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AR DOT

TODAY'S TOPICS

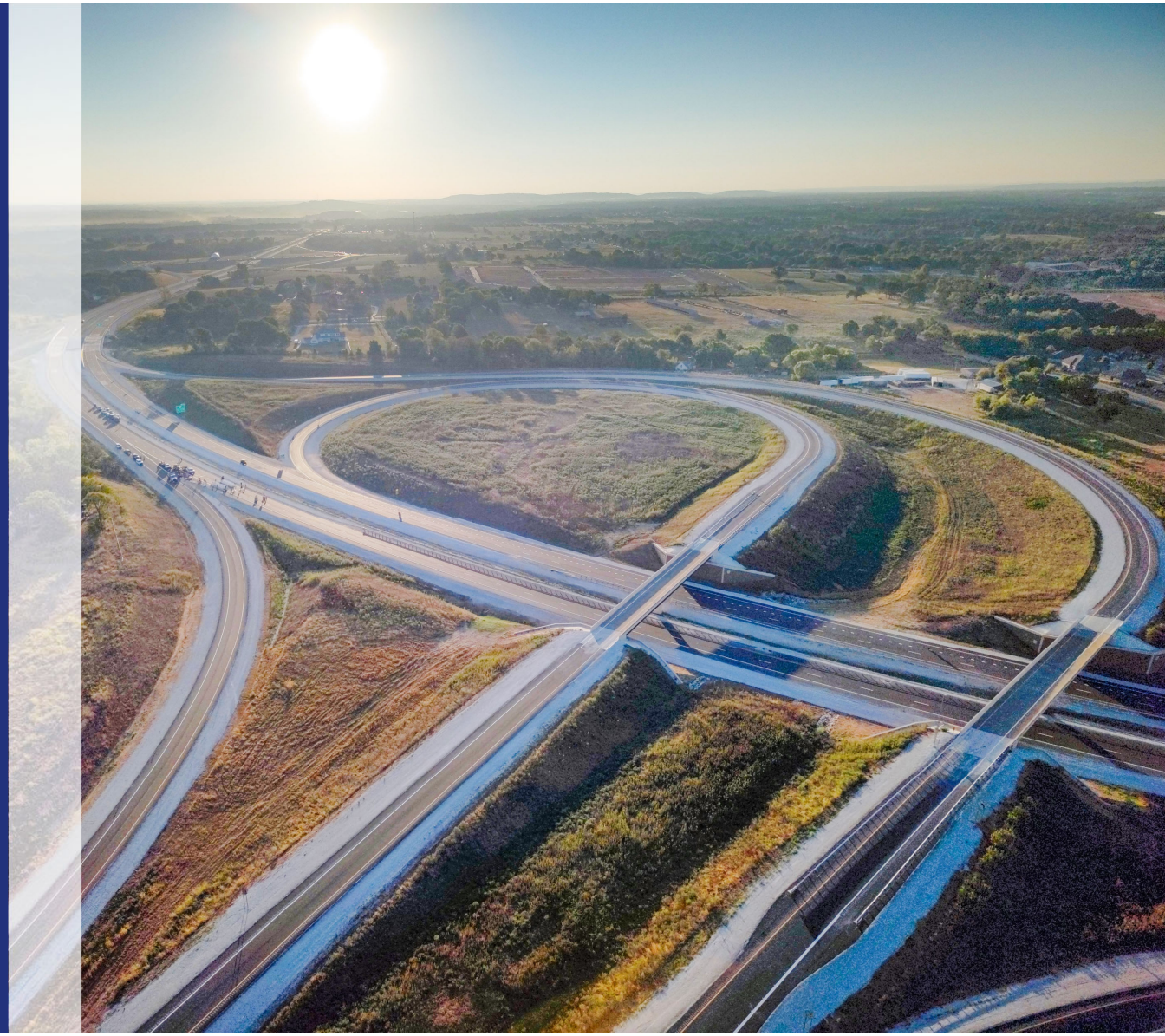
HIGHWAY COMMISSION & ARDOT

PROJECTS

FUNDING

PARTNERSHIPS

INITIATIVES



ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION



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ARDOT QUICK FACTS

3RD LARGEST STATE AGENCY

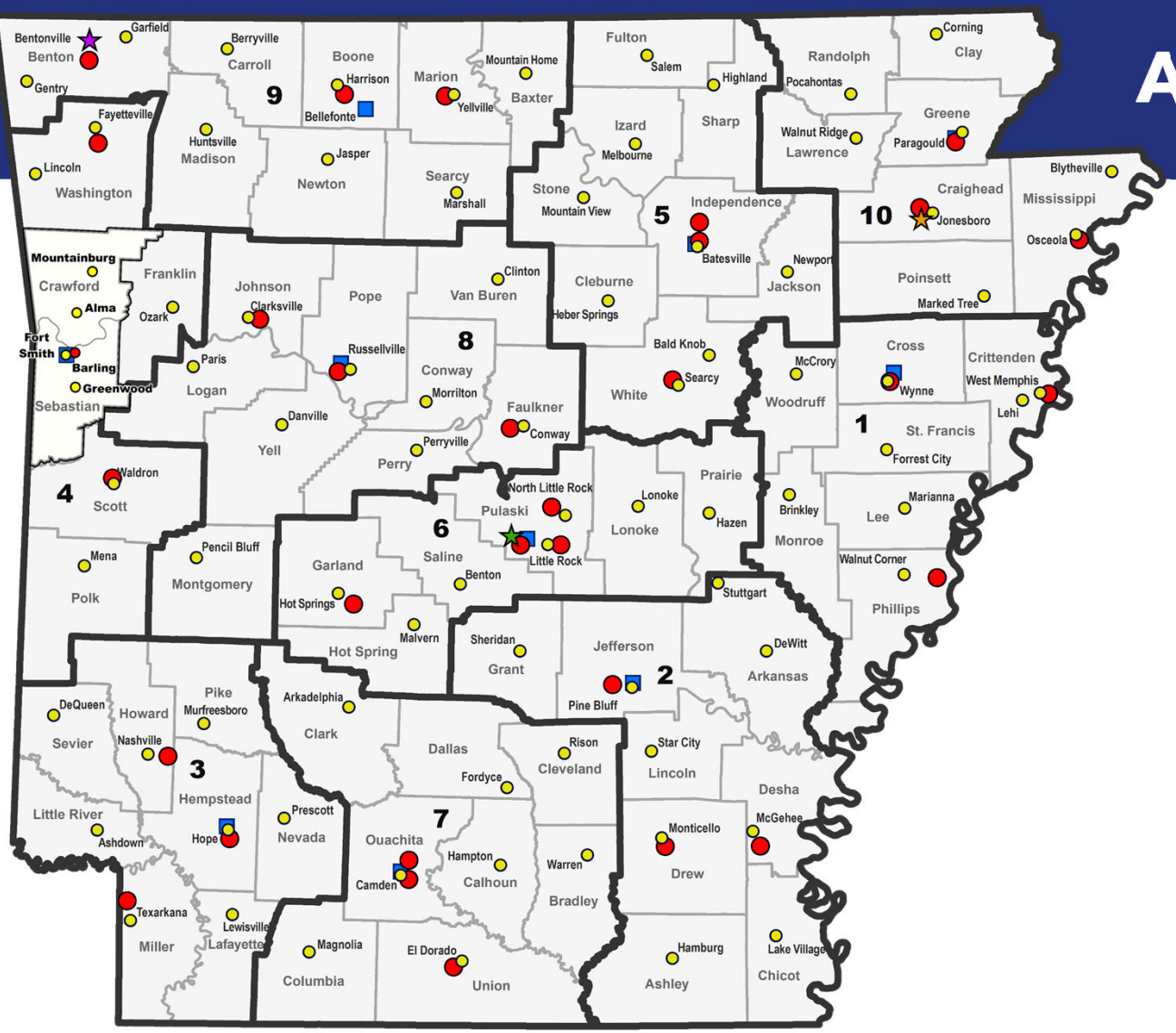
MAINTAIN MORE THAN 16,000 MILES OF HIGHWAY & MORE THAN 7,000 BRIDGES

