



# LEADERSHIP ARKANSAS CLASS XIX

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FEBRUARY 25, 2025



Highway 412



# ARDOT & Highway Commission History



- **First Commission created**
  - **No Highway Department**
  - **No Highway System**
- **3,600 Vehicles**
- **\$72,000 total budget**
- **36,000 miles of public roads**

## Widening of Hwy. 67 near Malvern



The advice, counsel and expert know-how which is available from the Department's own technical and administrative staffs bear scant weight indeed when they are in conflict with the political pressures and political promises of the moment.

— Highway Audit Commission Report, 1951

# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION



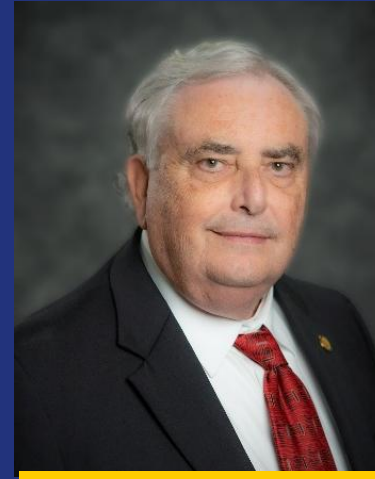
**Chairman  
Philip Taldo**



**Vice Chairman  
Keith Gibson**



**Commissioner  
Marie Holder**



**Commissioner  
David Haak**



**Commissioner  
Jerry Halsey**

# DECADES OF PROGRESS

**1975**

**First state to  
complete its  
interstate  
system**

**1985**

**Rural Road  
Program**

**1991**

**Highway  
Improvement  
Program**

**1999**

**Interstate  
Rehabilitation  
Program**

**2011**

**Second  
Interstate  
Rehabilitation  
Program**

**2012**

**Connecting  
Arkansas  
Program**

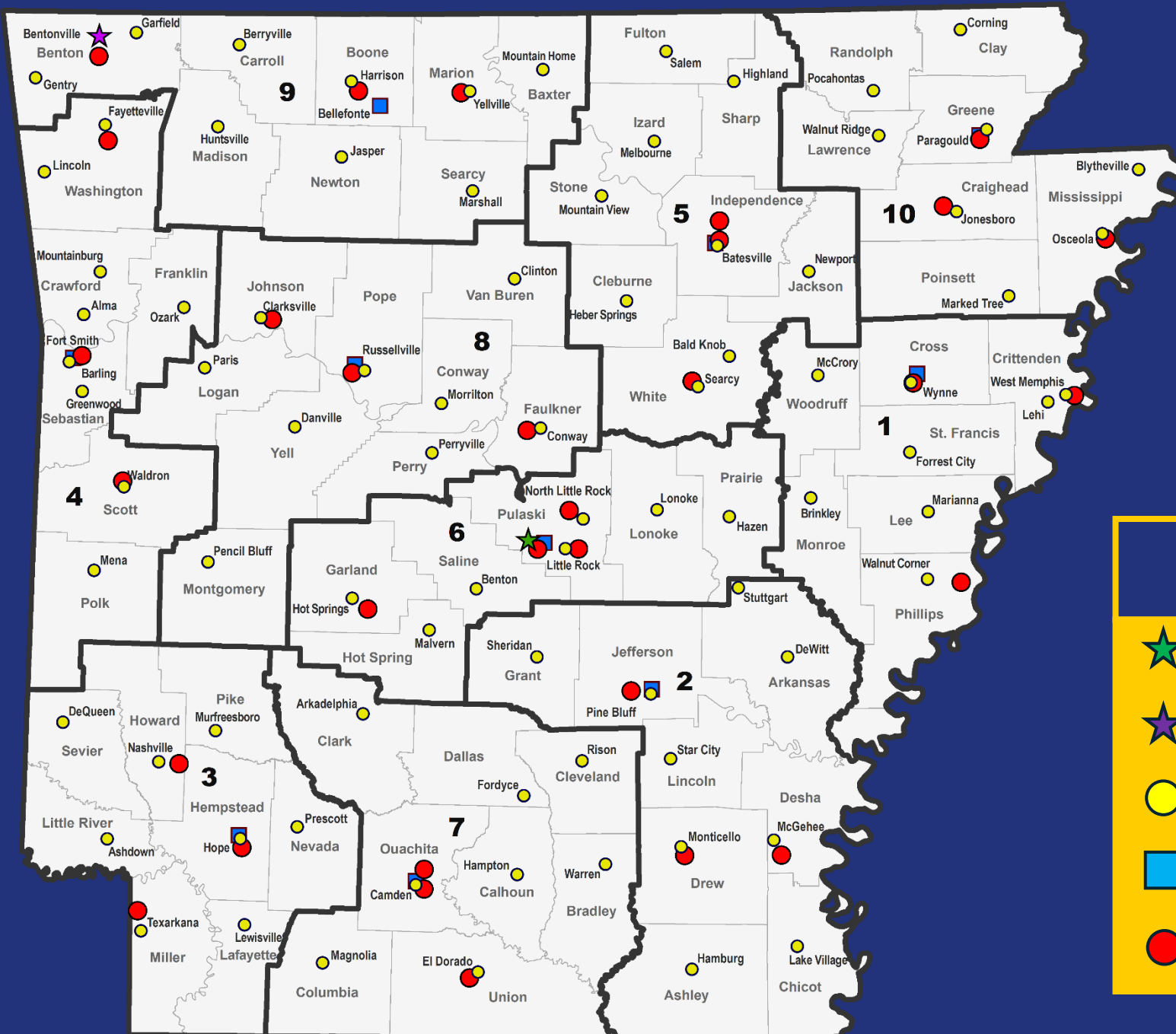
**2020**

**Renew  
Arkansas  
Highways  
Program**



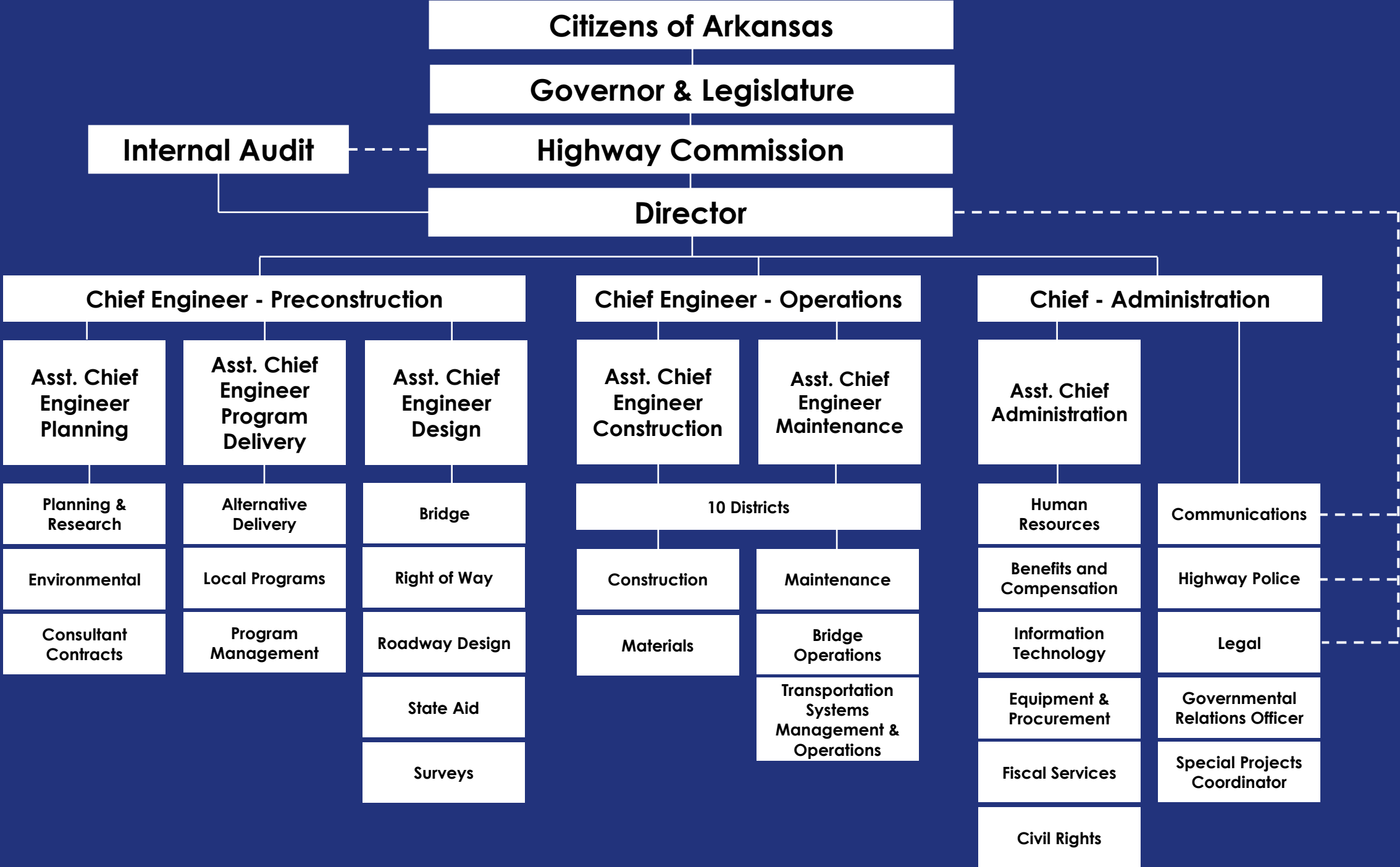
# ARDOT Quick Facts

- **3rd Largest State Agency**
- **Approximately 3,900 Employees**
- **Maintain 16,371 miles of Highway and 7,335 Bridges**
- **Highway System valued at \$140 billion**
- **Central Offices in Little Rock**



## FACILITY TYPE

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



