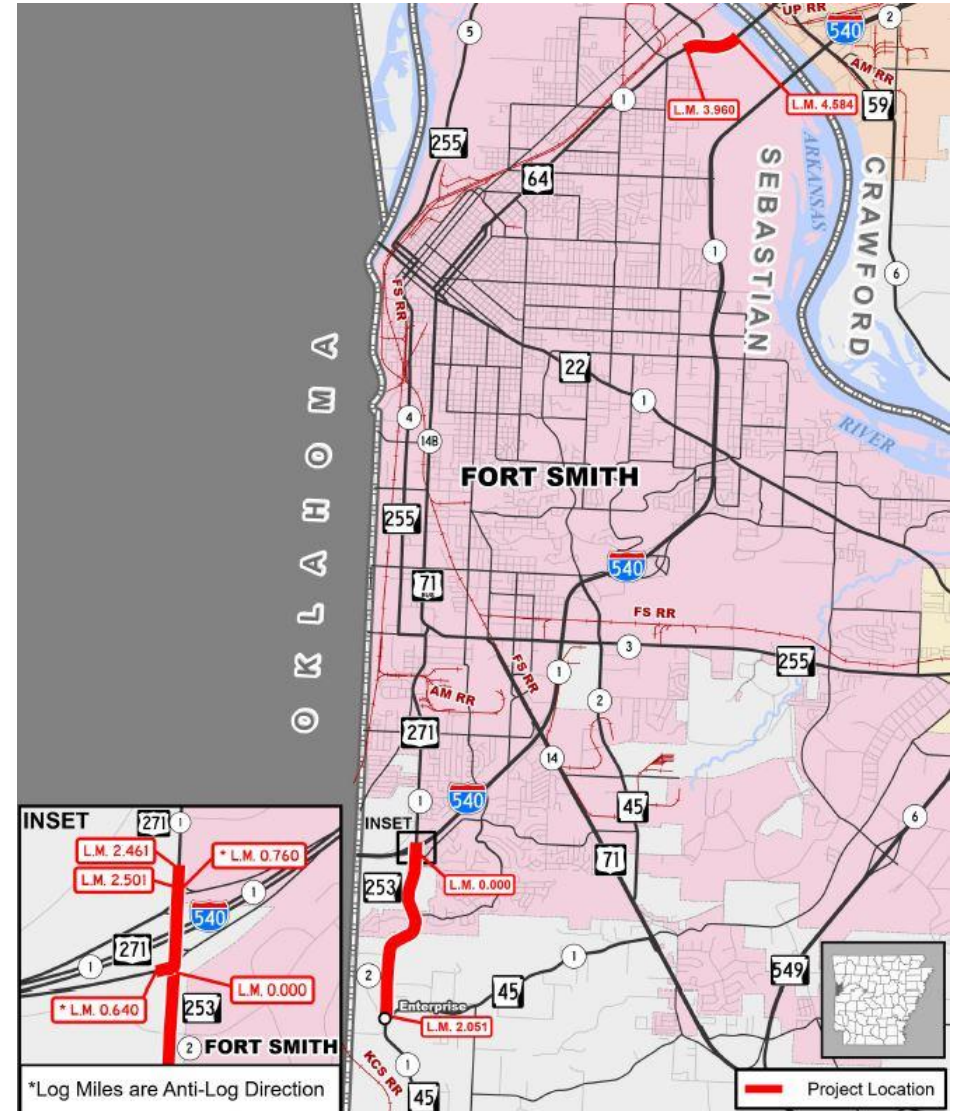
Total
Number of Projects Let: 29
Total Award Amount: \$36.3 M



Highways 64, 253 & 271

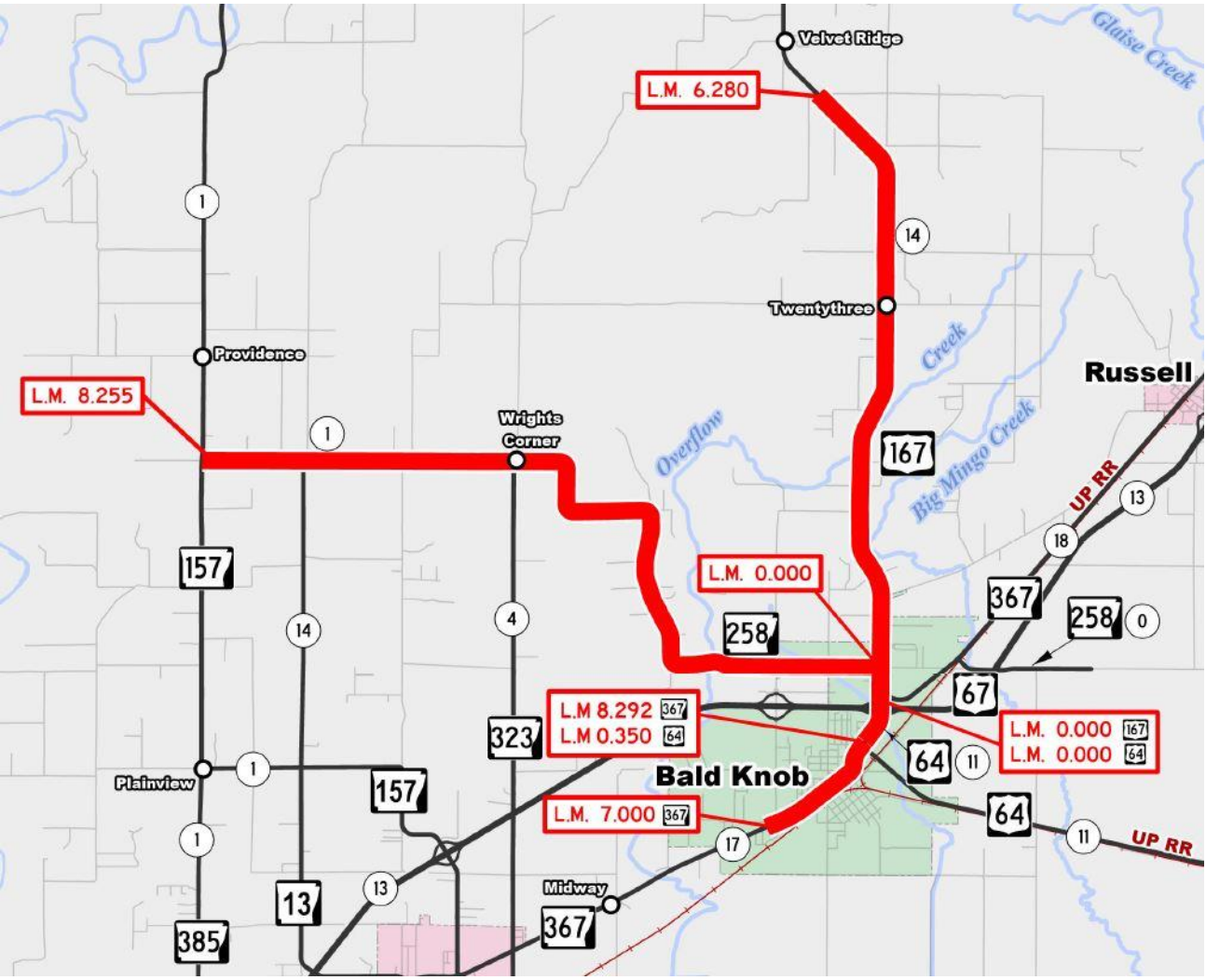
SEBASTIAN COUNTY

- 3 Miles of Pavement Preservation
- \$6.8 Million
- Duit Const. Co., Inc.
- Estimated Completion: Late 2025