CENTRAL OFFICES LOCATED IN LITTLE ROCK

HIGHWAY SYSTEM VALUED AT OVER $200 BILLION

HOME TO OLDEST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN ARKANSAS

ARDOT OFFICES



FACILITY TYPE

- Central Offices
- Northwest Office
- Northeast Office
- Area Headquarters
- District Headquarters
- Resident Engineer Offices

PROJECTS



INTERSTATE 49



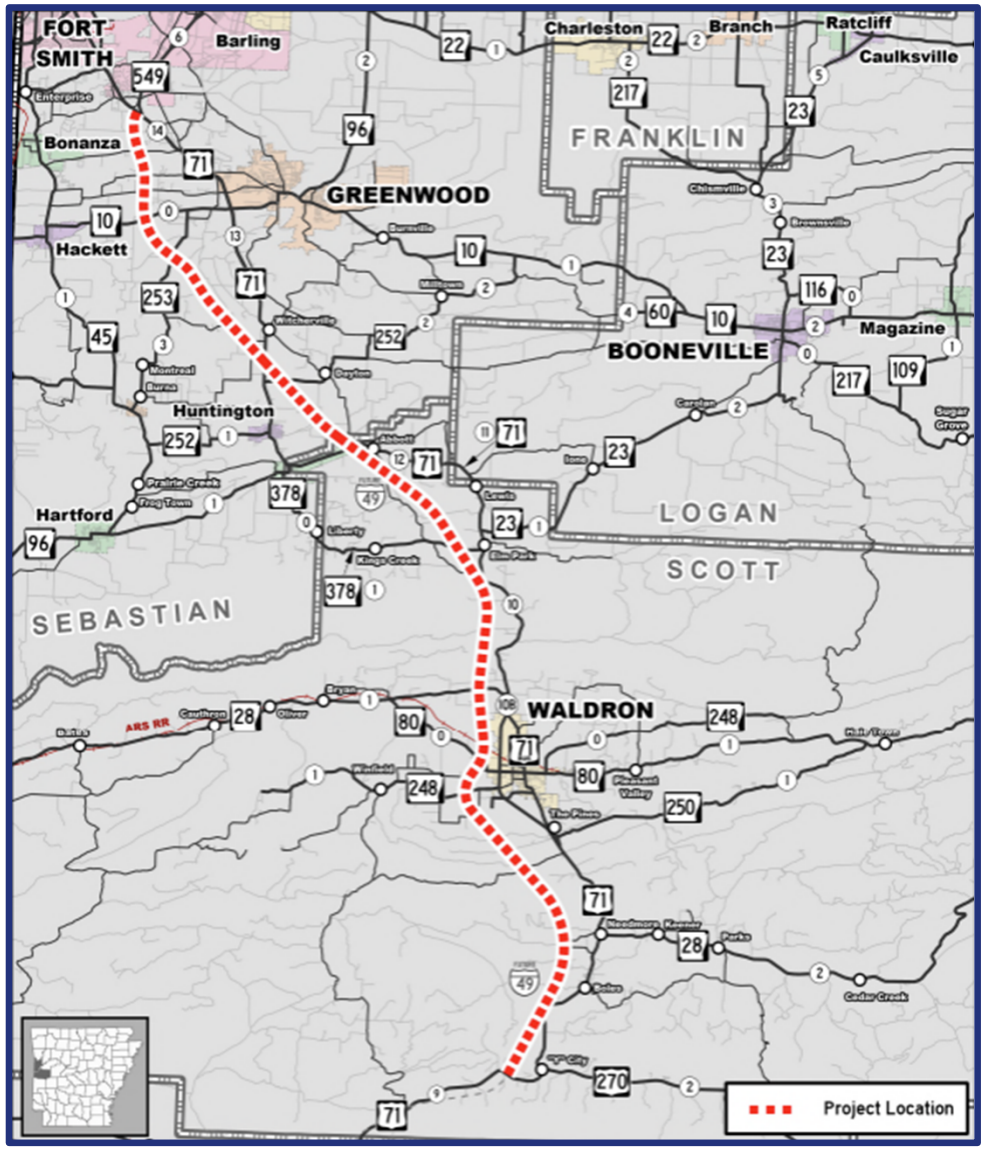
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BARLING TO ALMA