**Citizens of Arkansas**

**Governor & Legislature**

**Internal Audit**

**Highway Commission**

**Director**

**Chief Engineer - Preconstruction**

**Chief Engineer - Operations**

**Chief - Administration**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Planning**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Program Delivery**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Design**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Construction**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Maintenance**

**Asst. Chief Administration**

**Planning & Research**

**Alternative Delivery**

**Bridge**

**10 Districts**

**Human Resources**

**Communications**

**Environmental**

**Local Programs**

**Right of Way**

**Construction**

**Maintenance**

**Benefits and Compensation**

**Highway Police**

**Consultant Contracts**

**Program Management**

**Roadway Design**

**Materials**

**Bridge Operations**

**Information Technology**

**Legal**

**State Aid**

**Transportation Systems Management & Operations**

**Equipment & Procurement**

**Governmental Relations Officer**

**Surveys**

**Fiscal Services**

**Special Projects Coordinator**

**Civil Rights**



**DIRECTOR JARED D. WILEY**



**Jessie Jones**  
Chief - Preconstruction



**Rex Vines**  
Chief - Operations



**Kevin Thornton**  
Chief - Administration



**Erica Adams**  
ACE Planning



**Keli Wylie**  
ACE Program Delivery



**Mike Fugett**  
ACE Design



**Chad Adams**  
ACE Construction



**Steve Frisbee**  
ACE Maintenance



**Crystal Woods**  
AC Administration



**Cannon Callicott**  
District 1



**Drew Hoggard**  
District 2



**William Cheatham**  
District 3



**Jason Hughey**  
District 4



**Alex Roofe**  
District 5



**Hunter Lake**  
District 6



**David Archer**  
District 7



**David Ross**  
District 8



**Stacy Burge**  
District 9

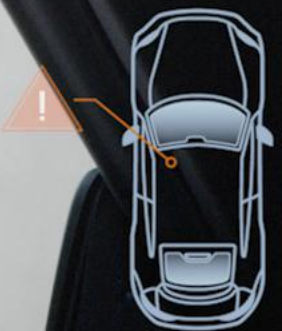


**Shane Wood**  
District 10



TIME IN WORK ZONE

0:09



TPMS

32 22



WARNING  
DO NOT DISTURB THE AIR BAGS

WARNING  
DO NOT DISTURB THE AIR BAGS

PHONE  
DOWN

ROAD  
WORK  
AHEAD

aight is the right  
it's good!  
Someone bring their  
Speaker  
can't stay for long  
can't hear you