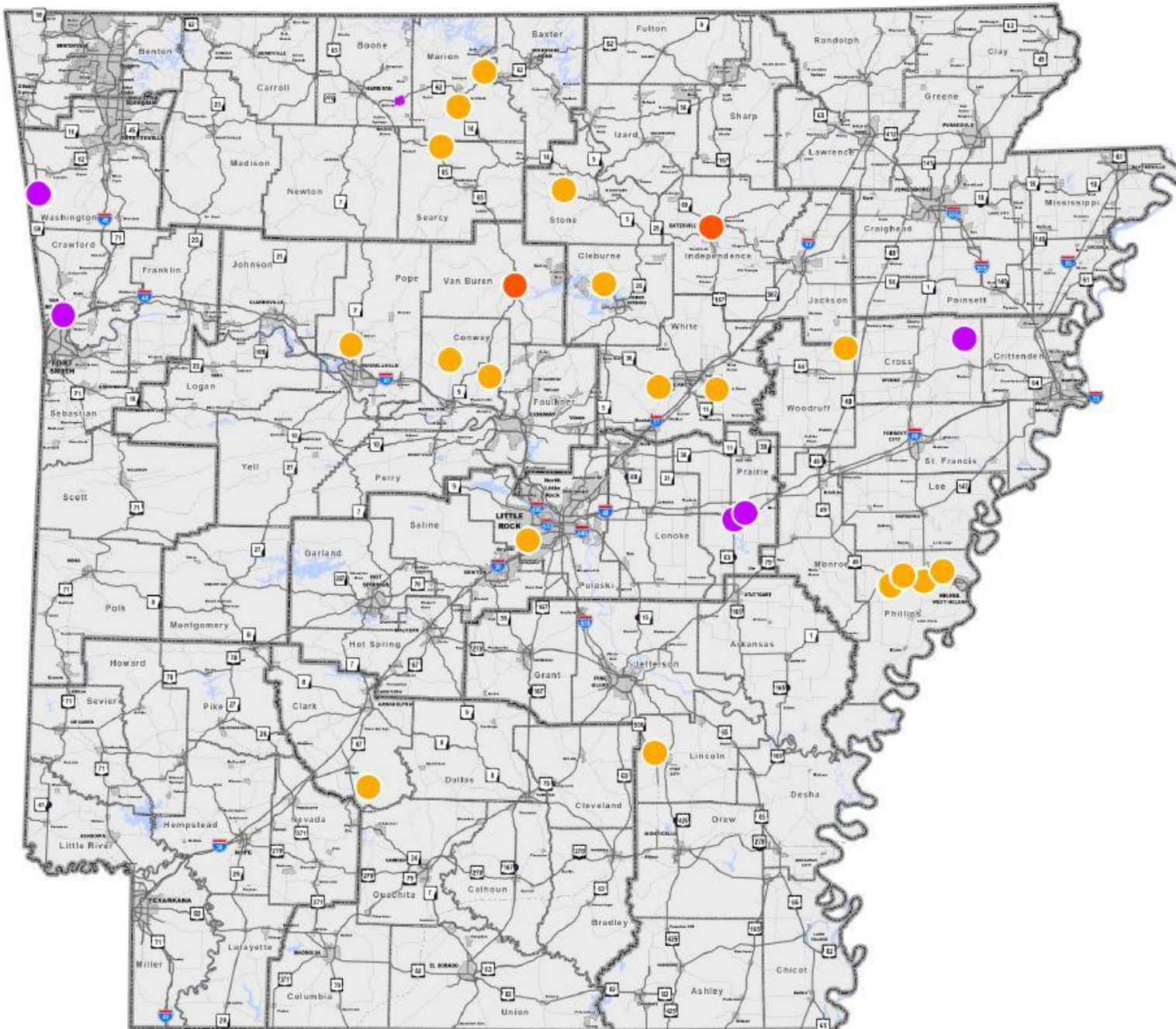
Highways 64, 167, 258 & 367 WHITE COUNTY



- 16 Miles of Pavement Preservation
- \$7.1 Million
- Atlas Asphalt, Inc.
- Estimated Completion: Late 2025

Awarded Projects

**MAY 21, 2025
BID LETTING**



State Projects
Number of Projects Let: 5
Total Award Amount: \$47.8 M

County Projects
Number of Projects Let: 14
Total Award Amount: \$3.1 M

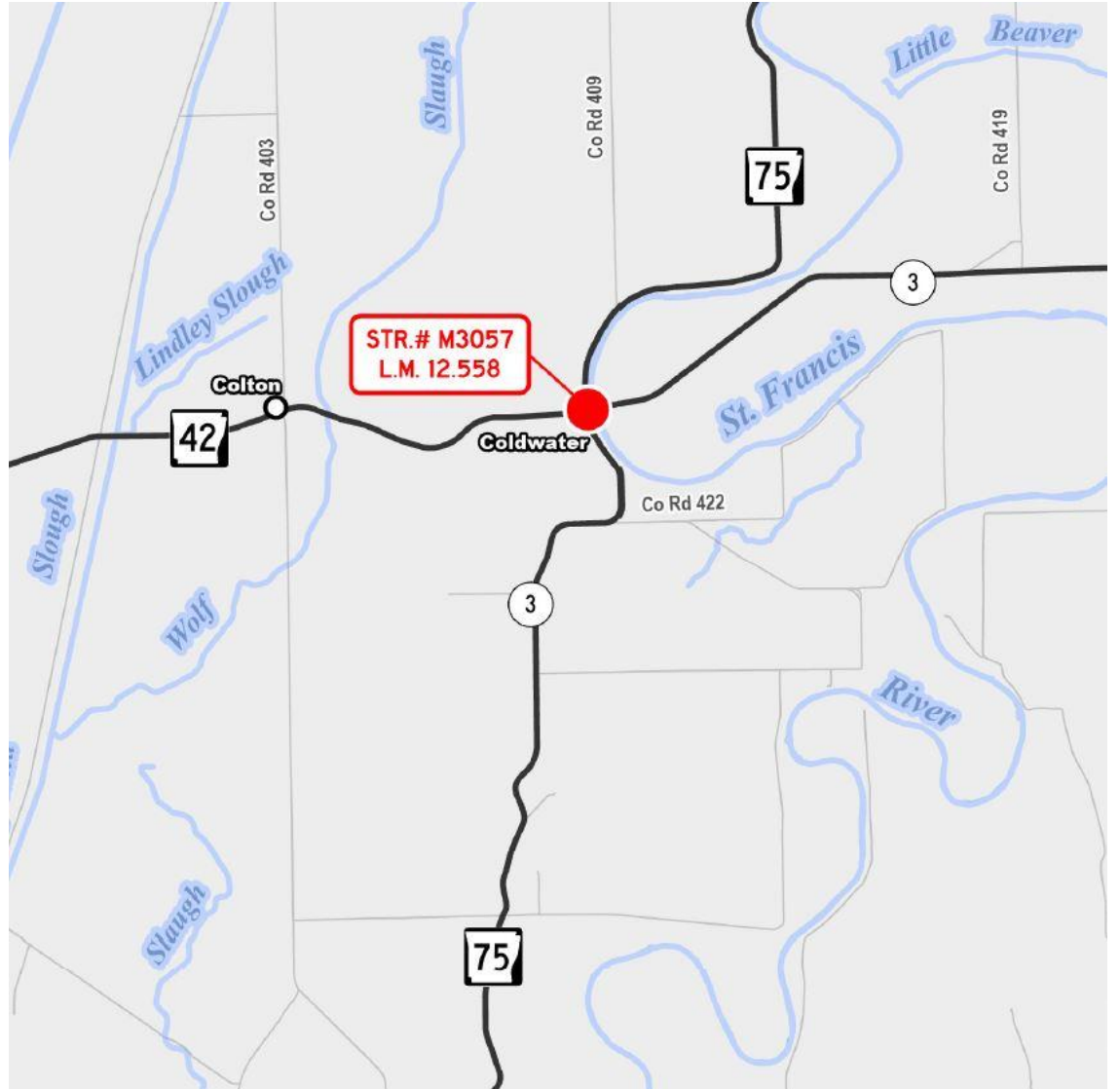
City Projects
Number of Projects Let: 2
Total Award Amount: \$4.9 M

