



LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION

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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
TBD**

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**



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

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





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



Highway 365



Department Funding & STIP Process

ANNUAL FUNDING

01

State Funds

\$1.3 Billion

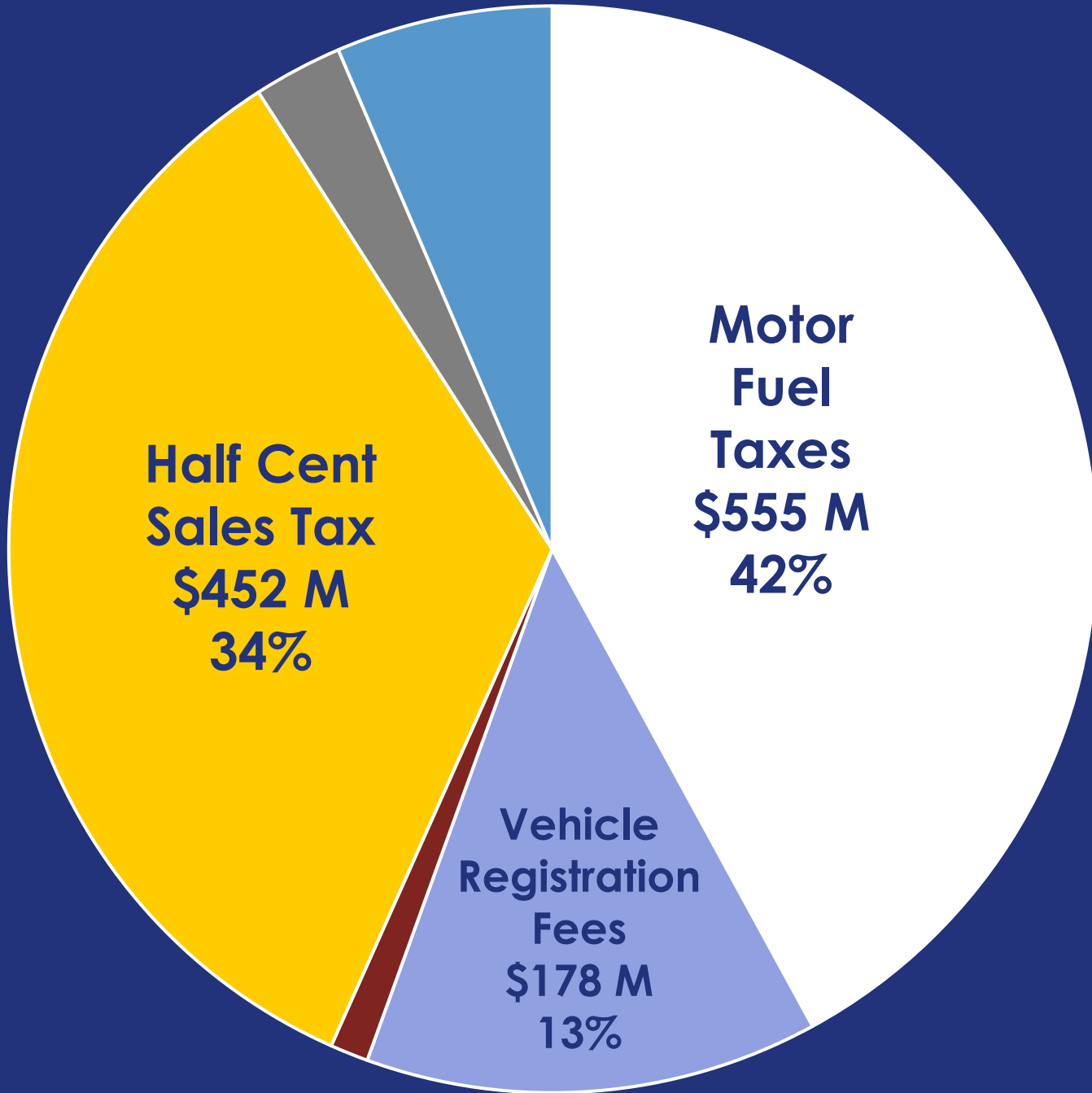
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Federal Funds