11:12

75



Highway 365



# Department Funding & STIP Process



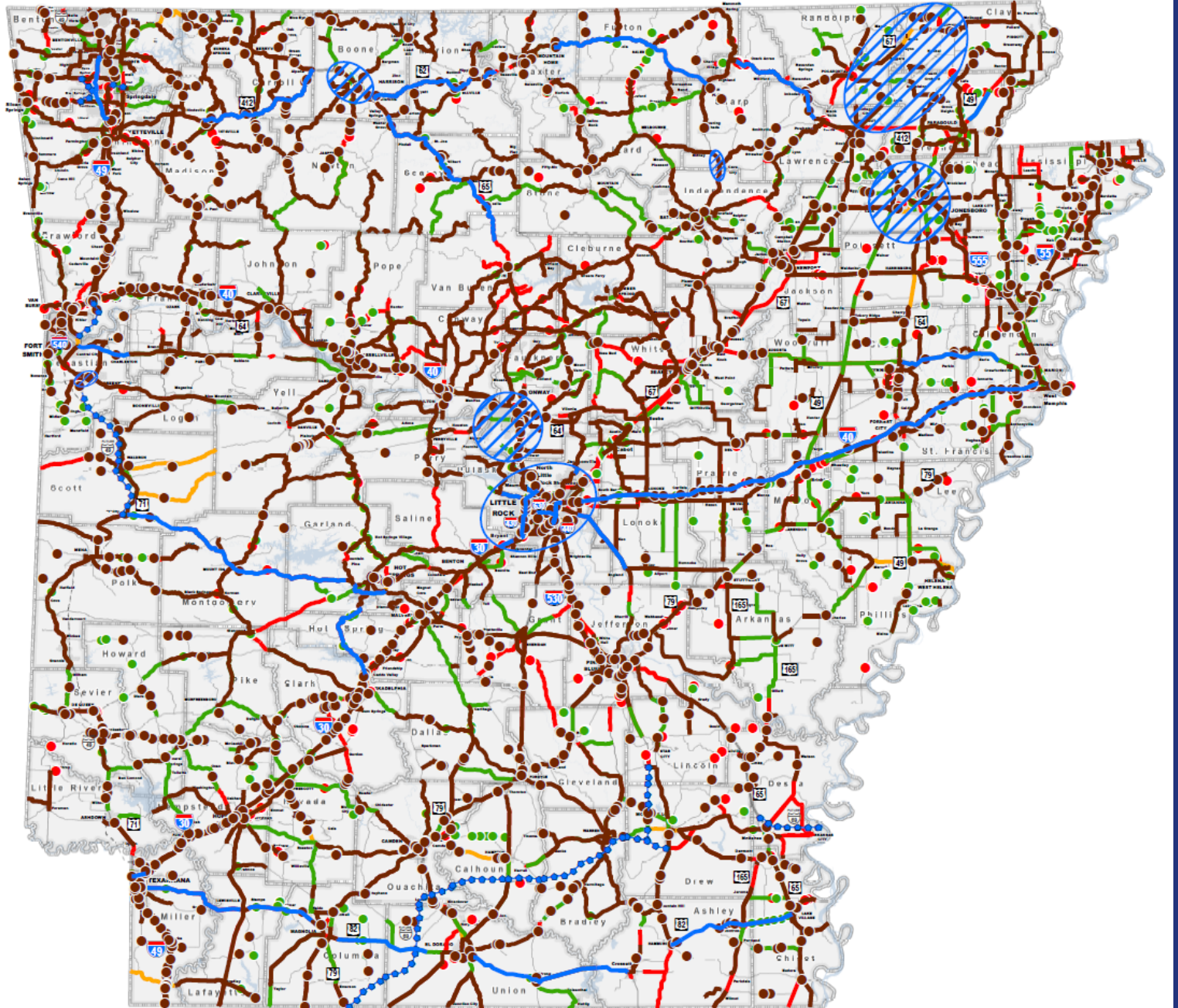
## TEN YEAR PLAN

### System Preservation

- 7,000 Miles
- 1,100 Bridges

### Capital and Capacity

**\$1.2 Billion Annually**



# ANNUAL FUNDING

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STATE FUNDS

\$1.3 Billion

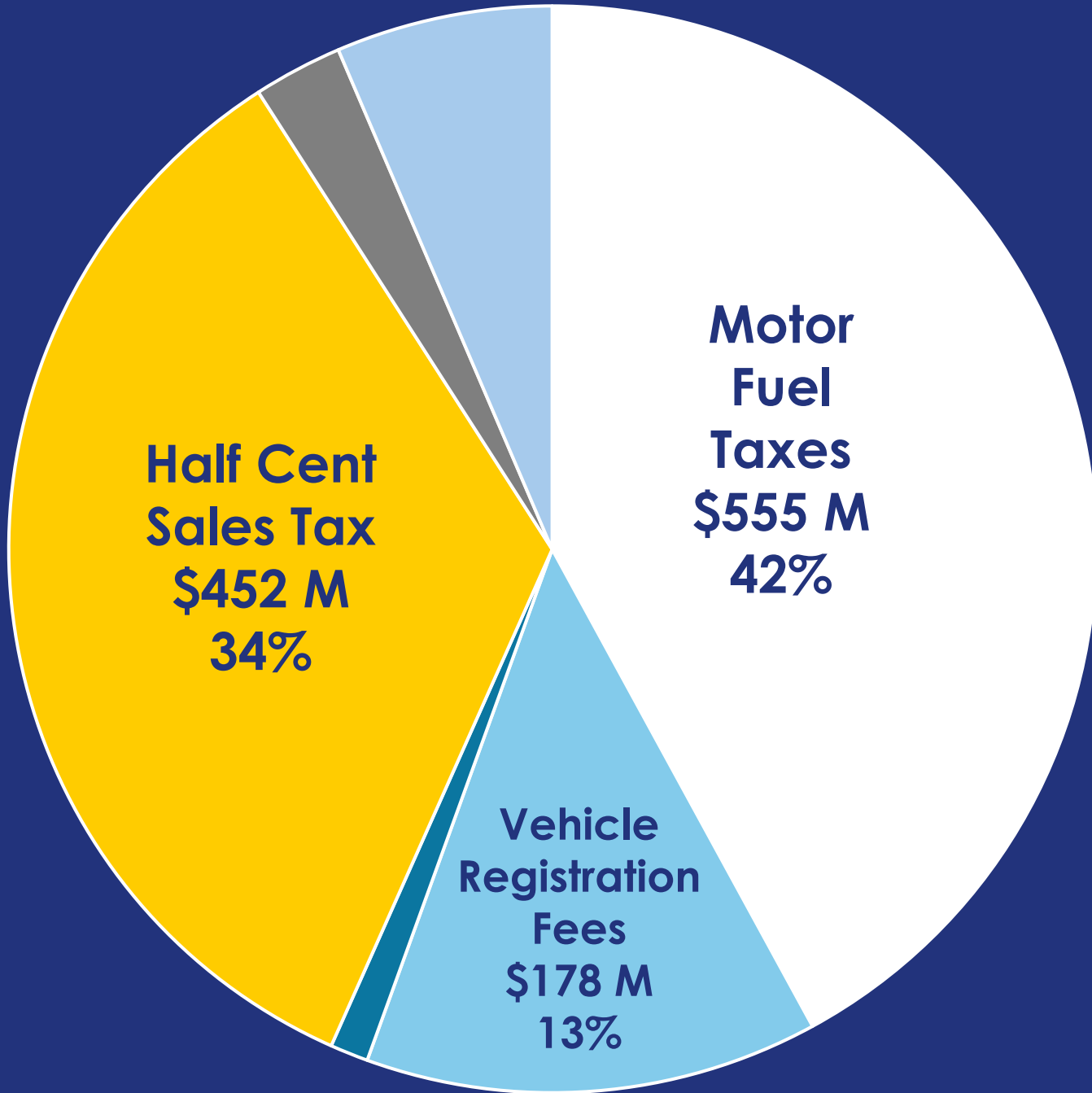
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FEDERAL FUNDS

\$843 Million



**State Transportation Funds  
Average for State Fiscal Years 2027-2028**



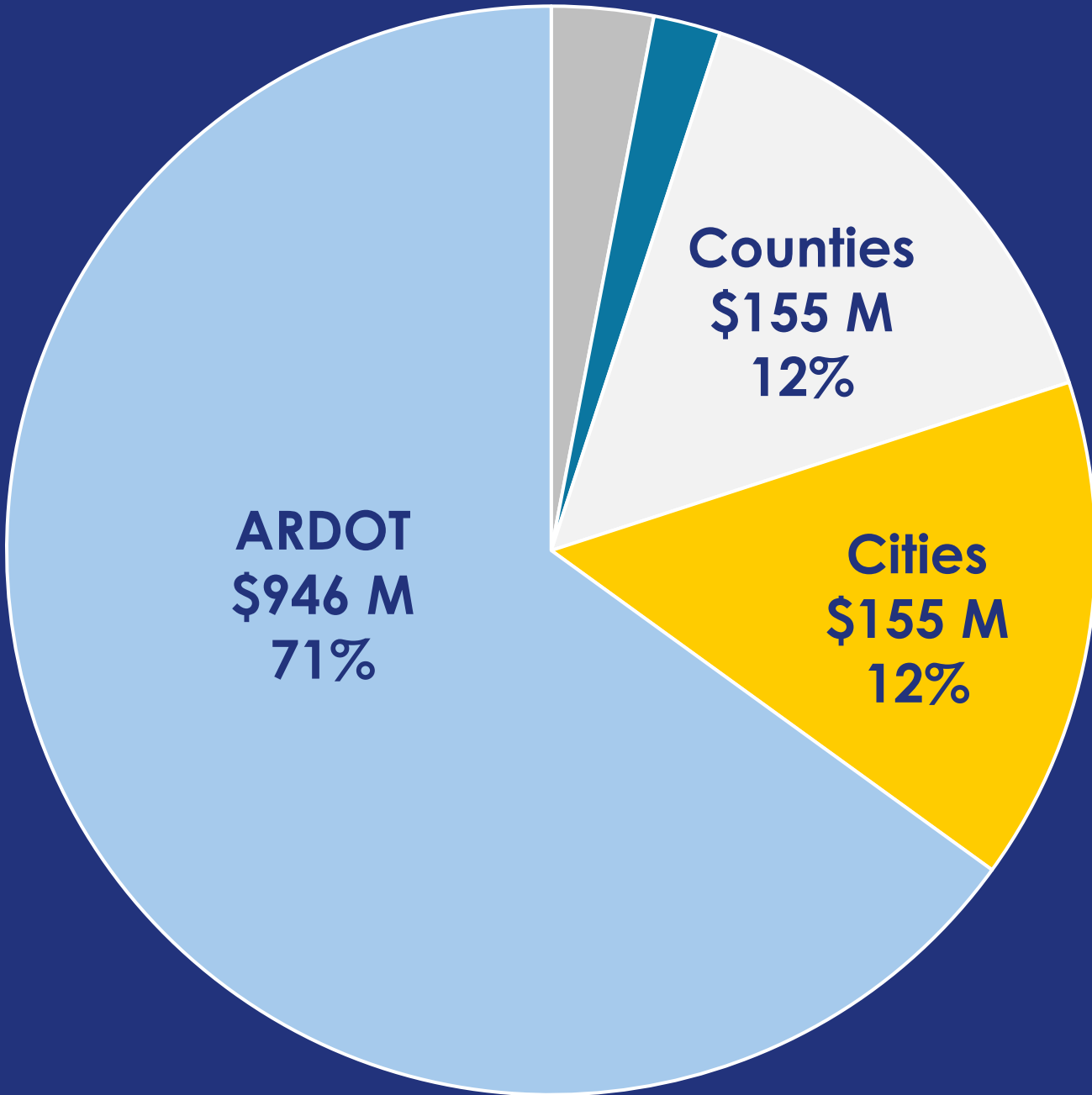
**Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion**