Total
Number of Projects Let: 21
Total Award Amount: \$55.8 M



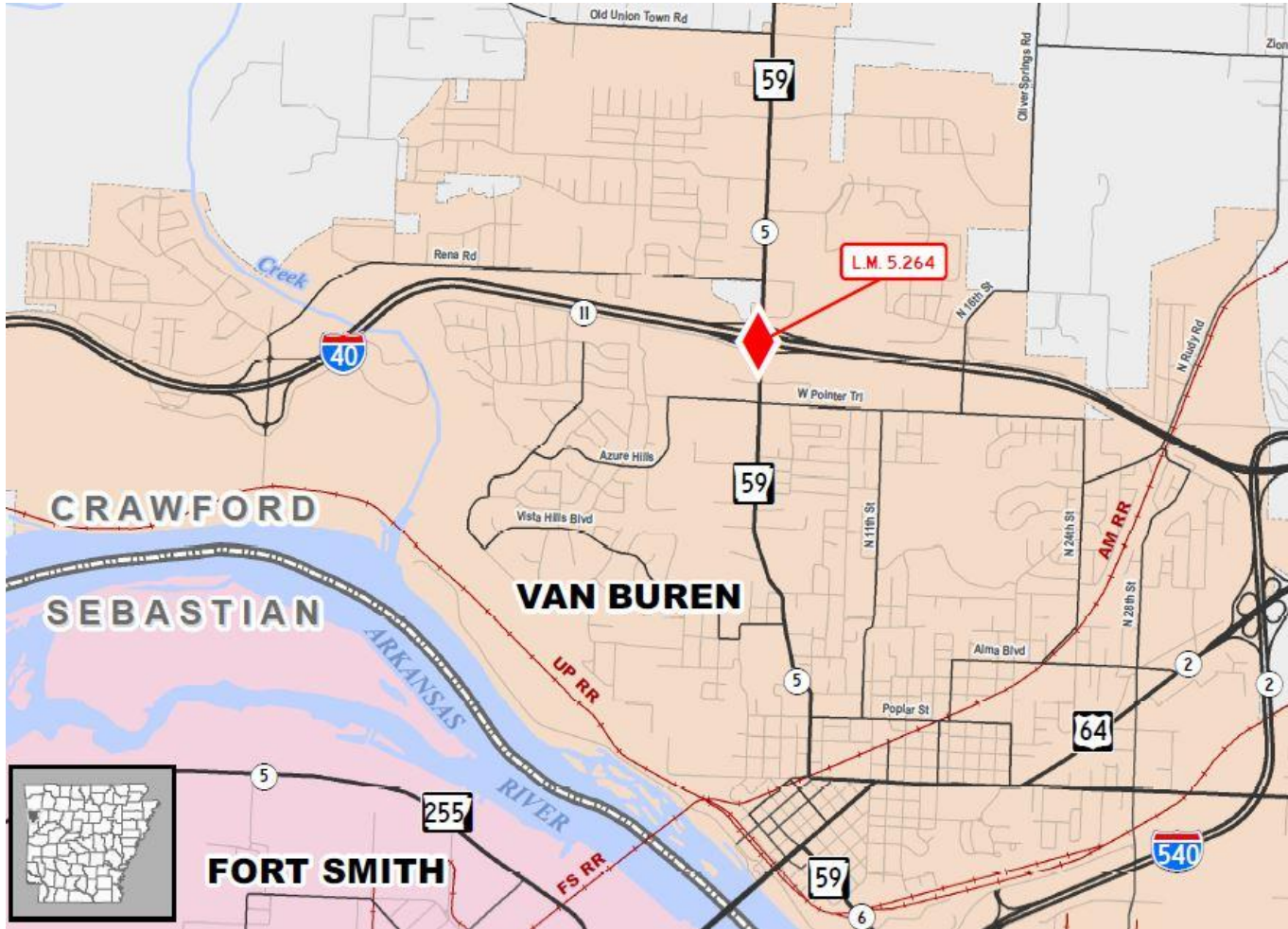
Highway 42 CROSS COUNTY

- 1 Bridge Replacement
- \$5.5 Million
- Dement Construction Co., LLC
- Estimated Completion: Late 2026





Interstate 40/Highway 59 CRAWFORD COUNTY



- Interchange Improvements
- \$14.8 Million
- Robinson Construction, LLC
- Estimated Completion: Late 2026



Highway 62 Widening

BOONE COUNTY

- 2 Miles of Major Widening
- \$11.5 Million
- McGeorge Contracting Co., Inc
- Estimated Completion: Mid-2027



Construction and Maintenance Activities

Rex Vines, P.E.

Chief Engineer – Operations



Construction Activities

SUMMARY SINCE LAST MEETING

- 253 Active Jobs Totaling \$2.7 Billion
- 20 Jobs Substantially Complete Totaling \$43 Million
- \$302 Million Paid