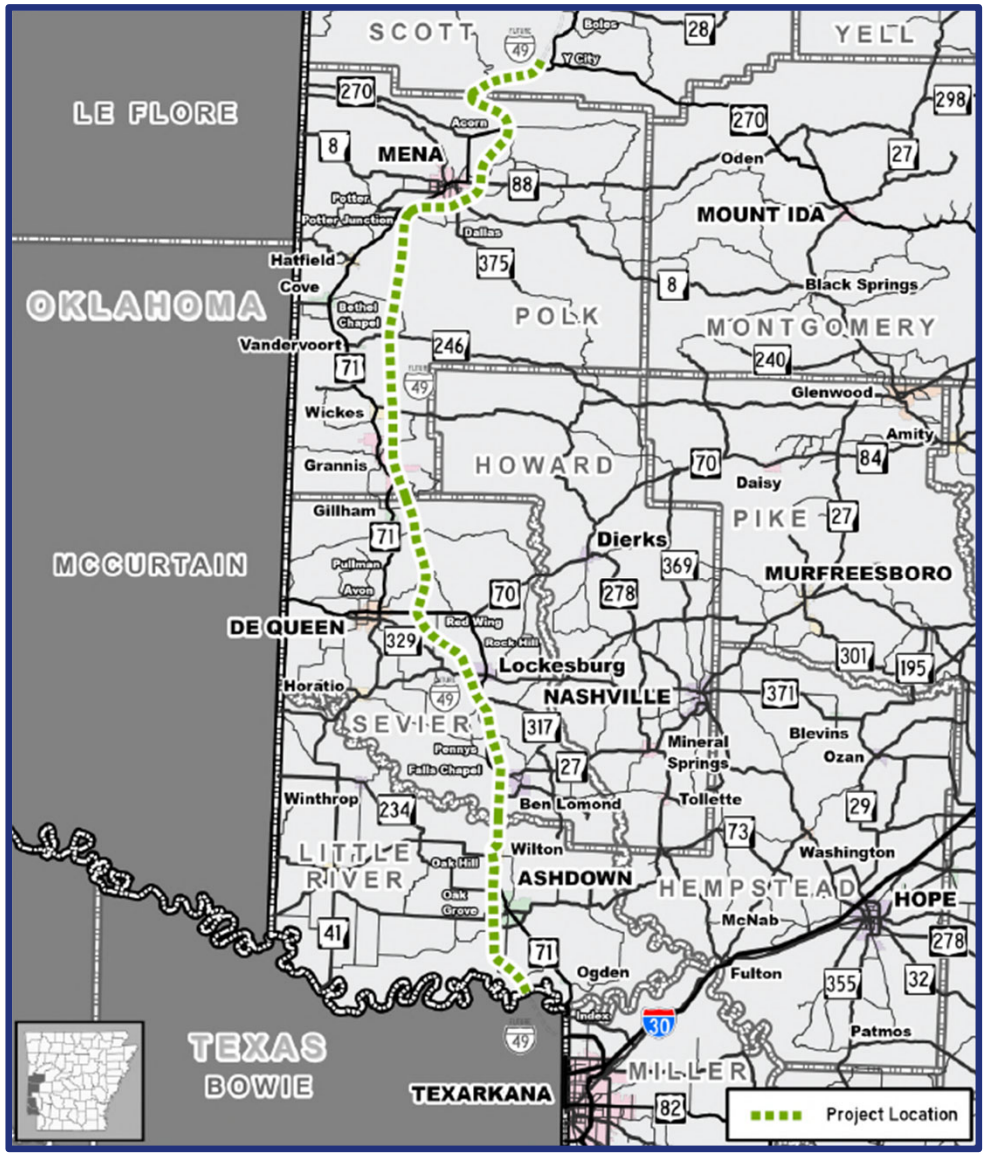
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"Y" CITY TO BARLING