**Natural Gas**  
\$14 M - 1%

**Casino Revenue**  
\$35 M - 3%

**Other**  
\$85 M - 7%

**State Transportation Funds  
Average for State Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

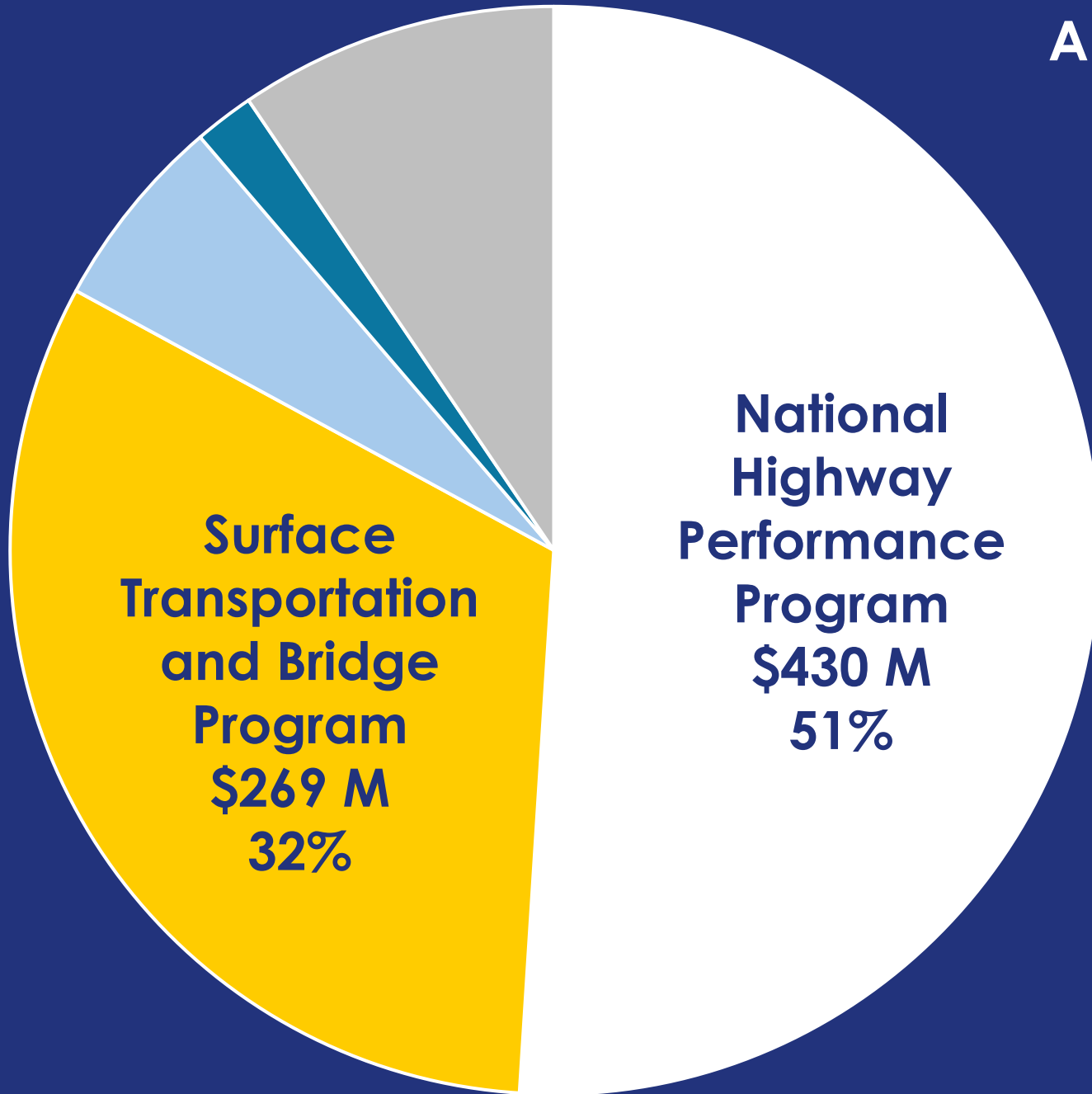


**Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion  
ARDOT = \$946 Million**

**Constitutional and Fiscal  
Agencies  
\$37 M - 3%**

**Other  
\$27 M - 2%**

**Federal Highway Funds  
Average for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028**



**ARDOT Total = \$843 Million**

**Highway Safety  
Improvement Program  
\$49 M - 6%**

**Congestion Mitigation  
and Air Quality  
\$15 M - 2%**

**Other  
\$80 M - 9%**

**Estimated Average Annual Construction  
Funds Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

**Federal Funds  
\$843 Million**

**State Highway Funds  
\$946 Million**

**Total  
\$1,789 Million**

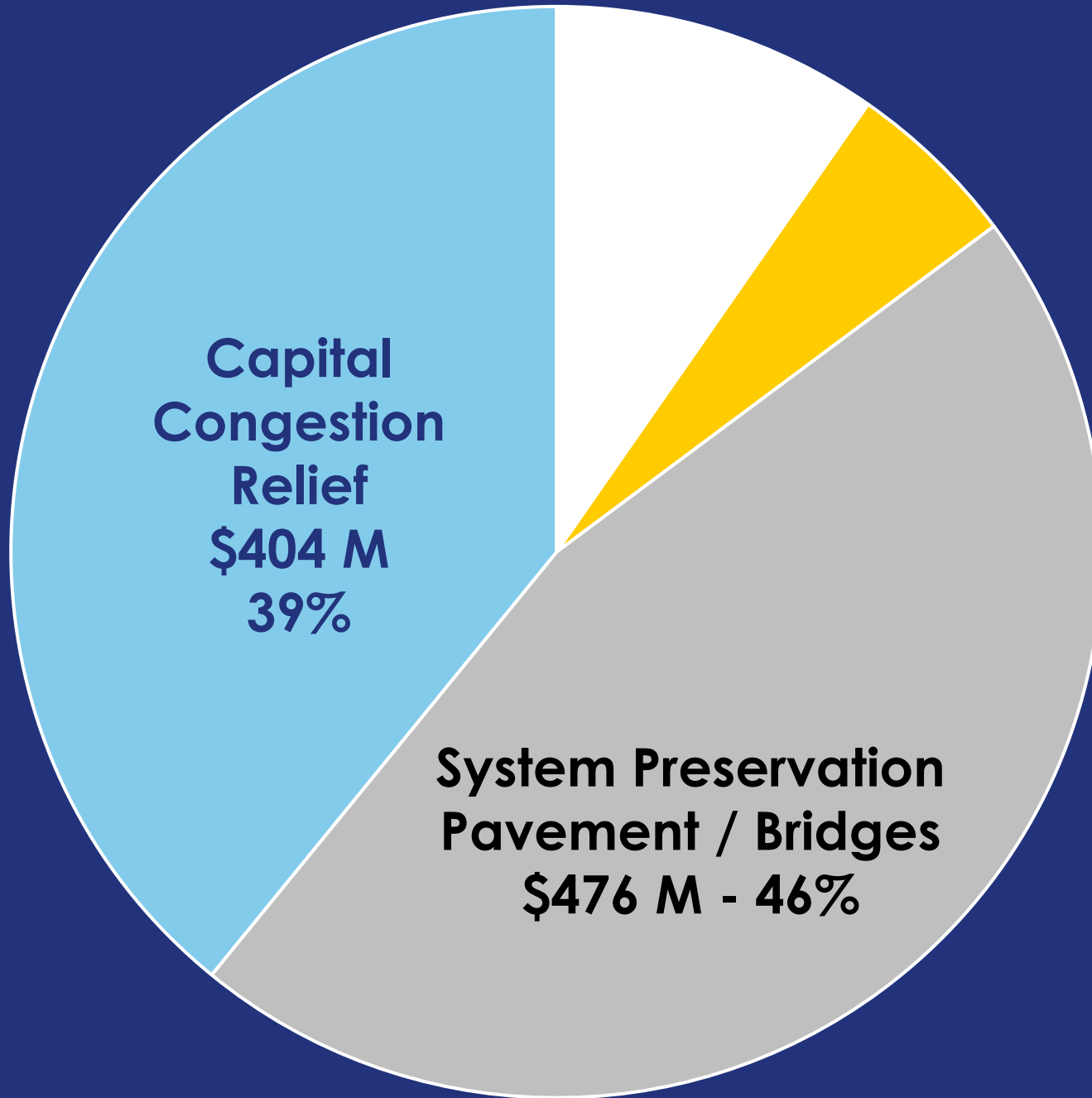
*REDUCTION: Federal Funds  