Construction Activities

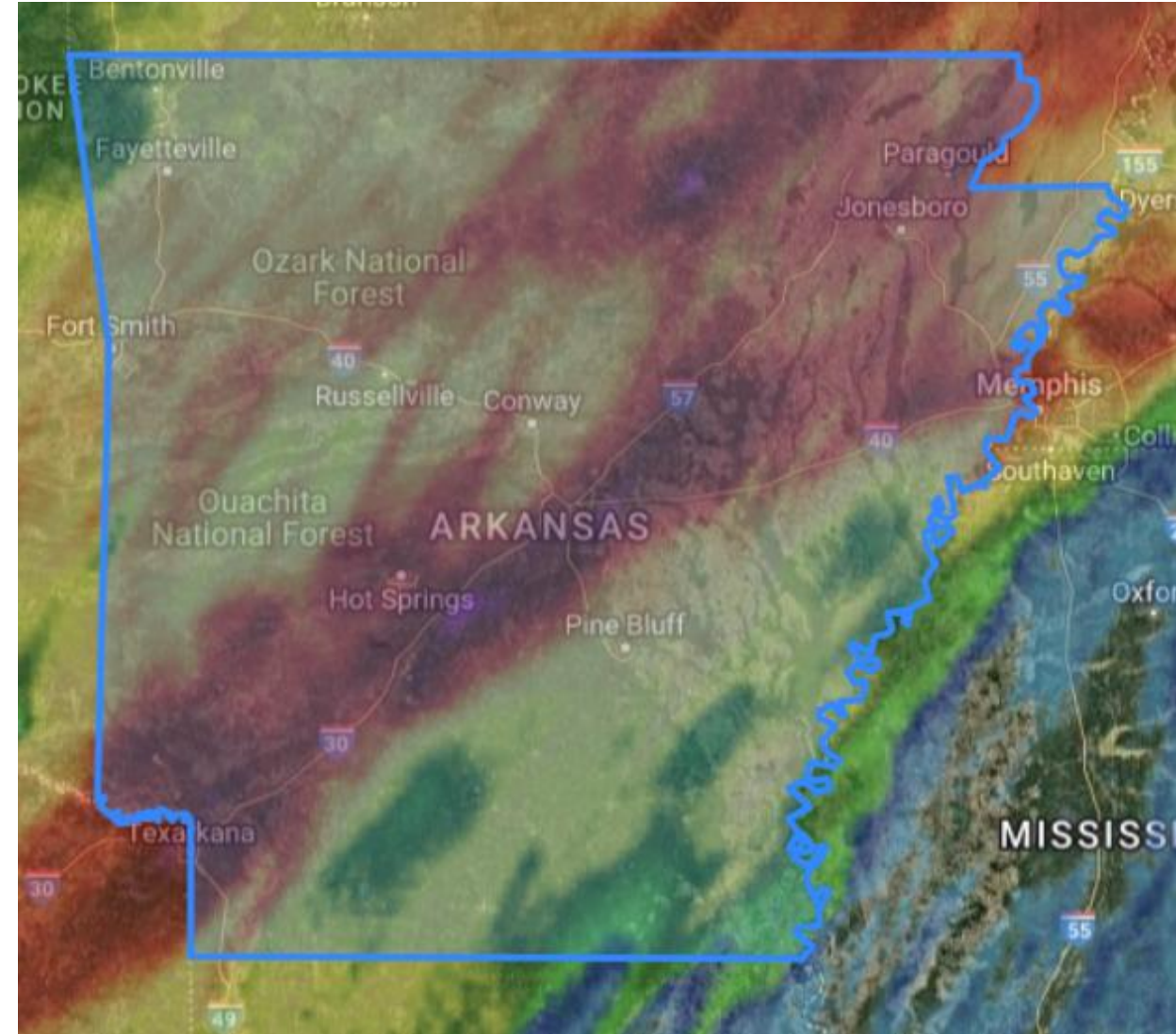
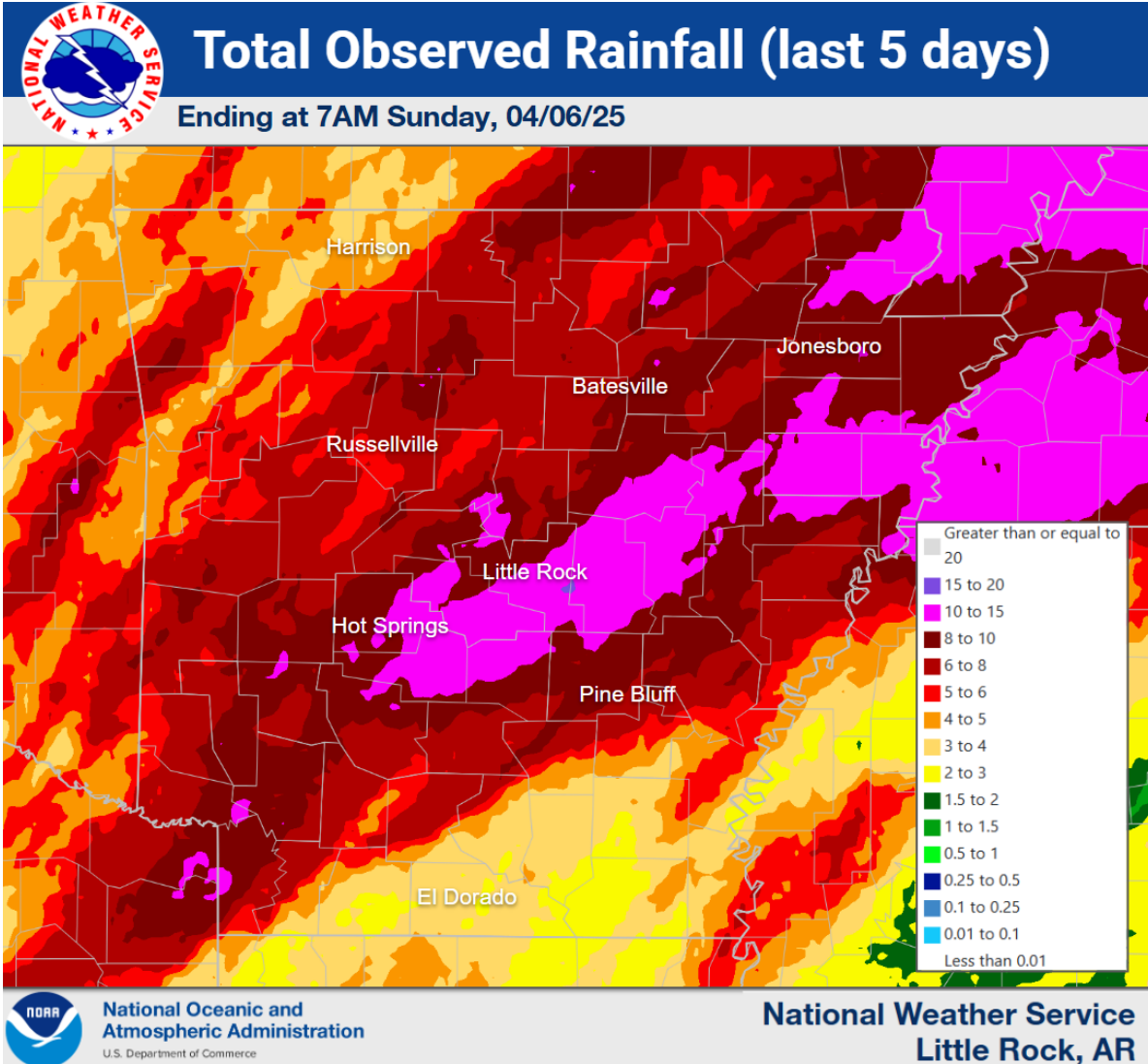
FUTURE INTERSTATE 69

- Contractor: WL Bass Construction, Inc.
- Awarded: \$61.9 Million
- Estimated Completion: Late 2027