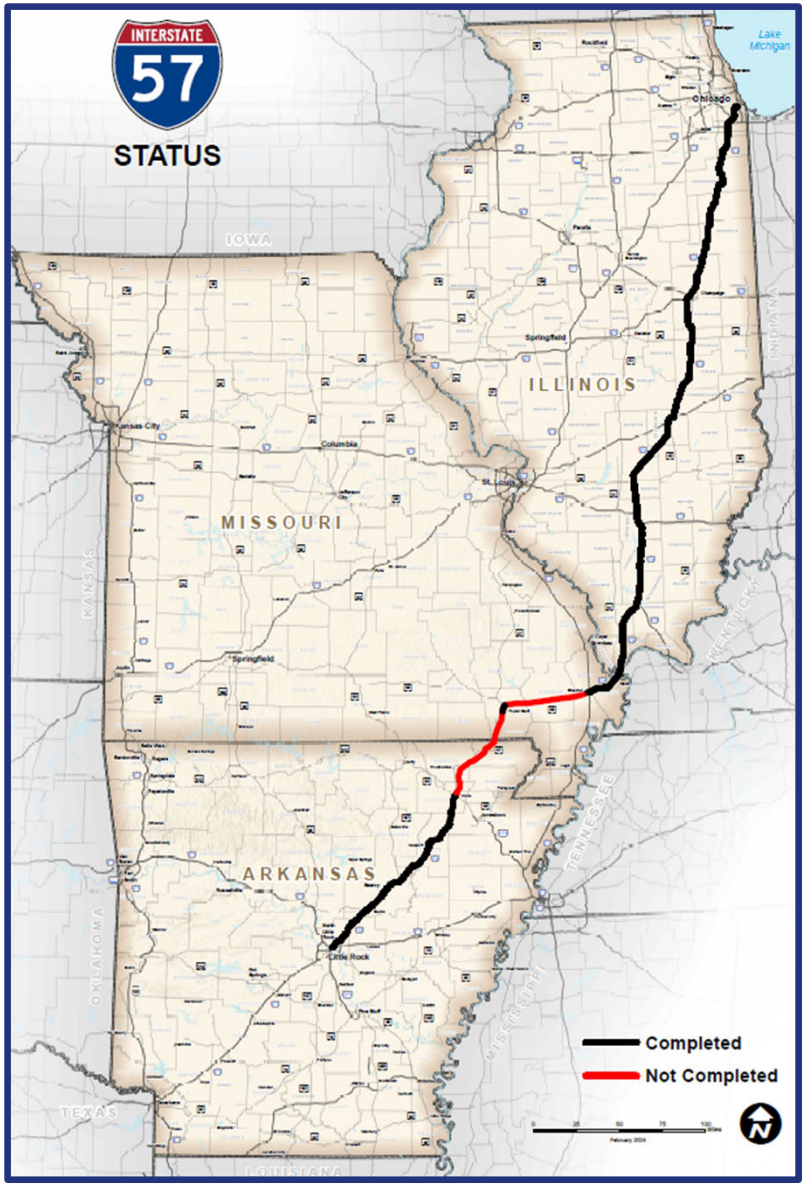


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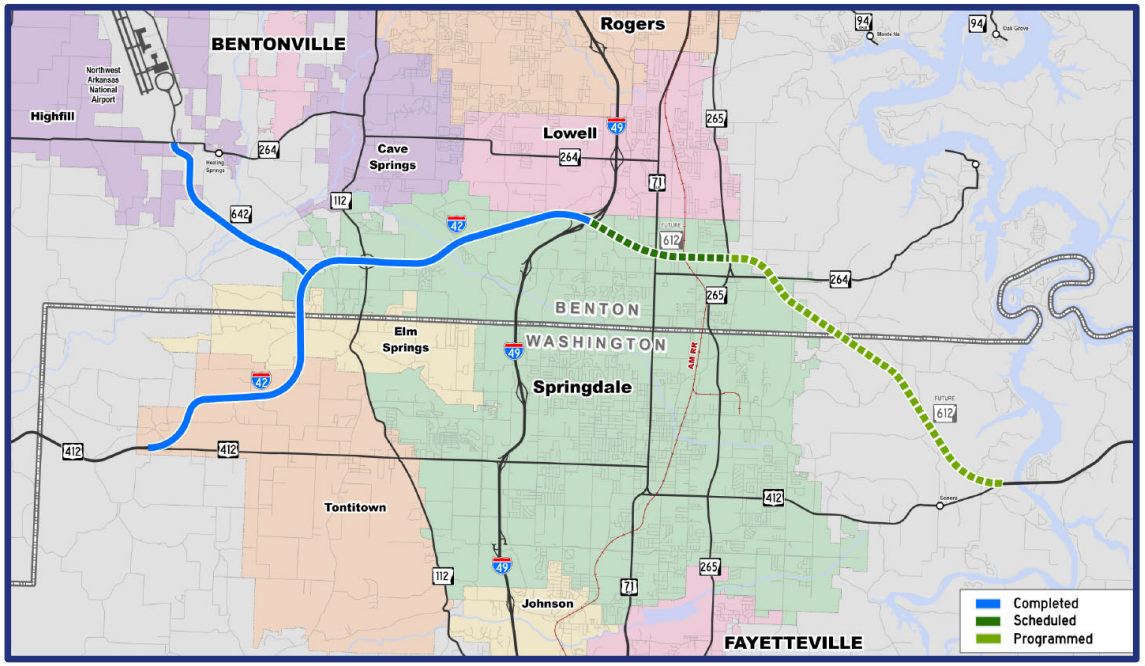