- \$256 Million*

*REDUCTION: State Funds  
- \$493 Million*

*REDUCTION: IRP Commitment  
- \$6 Million*

**Final Total  
\$1,033 Million**

**Construction Funding Distribution  
Average for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028**



**Total = \$1,033 Million**

**Interstate  
\$100 M - 10%**

**Safety  
\$53 M - 5%**

# STIP

STATEWIDE  
TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM

FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS  
2025-2028



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## Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

- Federal requirement
- Financial constraint
- Development supports:
  - Public transparency
  - Consultation with transportation planning partners
  - Sound financial planning

# UNIVERSE OF PROJECTS

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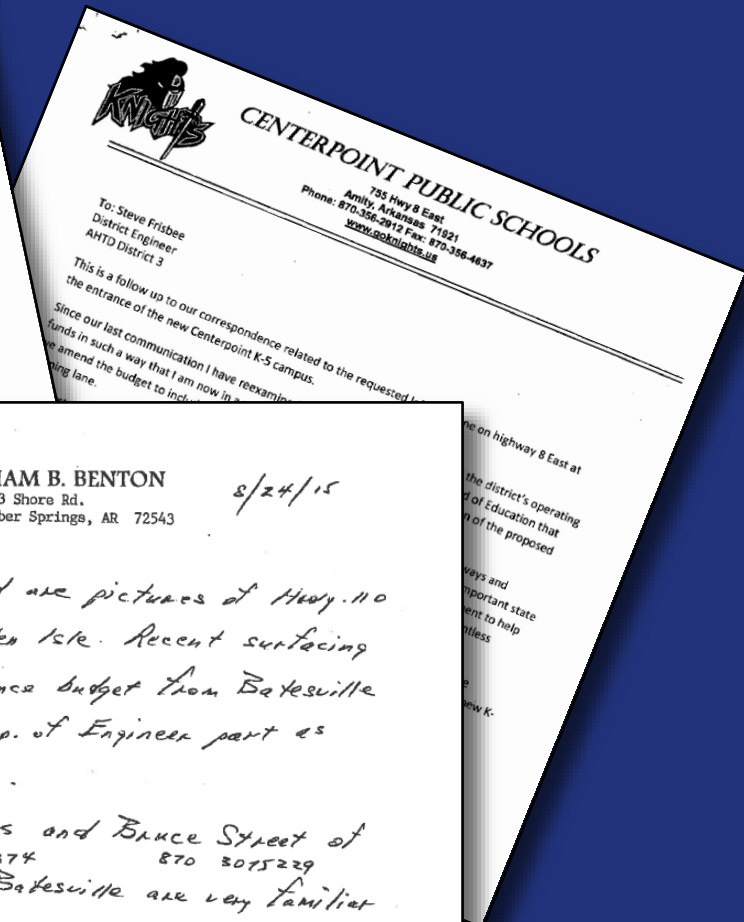
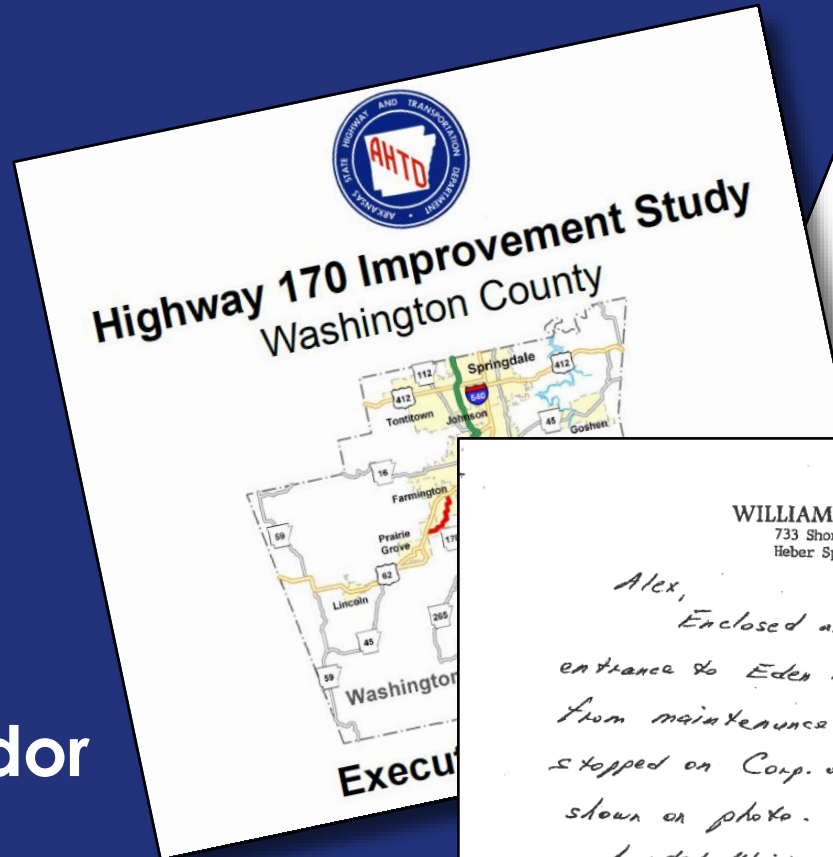
E-mails