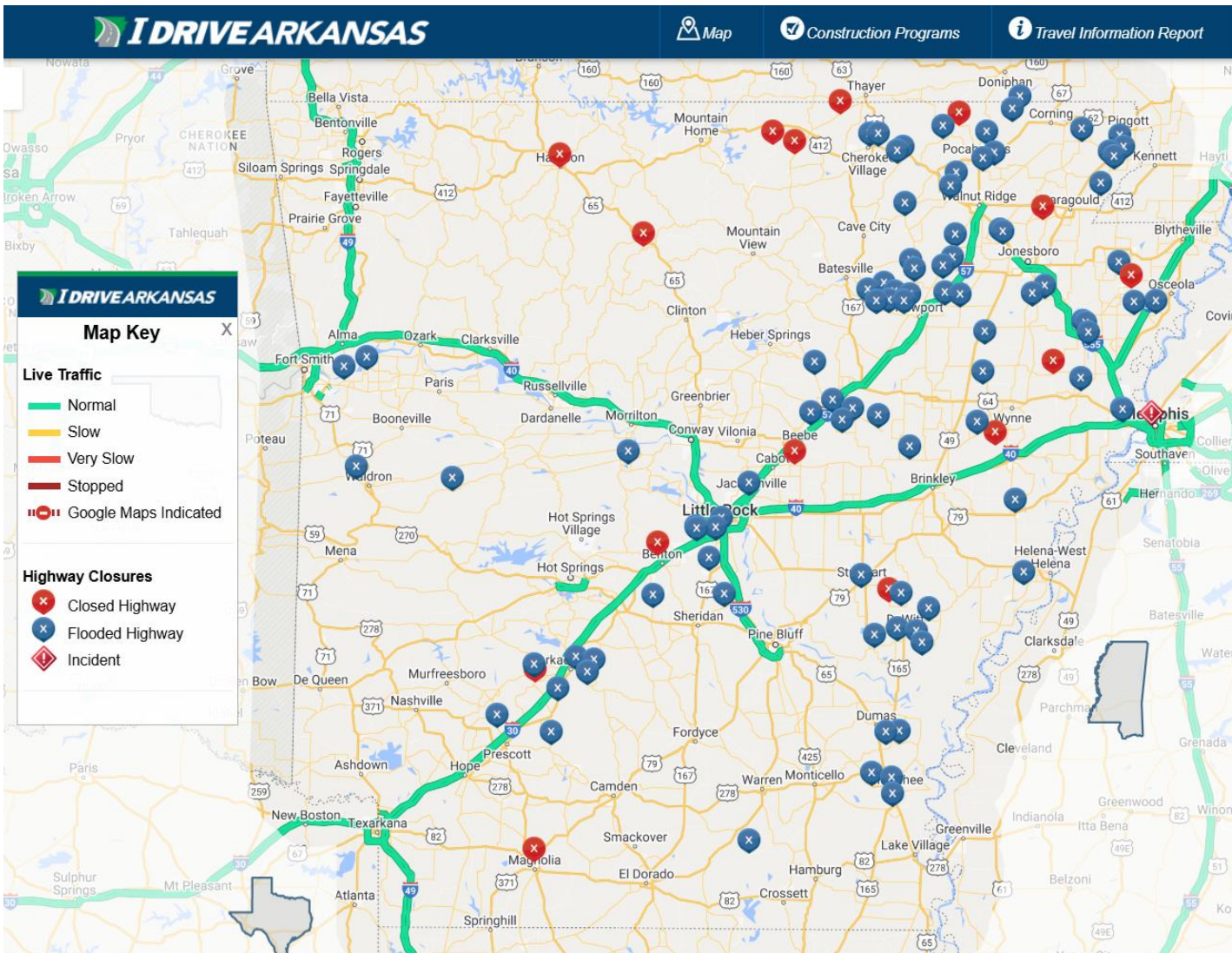
Maintenance Activities

TORNADO AND FLOOD DAMAGE



Maintenance Activities

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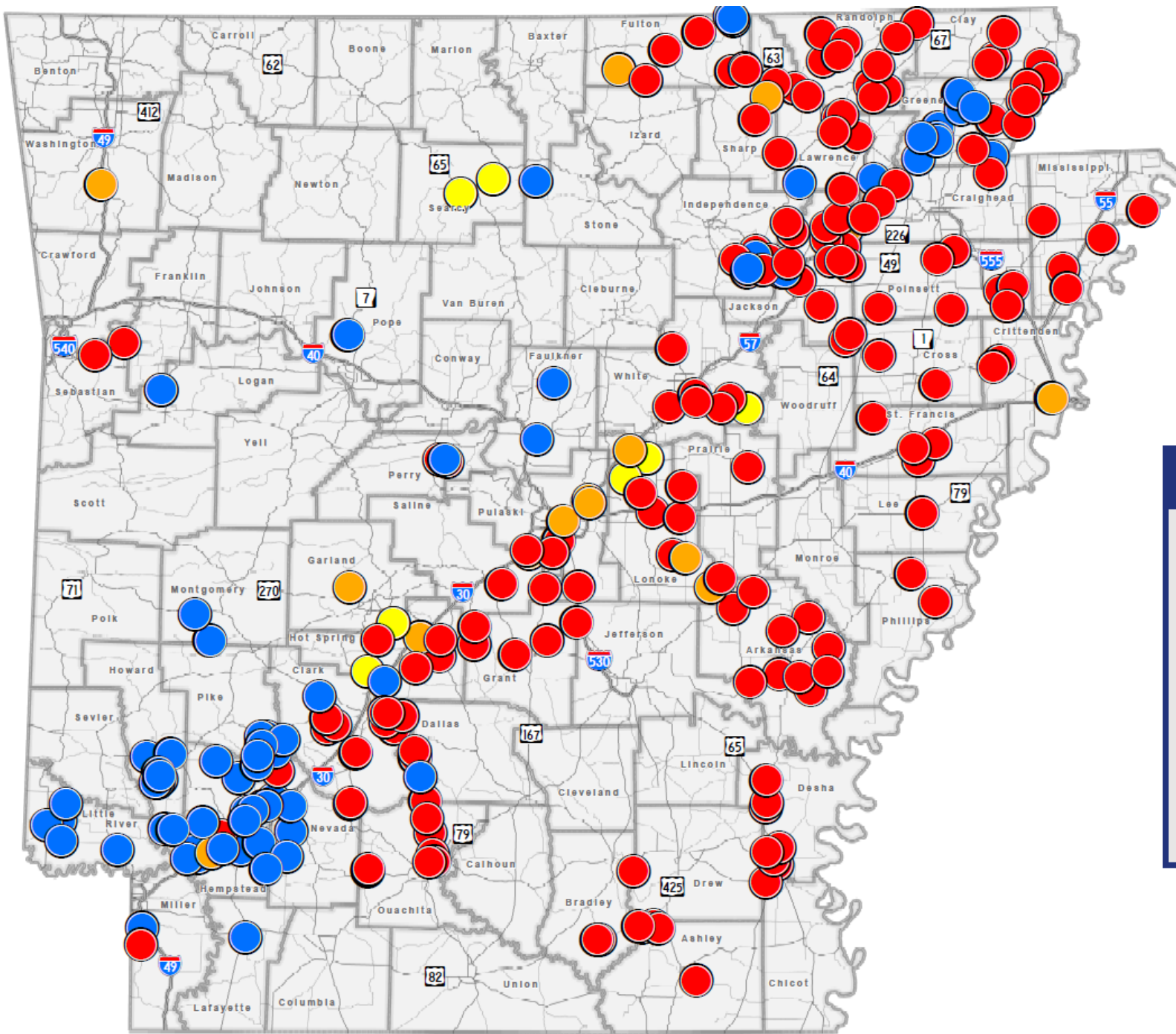