INTERSTATE 57 CORRIDOR

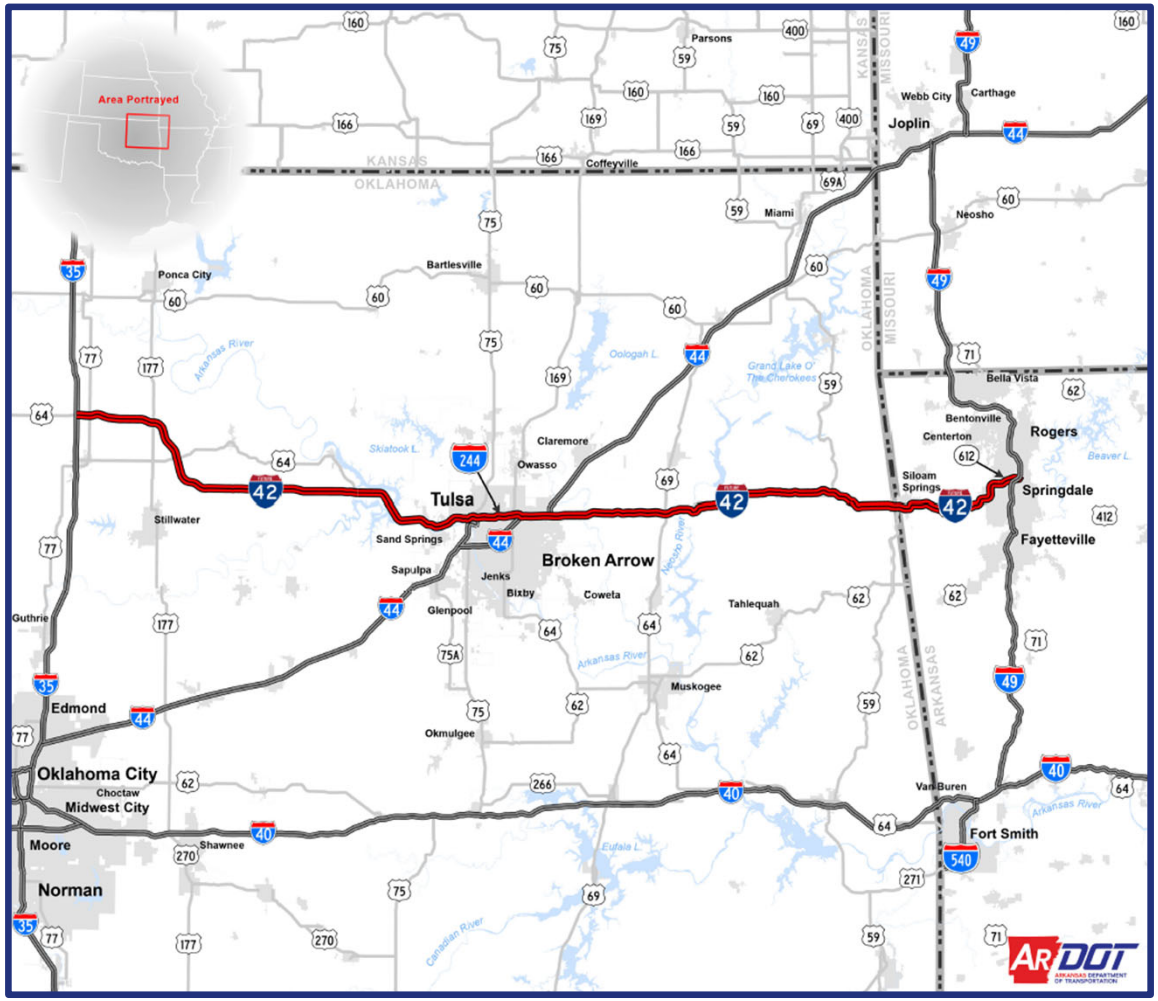


INTERSTATE 42 & HIGHWAY 612

BENTON & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

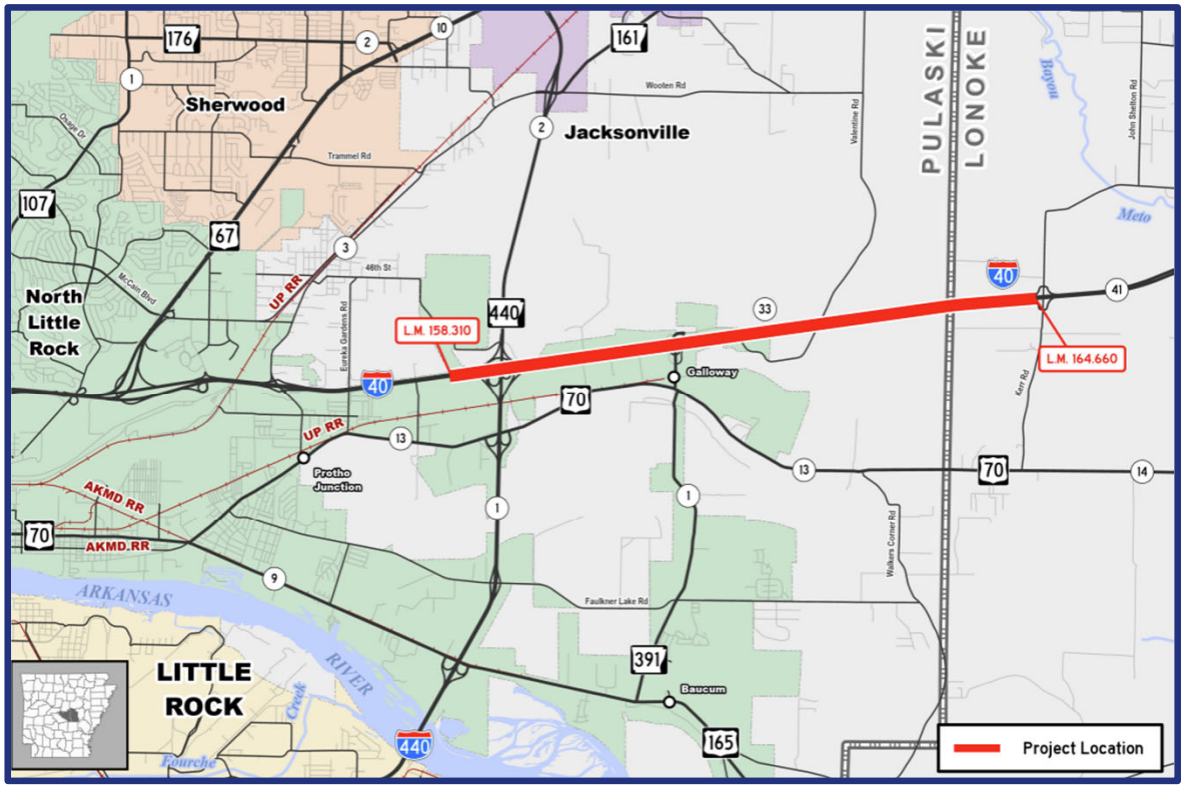


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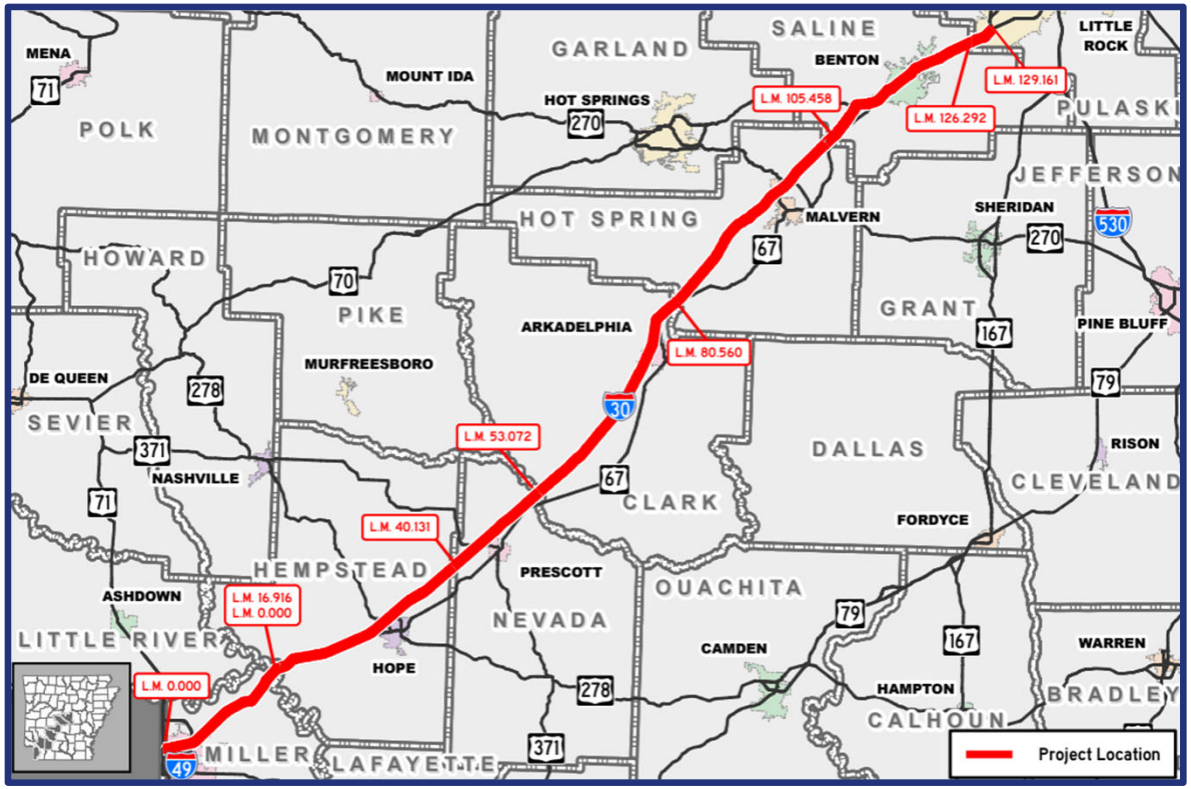
INTERSTATE 40

LONOKE & PULASKI COUNTIES



INTERSTATE 30

VARIOUS COUNTIES

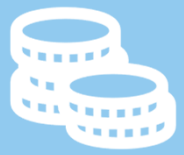


FUNDING



STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

AVERAGE FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2029-2030

MOTOR FUEL TAXES	HALF-CENT SALES TAX	VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES	OTHER	CASINO REVENUE	NATURAL GAS
					
$552 M	$481 M	$161 M	$78 M	$35 M	$13 M

TOTAL: $1.3 BILLION

STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

AVERAGE FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2029-2030

TOTAL: $1.34 BILLION

FISCAL AGENCIES	$23 MILLION
CITIES	$162 MILLION
COUNTIES	$162 MILLION
STATE AID/CITY AID	$40 MILLION
ARDOT	$953 MILLION

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

AVERAGE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2029-2030

NATIONAL HIGHWAY PERFORMANCE PROGRAM	SURFACE TRANSPORTATION & BRIDGE PROGRAM	OTHER	HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	CONGESTION MITIGATION & AIR QUALITY
				
$447 M	**$278 M**	**$81 M**	**$51 M**	**$16 M**

TOTAL: $873 MILLION

ESTIMATED AVERAGE ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2029-2030

TOTAL: $1.8 BILLION

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COSTS	OPERATING BUDGET	PASS-THROUGH FUNDING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
			