Studies

- Safety
- Planning or Corridor

Pavement Needs

Bridge Needs



WILLIAM B. BENTON  
733 Shore Rd.  
Heber Springs, AR 72543

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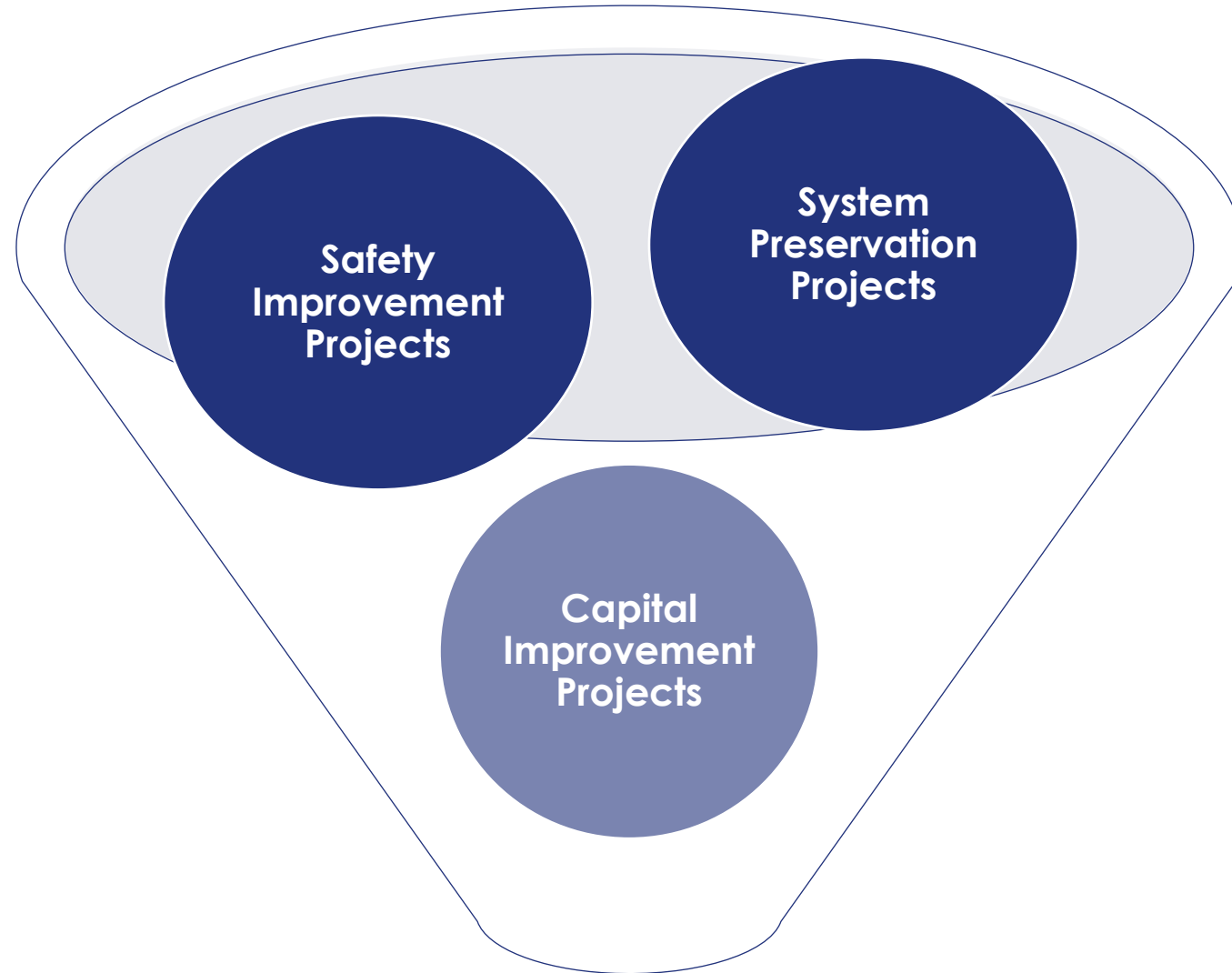
Alex,

Enclosed are pictures of Hwy. 110 entrance to Eden Isle. Recent surfacing from maintenance budget from Batesville stopped on Corp. of Engineer part as shown on photo.

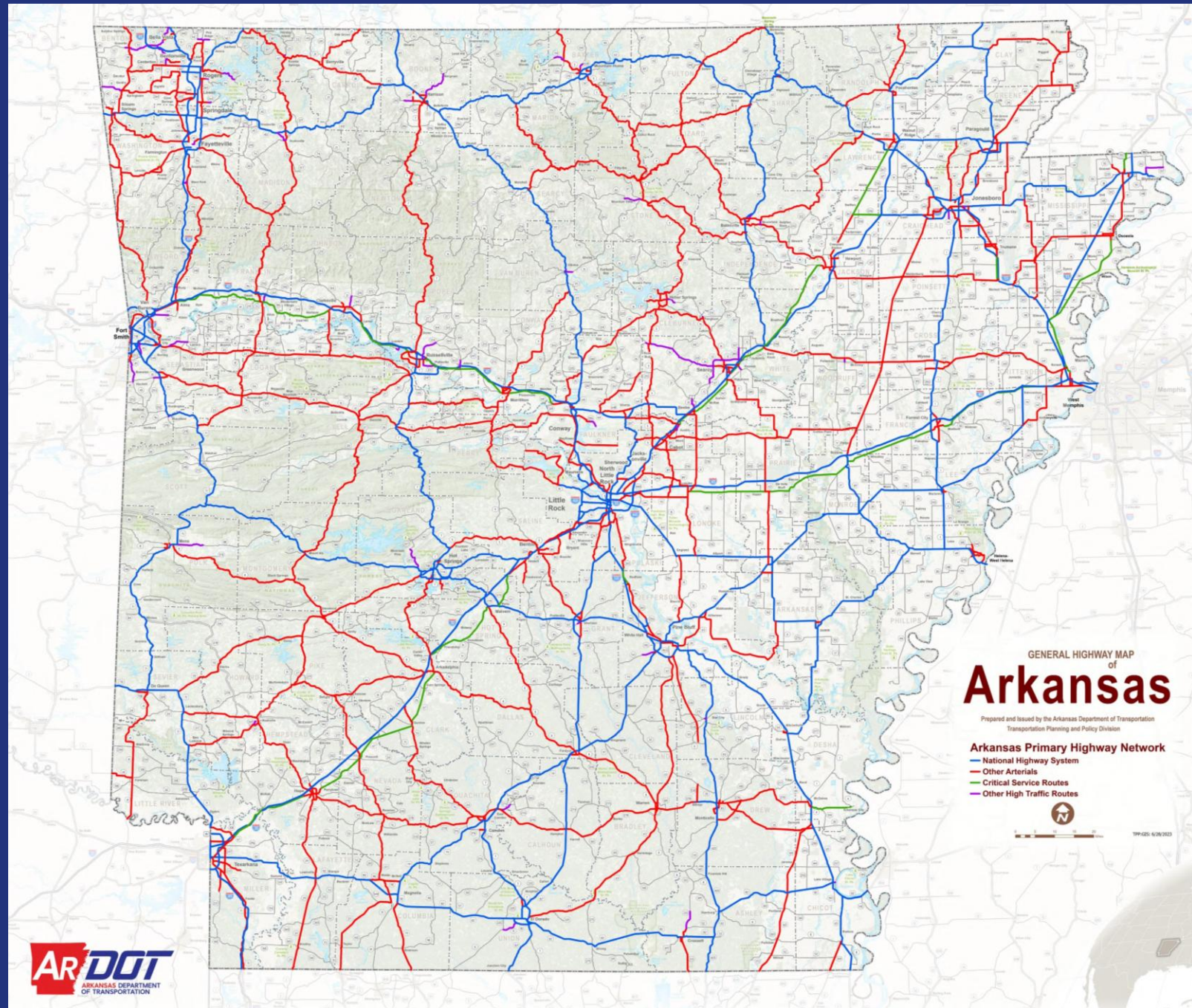
Lynal Waits and Bruce Street of 870 2512374 870 3015229 Ark. Hwy. Dept. - Batesville are very familiar with this project.