I-57 in Jacksonville

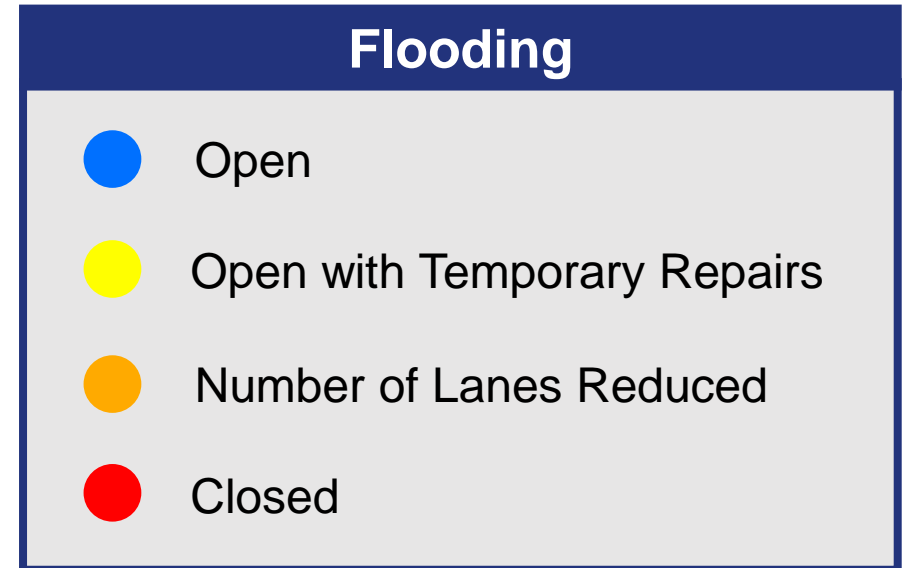


I-30 near Fulton





Highways Flooded between April 2nd & May 7th



Maintenance Activities

FLOOD DAMAGE

Hwy. 9 near Mammoth Spring



Hwy. 128 in Garland County





Maintenance Activities

FLOOD DAMAGE

Maintenance Activities

FLOOD DAMAGE | HWY. 64 NEAR EARLE



Maintenance Activities

FLOOD DAMAGE | HWY. 38 NEAR AUSTIN



Maintenance Activities

FLOOD DAMAGE

Hwy. 89 near Cabot



Hwy. 36 near Georgetown



Maintenance Activities

FLOOD DAMAGE | HWY. 51 NEAR HOLLYWOOD



Recent Department Activities

Women in STEM Conference

APRIL 11, 2025



Work Zone Awareness Week Kickoff

APRIL 21, 2025



Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association

ANNUAL CONVENTION | APRIL 30, 2025



Crossett Rotary Club

WEEKLY MEETING | MAY 8, 2025



AASHTO Spring Meeting

MAY 12-15, 2025



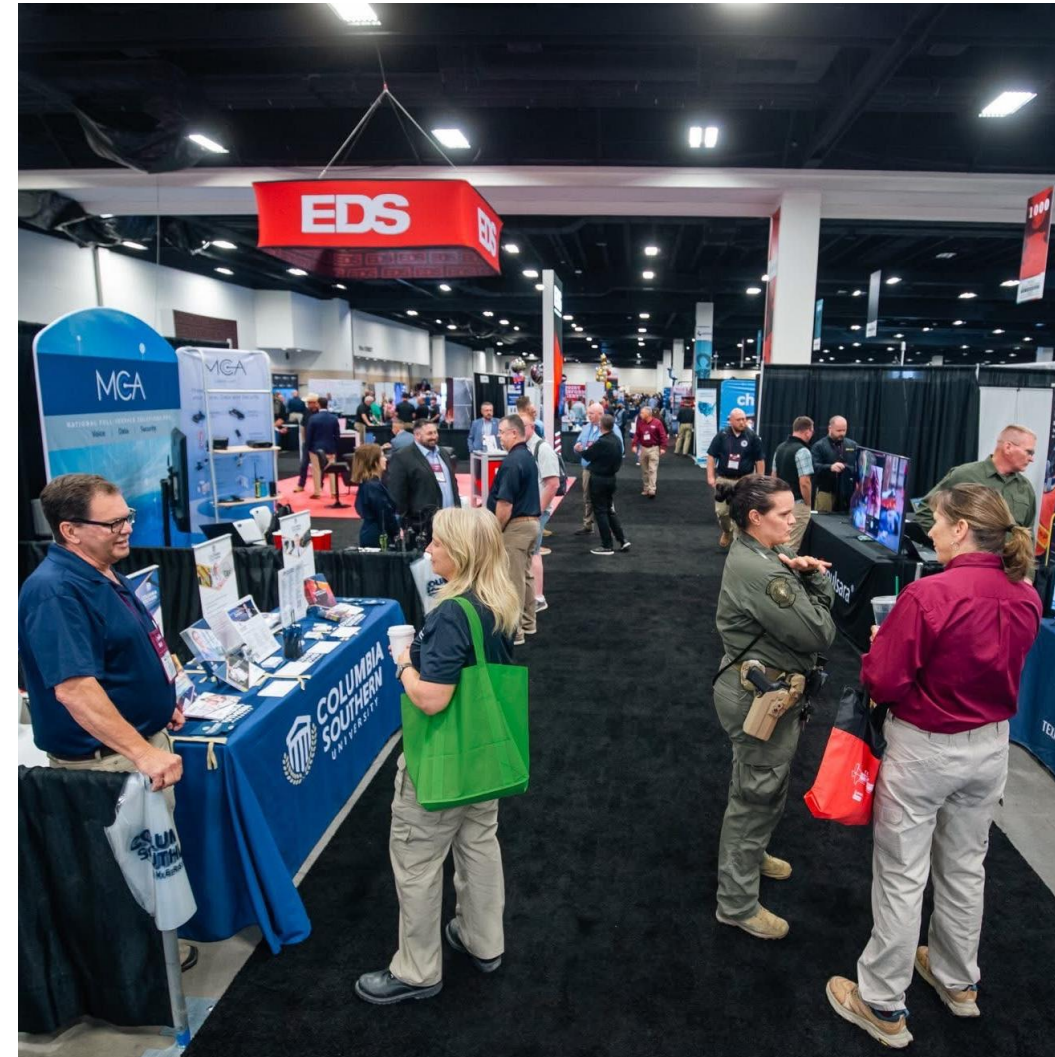
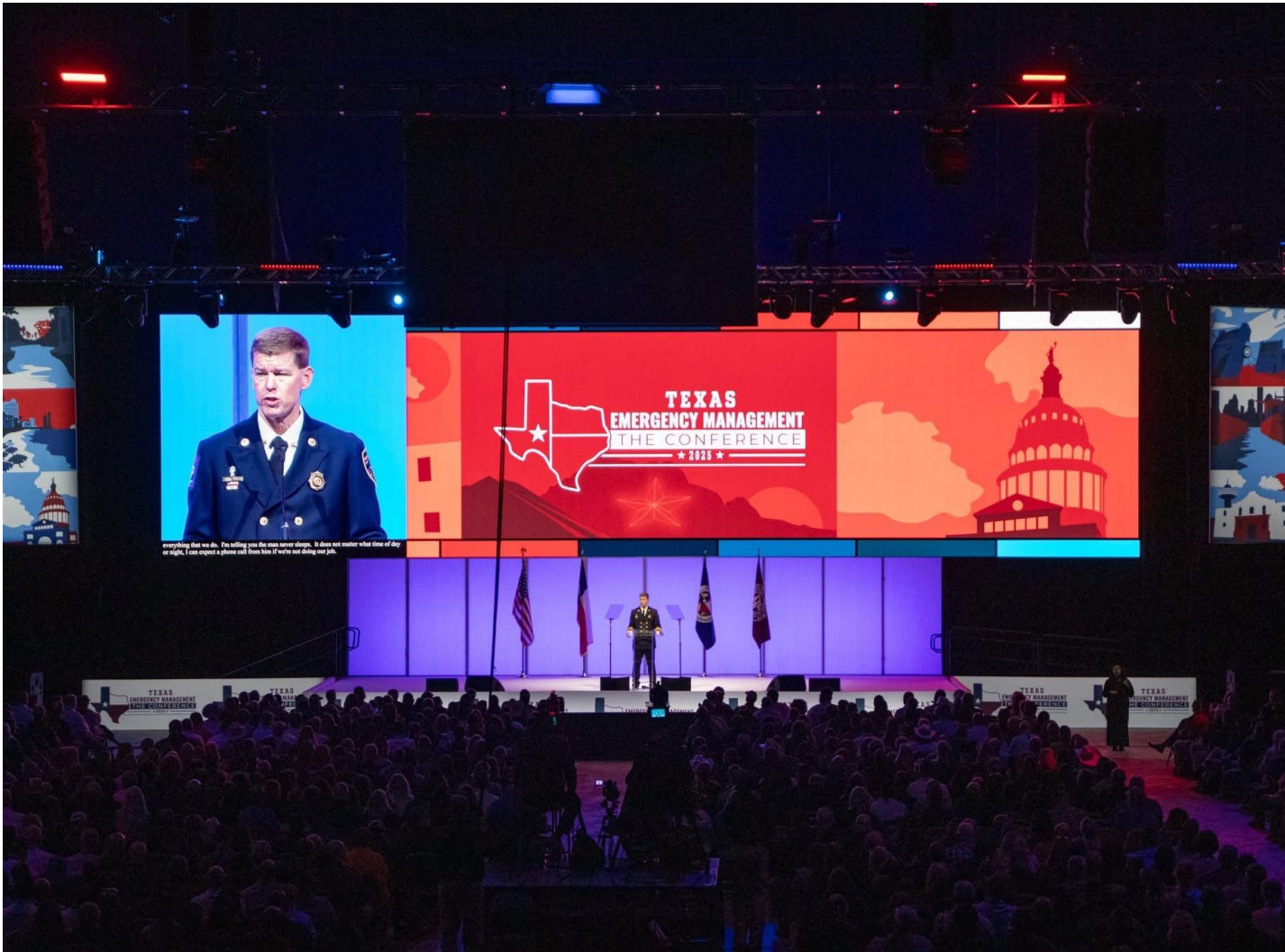
Transportation Research Board Data & AI Conference