FINAL TOTAL: $894 MILLION

CONSTRUCTION FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

AVERAGE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2029-2030

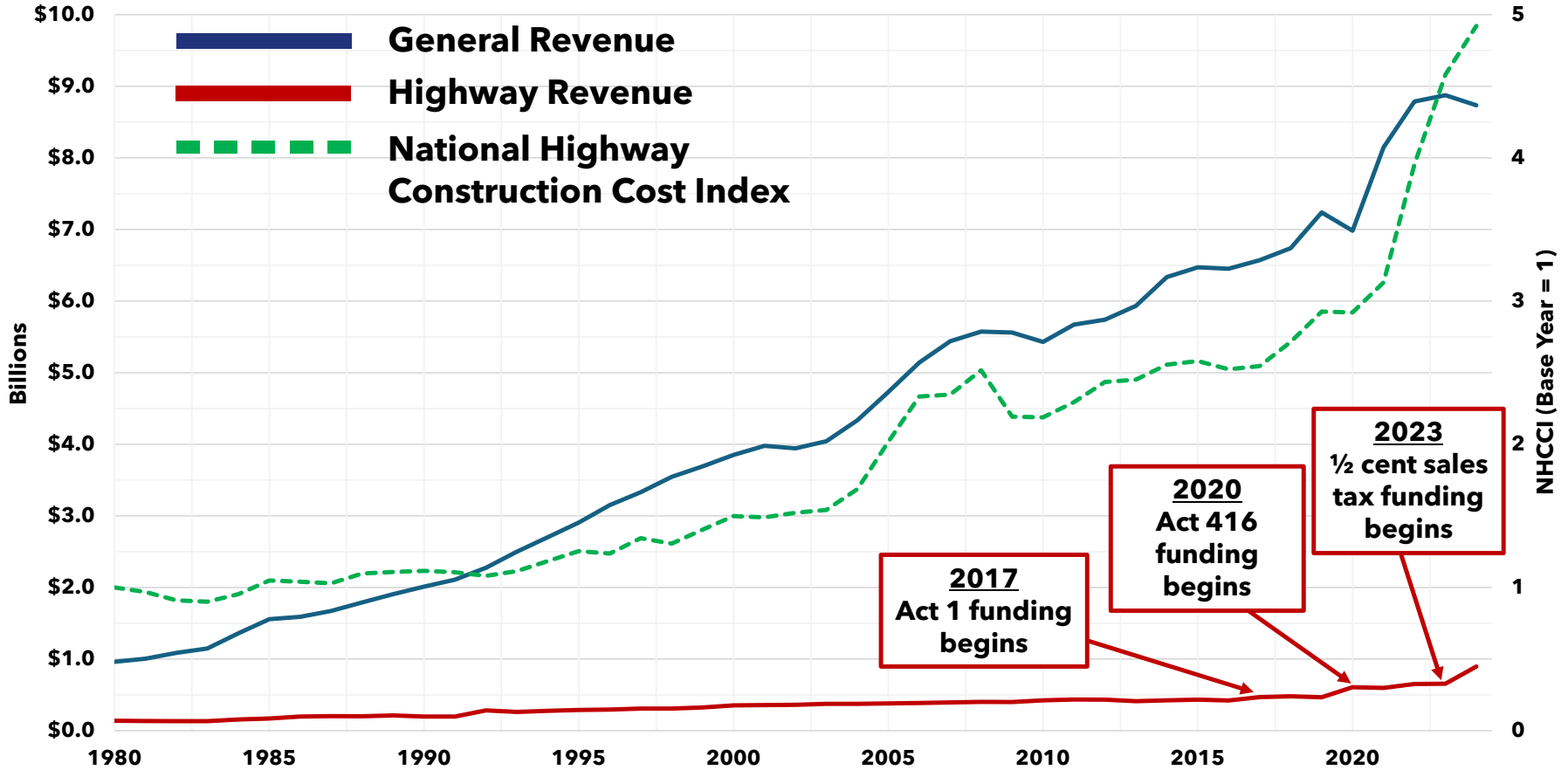
TOTAL: $894 MILLION

SYSTEM PRESERVATION	$575 MILLION
CAPITAL	$214 MILLION
CAPACITY	$60 MILLION
SAFETY	$45 MILLION

DRAFT STIP

FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027-2030





1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2024
14.4%	9.8%	9.2%	7.8%	8.7%	10.3%

Arkansas Highway Revenue as a Percentage of General Revenue per Year

CONSTRUCTION COST COMPARISON

Roadway Cost Per Mile			
Type Work	**2010**	**2020**	**Today**
New Location	$6,600,000	$13,400,000	$26,100,000
Widening 2 to 5 Lanes	$3,900,000	$6,500,000	$11,600,000
Pavement Preservation ($/Lane Mile)	$91,000	$129,000	$190,000

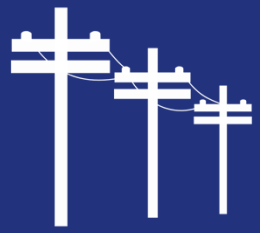
Bridge Cost Per Square Foot			
Type Work	**2010**	**2020**	**Today**
New Bridge	$106	$175	$350