The residents of Eden Isle and the Red Apple Resort very much support the

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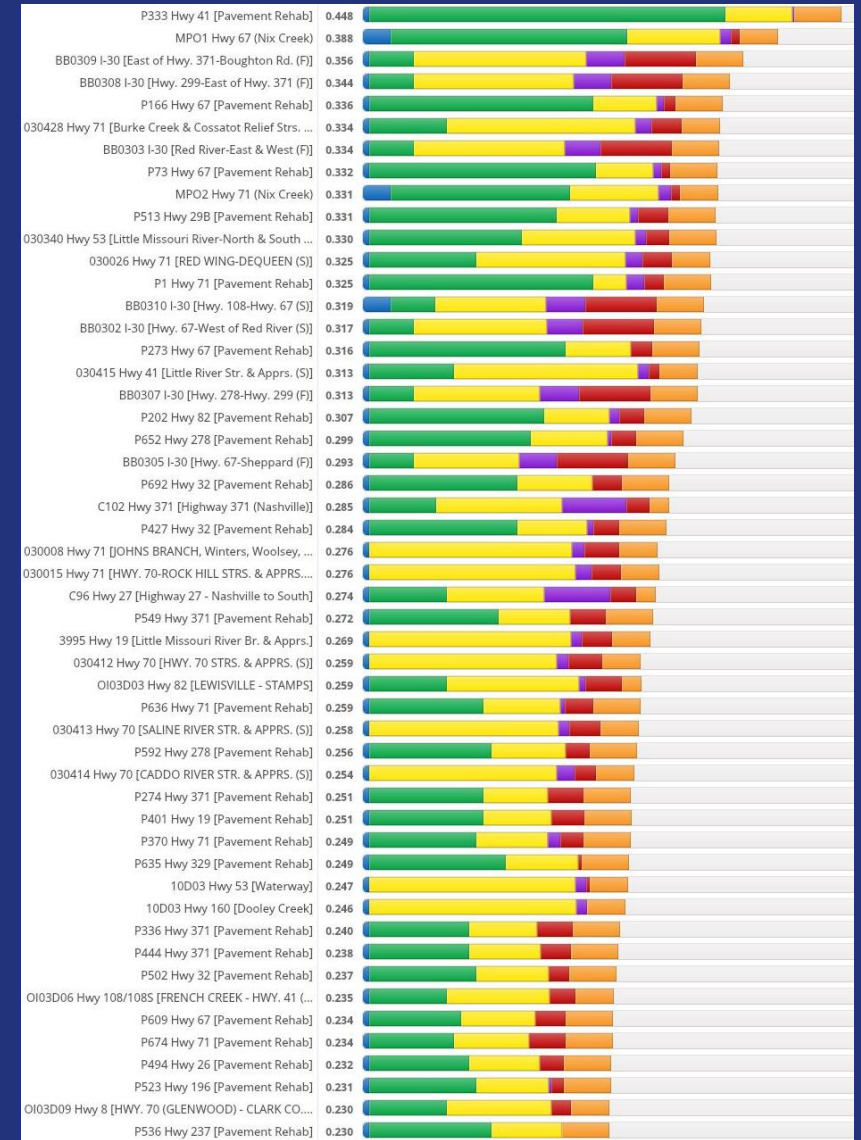