MAY 27-29, 2025



Texas Emergency Management Annual Conference

MAY 27-30, 2025



Metroplan 70th Anniversary Celebration

JUNE 4, 2025



Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce

FIRST FRIDAY BREAKFAST | JUNE 6, 2025



Street Smart Safety Campaign

JUNE 2025



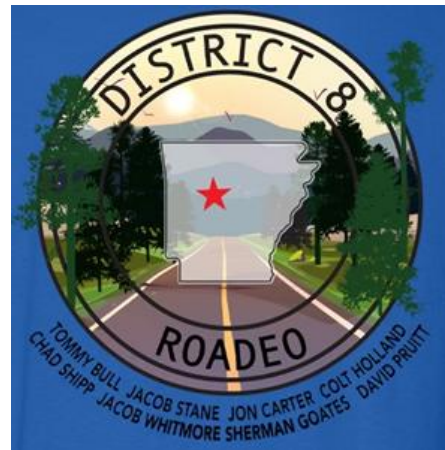
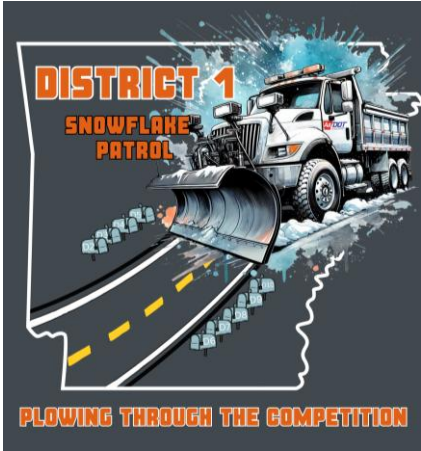
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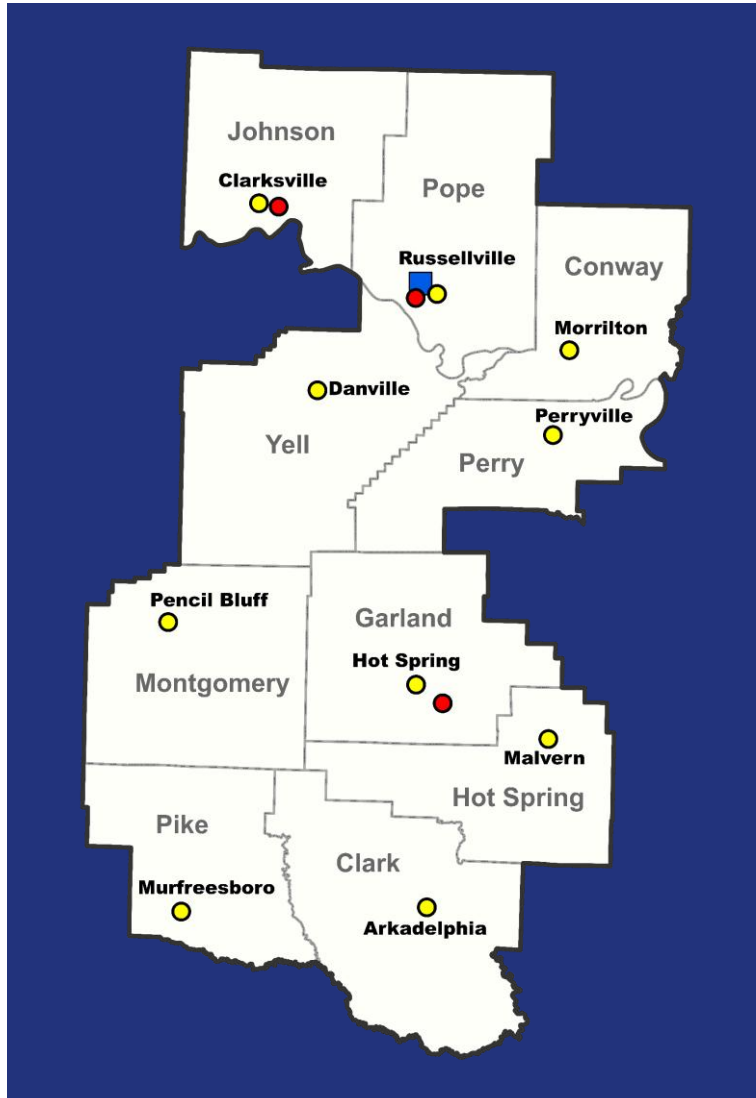
ARDOT Annual Equipment Operators Rodeo

JUNE 12, 2025



West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District

BOARD MEETING | JUNE 13, 2025



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Proposed 2025-2026

Operating Budget

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

State Fiscal Year 2026

MONTHLY REVENUE FUNDING SOURCES	BUDGETED				SFY 25 - 26 Change
	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	
Motor Fuel	312,316,000	309,881,845	317,422,081	307,995,273	-3.0%
Registration Fees	101,545,000	105,429,850	108,941,027	105,439,835	-3.2%
Permits and Penalties	15,717,000	16,390,942	17,385,340	18,378,846	5.7%
Miscellaneous	5,908,000	6,311,578	5,673,174	7,719,322	36.1%
Natural Gas Severance Tax	26,464,000	39,230,792	7,677,075	9,069,061	18.1%
Interest Income	1,349,000	5,811,548	8,207,720	8,812,110	7.4%
1/2 Cent Sales Tax	-	285,000,000	274,393,210	286,825,029	4.5%
Total Projected State Revenue	463,299,000	768,056,555	739,699,627	744,239,476	0.6%
Less State Funds Committed in Operating Budget	410,999,994	426,265,060	443,133,262	460,112,580	3.9%
Act 1 of 2016					
Securities Reserve Fund	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	0.0%
Act 416 of 2019					
Fuel Tax	58,791,000	59,862,198	61,463,960	60,639,290	-1.3%
Alternative Fuel Fees	2,339,000	2,326,191	3,081,649	3,032,658	-1.6%
New Casino Tax	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	0.0%
Total Act 416 Funds Available for System Preservation Projects	96,130,000	97,188,389	99,545,609	98,671,948	-0.9%
Act 1058 of 2021					
25% General Revenue Surplus	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	46,000,000	-8.0%
State Funds Available for Federal Match and System Preservation Projects	218,429,006	508,979,884	466,111,974	448,798,844	-3.7%
Grand Total for Operating Budget, Federal Match and System Preservation Projects	629,429,000	935,244,944	909,245,236	908,911,424	0.0%