IMPACTS TO BUYING POWER



59%

Labor Cost Increase



100%

ROW & Utility Relocation Increase



70%

National Construction Cost Increase



40%

Equipment Cost Increase

MAJOR PUBLIC ASSET
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

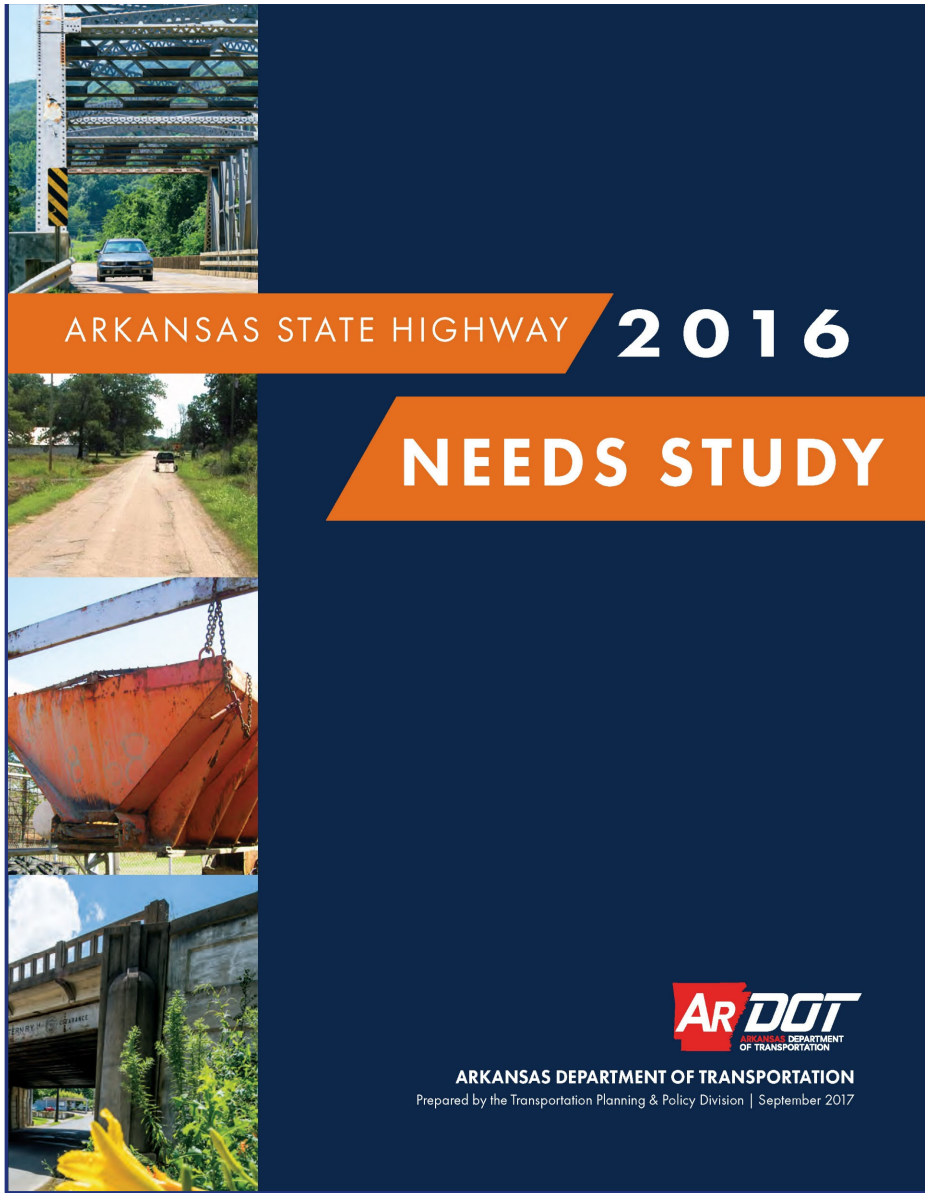
State Highway System	Gross Replacement Value	Average Annual Investment
Roadways	$151.1 billion	$784 million (0.52%)
Bridges	$62.9 billion	$110 million (0.17%)
Total	$214.0 billion	$894 million (0.42%)





ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY
NEEDS STUDY UPDATE

- ASSET CONDITIONS AND PERFORMANCE GOALS
- ESTIMATE OF 10-YEAR FUNDING NEEDS
- ESTIMATE OF 10-YEAR REVENUES
- POTENTIAL FUNDING STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE GAP



PARTNERSHIPS



PARTNERING PROGRAM

PARTNERSHIP OPTIONS

- Cash Contributions
- Route Transfers
- Project Development
- Right-of-Way Donations



Hwy. 112 Groundbreaking

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

1



Letter from Arkansas Economic Development Commission

2



Letter from Arkansas Governor

3



Authorization from Arkansas Highway Commission

4



Development of Agreements

INITIATIVES



SLOW DOWN, PHONE DOWN

SAFETY CAMPAIGN



2026 | Year 5

Broad audience

Distracted driving




Robert Phillips
ARDOT Road Worker

JUST MOVE OVER

SAFETY CAMPAIGN







STREET SMART

SAFETY CAMPAIGN











LITTER REDUCTION EFFORTS











KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL

JOINING FORCES WITH ARDOT





LITTER REDUCTION EFFORTS

SPREADING THE WORD

ARDOT

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

INFORMATION RELEASE

Arkansas Department of Transportation Announces Additional Effort to Reduce Litter on Arkansas Highways

ALL COUNTIES | June 30, 2026

In an effort to combat the persistent litter issue along Arkansas Highways, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), the Arkansas Highway Police (AHP), and the Keep Arkansas Beautiful (KAB) Office are launching an awareness and enforcement campaign focusing on compliance with Arkansas laws governing the secure transport of waste materials in vehicles beginning in July.

Combating litter is a priority for ARDOT. In addition to diminishing the natural beauty of Arkansas, litter and roadway debris create safety hazards for motorists and for the crews responsible for removing them. Last year alone, ARDOT spent approximately $9.7 million collecting and disposing of litter from Arkansas Highways. By reducing litter, ARDOT can help keep the Natural State's roads safer, cleaner, and more attractive for everyone.

Arkansas law prohibits individuals from littering on public property and requires vehicles transporting waste, garbage, or other materials to secure their loads to prevent debris from escaping onto roadways. Violations may result in misdemeanor charges, fines, community service, and responsibility for removing any litter or debris caused by the violation.

Because vehicles transporting waste are a significant source of Highway litter, AHP will increase enforcement efforts to ensure compliance with Arkansas laws governing the secure transport of waste materials.

The intent of this effort is not to generate revenue. Rather, the goal is to promote compliance with Arkansas litter laws and encourage responsible behavior that helps reduce litter along Arkansas Highways. Improved compliance will help keep the Natural State more natural.

Questions regarding the requirements or enforcement of Arkansas litter laws may be directed to AHP at (501) 569-2421. Individuals interested in participating in ARDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program or seeking information about other litter reduction efforts may contact the KAB Office at (501) 569-2227.

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NWA EDITORIAL: Can a roadside message get through to people who litter?

Litterers of all kinds should heed message

December 11, 2025 by NWA Democrat-Gazette

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Arkansas Department of Transportation

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On Spring Clean-Up Day (Tuesday, March 17), over 2,000 ARDOT employees ventured out alo... See more



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Elaine
Thank you. I don't think I've ever seen so many bags along 65 in Searcy County.
15w Like Reply Hide

Raymond
Thank you so much to each of you for the work you Do and keeping our Stare Clean
15w Like Reply Hide

Christina
Thank you for keeping Arkansas beautiful
15w Like Reply Hide

Morrise
You guys do a great job and thank God for all of you. Be safe out there.
15w Like Reply Hide

Tina
Thanks guys
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Marie
Thank you! Great job ARDOT!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION







WORK ZONE ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS

HOW THEY WORK

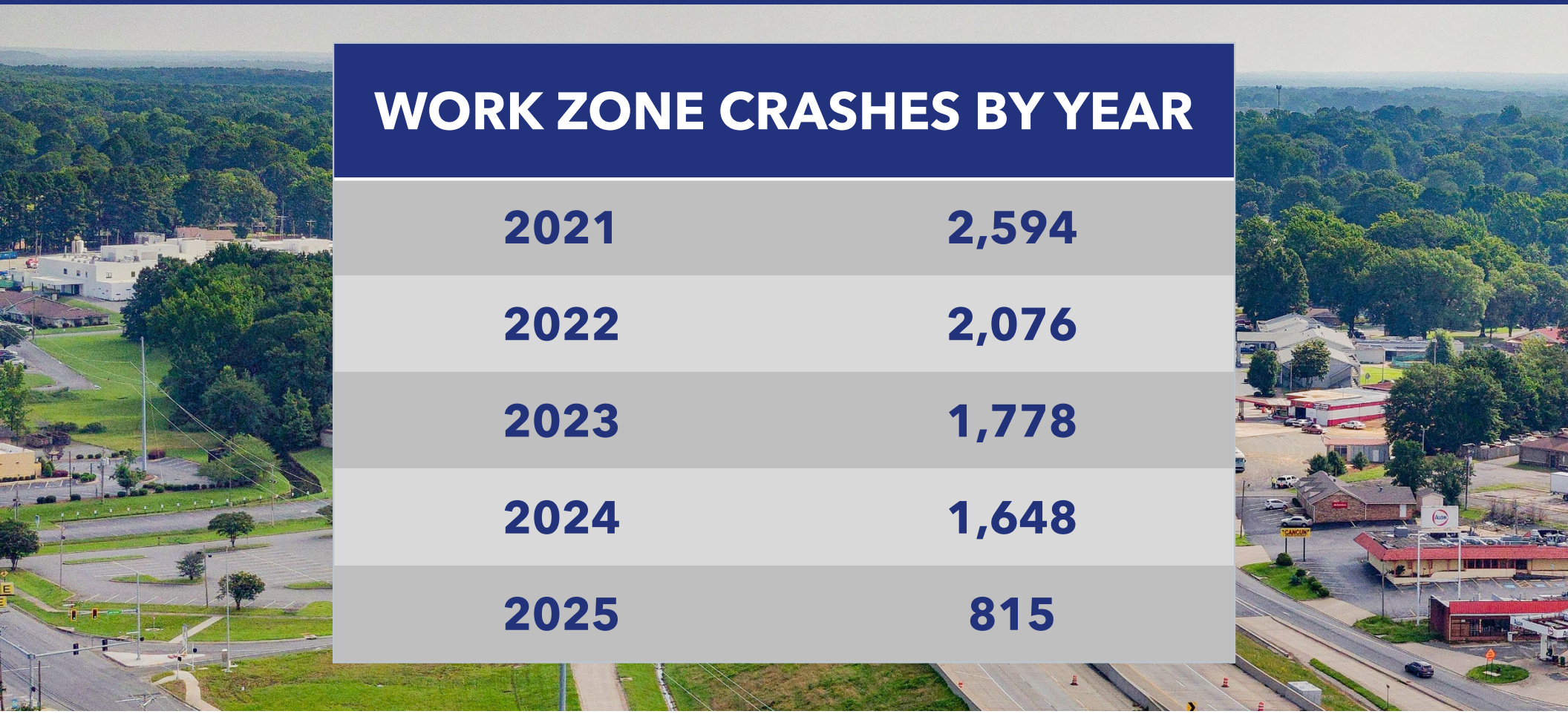






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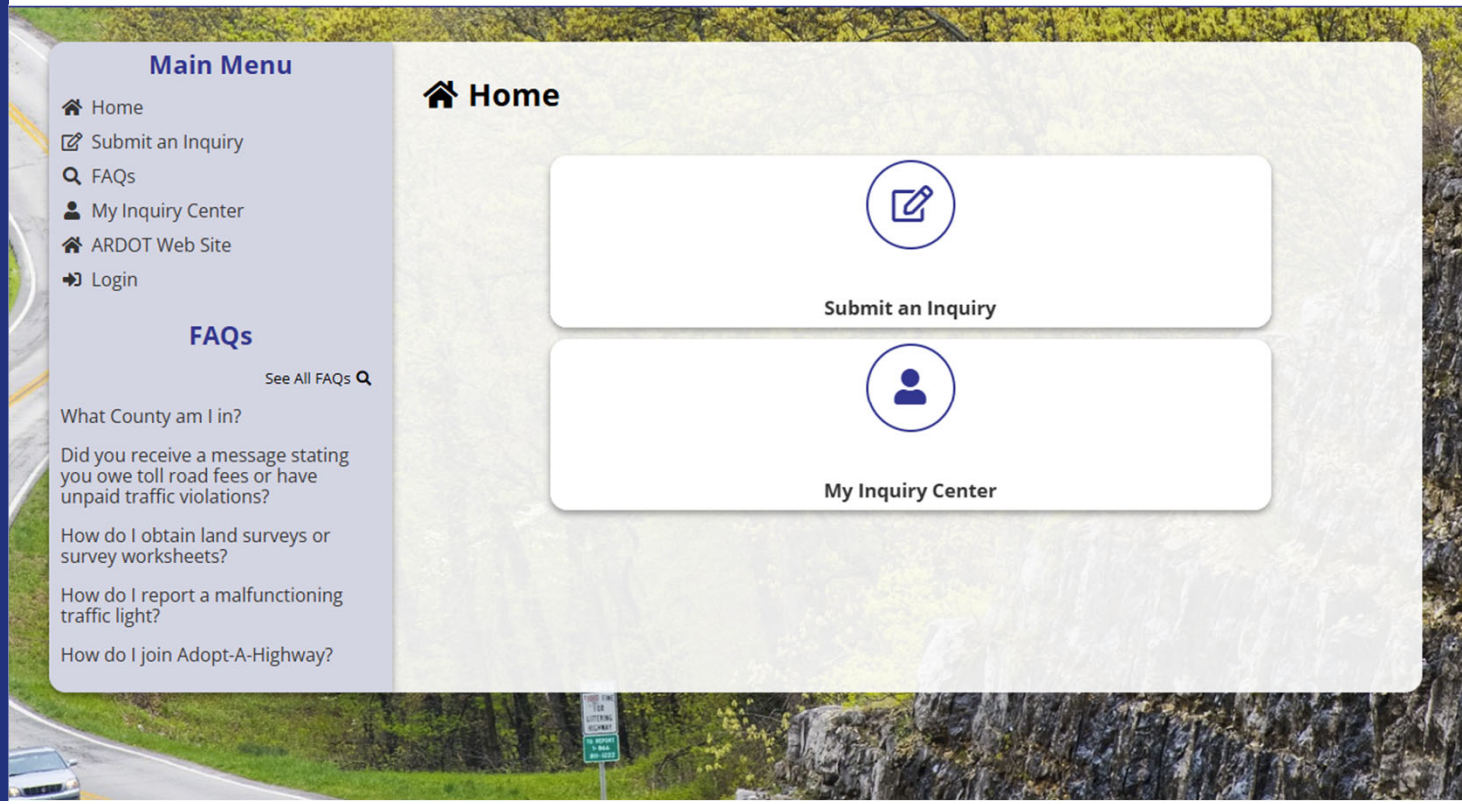
STATEWIDE CRASH DATA



WORK ZONE CRASHES BY YEAR	
2021	2,594
2022	2,076
2023	1,778
2024	1,648
2025	815

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ON THE DOT: AN ARDOT PODCAST



- Connect with the public
- Insight into ARDOT
- Released July 30

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