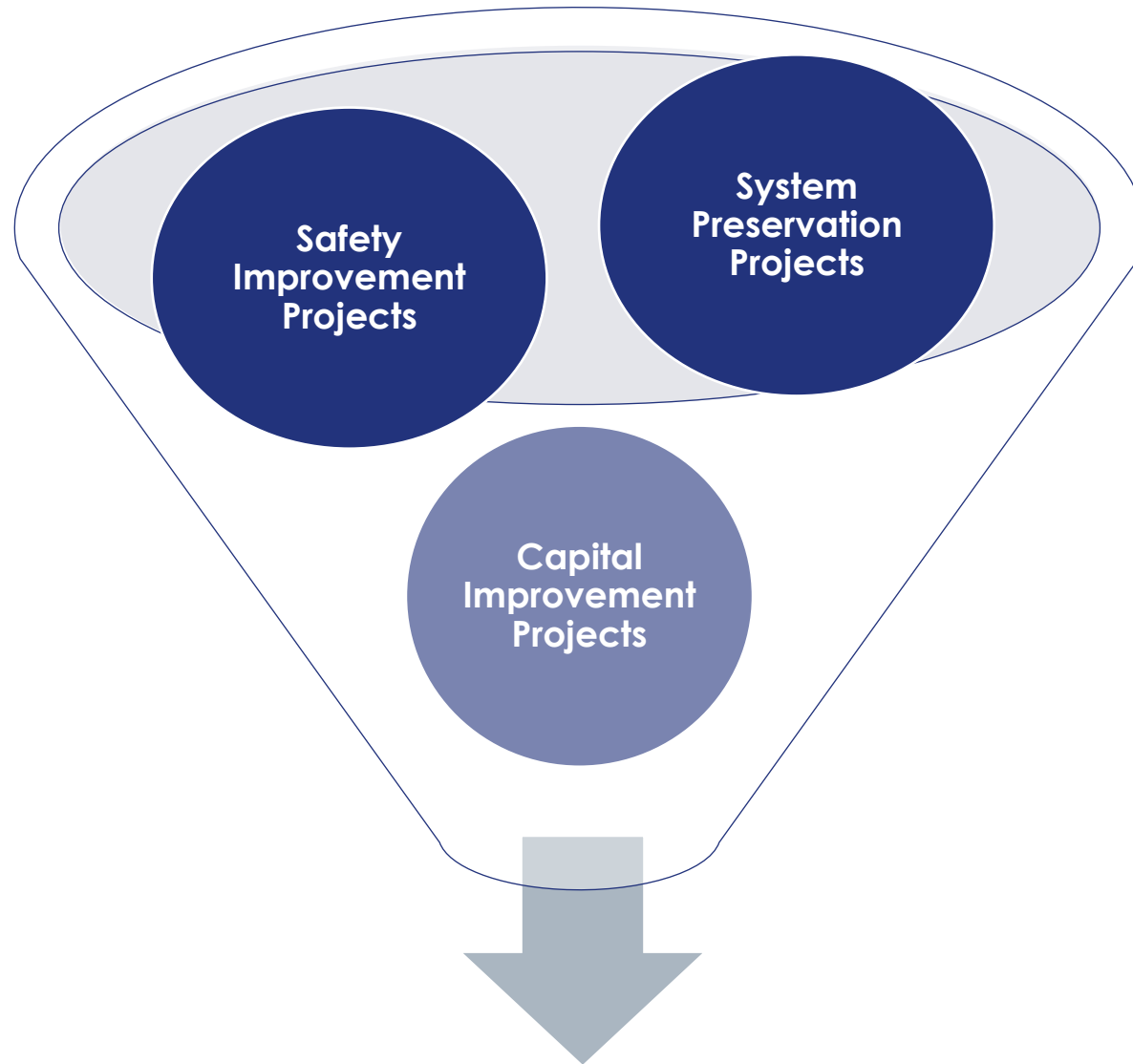
# ARKANSAS PRIMARY HIGHWAY NETWORK



# PROJECT EVALUATION

- Decision Lens Software Package
  - Data-Driven Decision Process
  - Increased Confidence
  - Transparent Evaluation
  - Ranks Projects Based on Criteria





**Projects Prioritized with Available Funding**

# RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

- Draft STIP Submitted for Commission Review and Approval
- Draft STIP Prepared and Released for Public Comment
  - Comment Period Lasts for 30 Days
  - Notices Published Online and Via Mail



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## 2025-2028 STIP



743 Projects



4,500 Miles



212 Bridges



\$5 Billion

# TOP PROJECTS AWARDED

## IN 2024

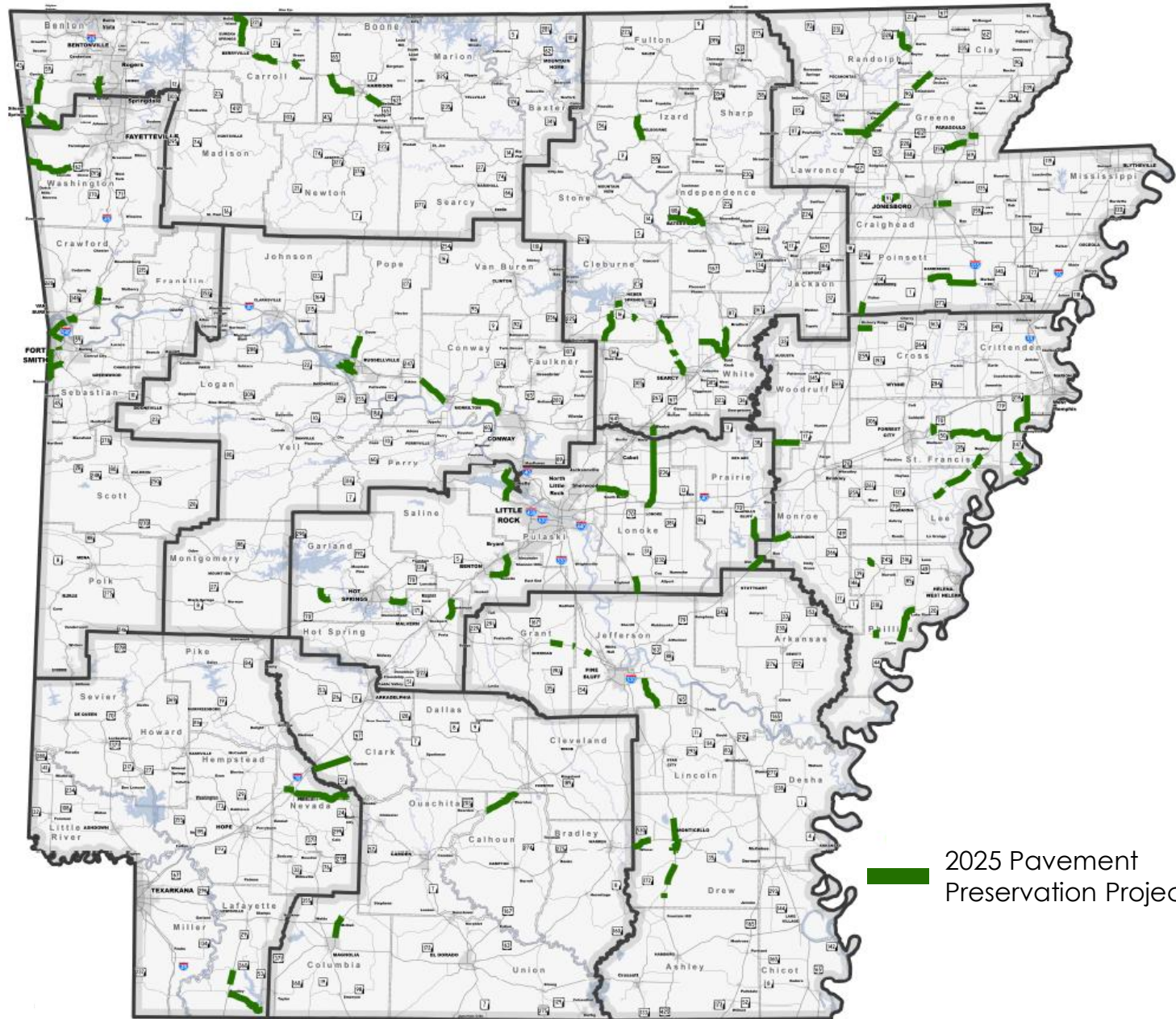
Project	County	Contractor	Award Amount	Est. Completion
Hwy. 22 – Gun Club Rd. (F)	Crawford & Sebastian	Manhattan Road & Bridge Co.	\$282,499,739.25	September 2029
NWA National Airport Access (F)	Benton	Crossland Construction Co., Inc.	\$127,674,716.78	May 2027
Corning Bypass (Future I-57) (S)	Clay	Koss Construction Company	\$55,892,021.23	August 2027
Paragould – North (S)	Greene	Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc.	\$23,927,182.25	May 2027
La Grue Bayou, Wolf Island Slash & Honey Creek Strs. & Apprs. (S)	Prairie	Mobley Contractors, Inc.	\$23,484,085.39	March 2029
Hwy. 22 – I-40 (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Crawford & Sebastian	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	\$21,955,313.63	December 2024
Hwy. 135 Strs. & Apprs. (S)	Poinsett	Robertson Contractors, Inc.	\$18,938,659.12	September 2025
Cornie Bayou, Harper & Lapile Creeks Strs. & Apprs. (S)	Columbia & Union	Mehaffy Construction Co., Inc.	\$18,613,706.80	July 2027
Hwys. 9 & 64 Impvts. (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Conway & Perry	Blackstone Construction, LLC	\$17,680,027.00	November 2024
Hwys. 100 & 167 Cable Median Barrier Impvts. (S)	Various	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	\$16,871,658.98	September 2026



# 2025 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Type of Work	Total
Bridge Improvements	\$120,500,000
Pavement Preservation	\$300,000,000
Safety Improvements	\$1,300,000
Widening & New Location	\$278,200,000
Miscellaneous Projects	\$47,600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$747,600,000</b>

# PAVEMENT PRESERVATION IN 2025





# 2026 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Type of Work	Total
Bridge Improvements	\$152,500,000
Pavement Preservation	\$300,000,000
Safety Improvements	\$14,100,000
Widening & New Location	\$158,700,000
Miscellaneous Projects	\$183,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$808,300,000</b>



**THANK YOU**