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

State Fiscal Year 2026

SECTION	SALARIES	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL	LESS FEDERAL AID & OTHER PARTICIPATION	ESTIMATED STATE FUNDS
DIRECTOR	6,522,183	1,010,000	7,532,183	391,000	7,141,183
CHIEF - ADMINISTRATION	49,086,553	13,575,000	62,661,553	8,248,000	54,413,553
CHIEF ENGINEER - PRECONSTRUCTION	50,442,090	2,945,000	53,387,090	21,902,000	31,485,090
CHIEF ENGINEER - OPERATIONS	238,554,325	108,670,429	347,224,754	65,703,000	281,521,754
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	37,310,000	37,310,000	438,000	36,872,000
SPECIAL ALLOTMENTS	3,562,000	45,200,000	48,762,000	83,000	48,679,000
TOTALS	348,167,151	208,710,429	556,877,580	96,765,000	460,112,580

Salary Highlights

- 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment
- 1.5% Performance-Based Pay Increase
- Minimum Salary Adjustment to \$16 per Hour





Operation Highlights

- 2.5% Increase to District Operations
- 10% Increased Road and Machinery Budget
- Increase in Information Technology and Highway Police Budgets
- Capital Project Commitments

07

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING

Events

JUNE 19 - 20

ARDOT General Staff Meeting

Director Wiley & Staff
Mt. Magazine State Park

JUNE 24

Old River Bridge Ribbon Cutting

Director Wiley
Benton

JUNE 25

Metroplan Board Meeting

Director Wiley
Little Rock

JULY 8

P.E. Board Meeting

Director Wiley
Little Rock

JULY 10

**Arkansas Good Roads Foundation
Board Meeting**

Chairman Taldo & Director Wiley
Little Rock

JULY 25

**Arkansas Good Roads Foundation
Summer Meeting**

Commission & Director Wiley
Hot Springs

UPCOMING

Events

JULY 31 - AUGUST 6

**Southern Association of State
Highway and Transportation Officials
(SASHTO) Annual Conference**

Director Wiley
Lexington, Kentucky

AUGUST 13

**Arkansas Concrete Pavement
Conference**

Director Wiley
Hot Springs

AUGUST 20

**Arkansas Highway Commission
Meeting**

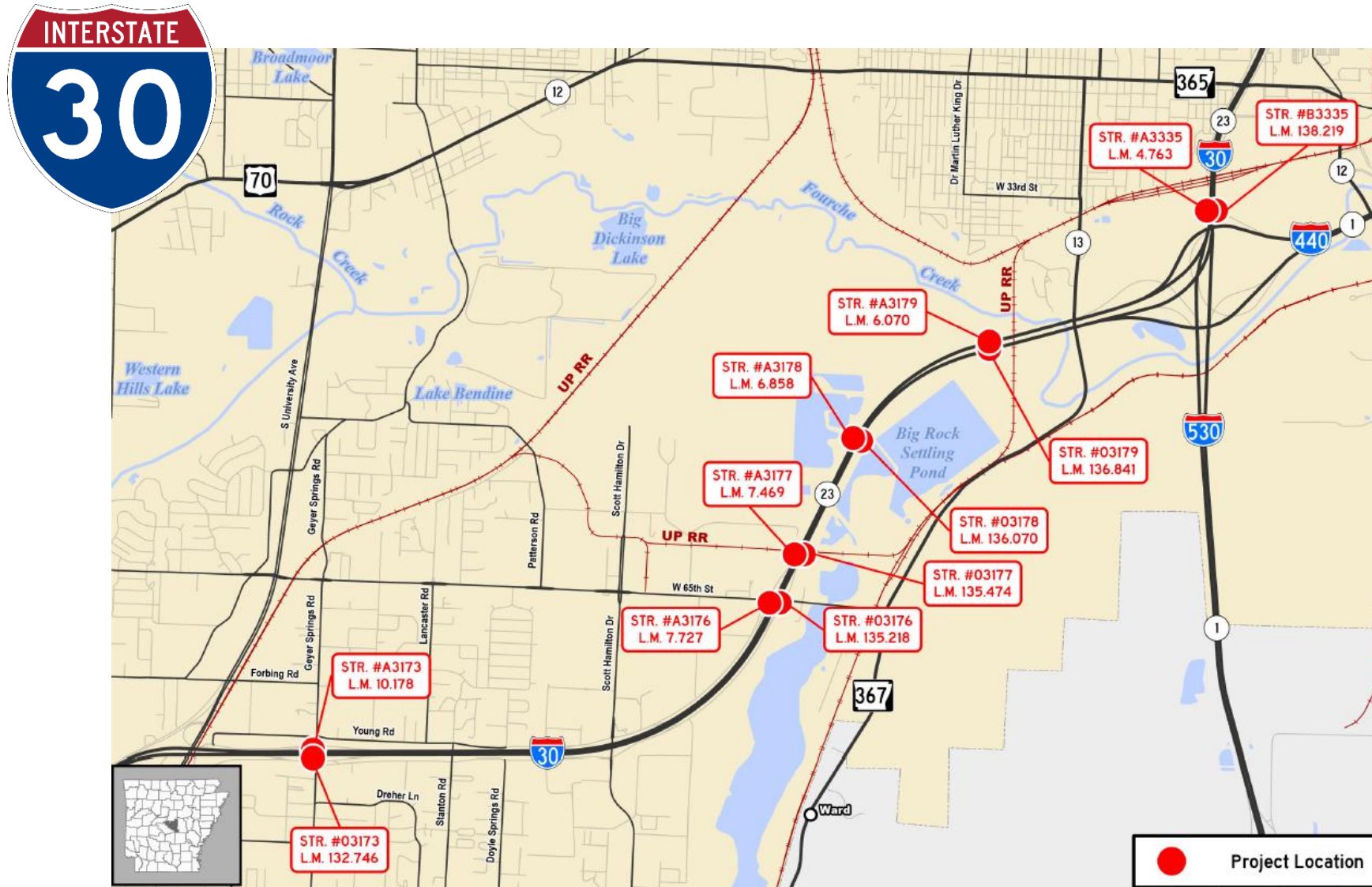
Commission & Director Wiley
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**Other Business and
Discussion**

FY 2026 BIP Grant Program

RECOMMENDED PROJECT | INTERSTATE 30 | PULASKI COUNTY



Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering

ARDOT INDUCTEES



Stacy Burge, P.E.
District 9 Engineer



Johnathon Mormon, P.E.
Staff Engineer - Maintenance



Kevin White, P.E.
Division Head - Right of Way

Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering

ARDOT INDUCTEES



Alice Dong, P.E.

Executive Session



Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

June 18, 2025