\$843 Million



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



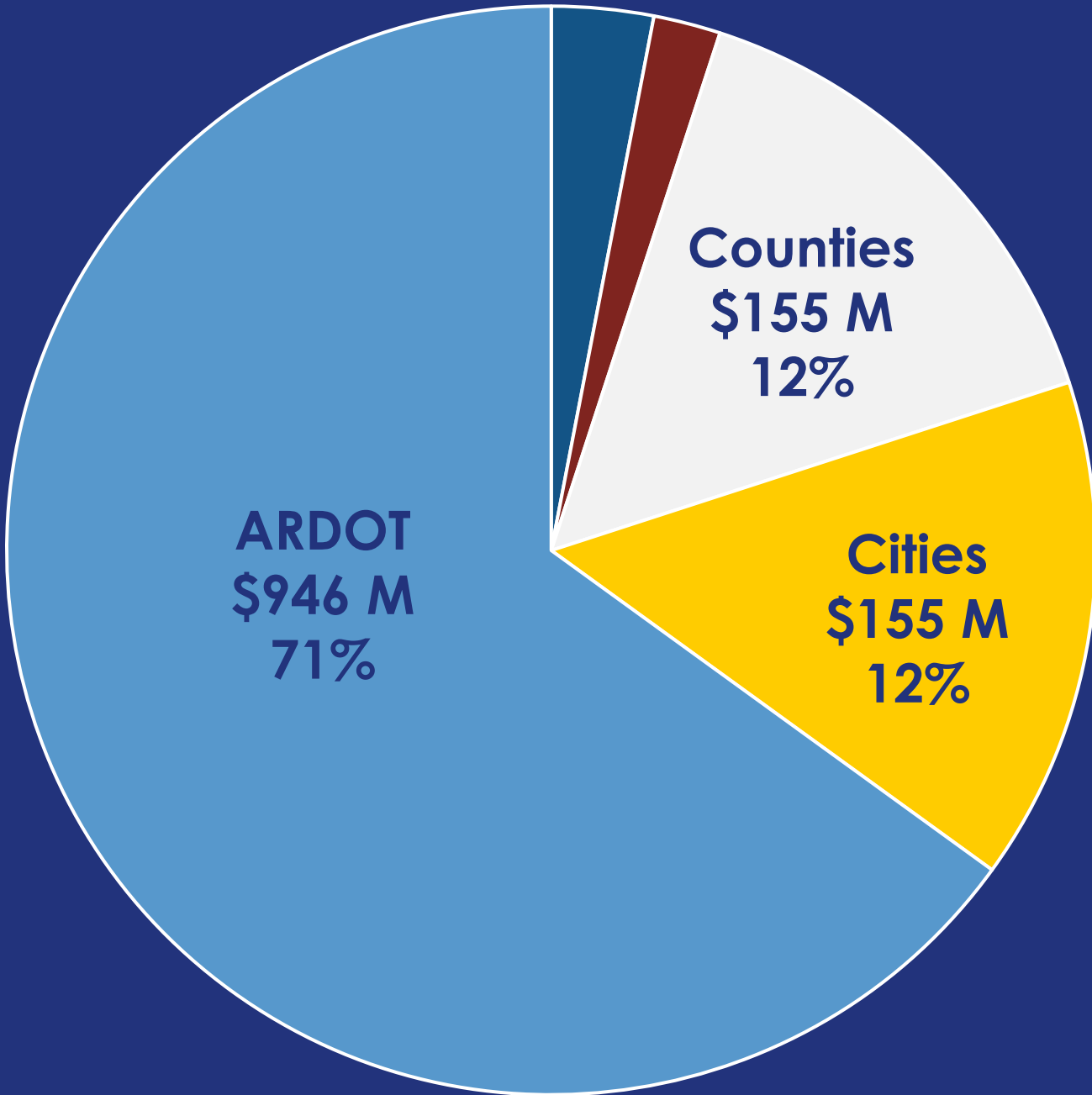
Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion

Natural Gas
\$14 M - 1%

Casino Revenue
\$35 M - 3%

Other
\$85 M - 7%

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

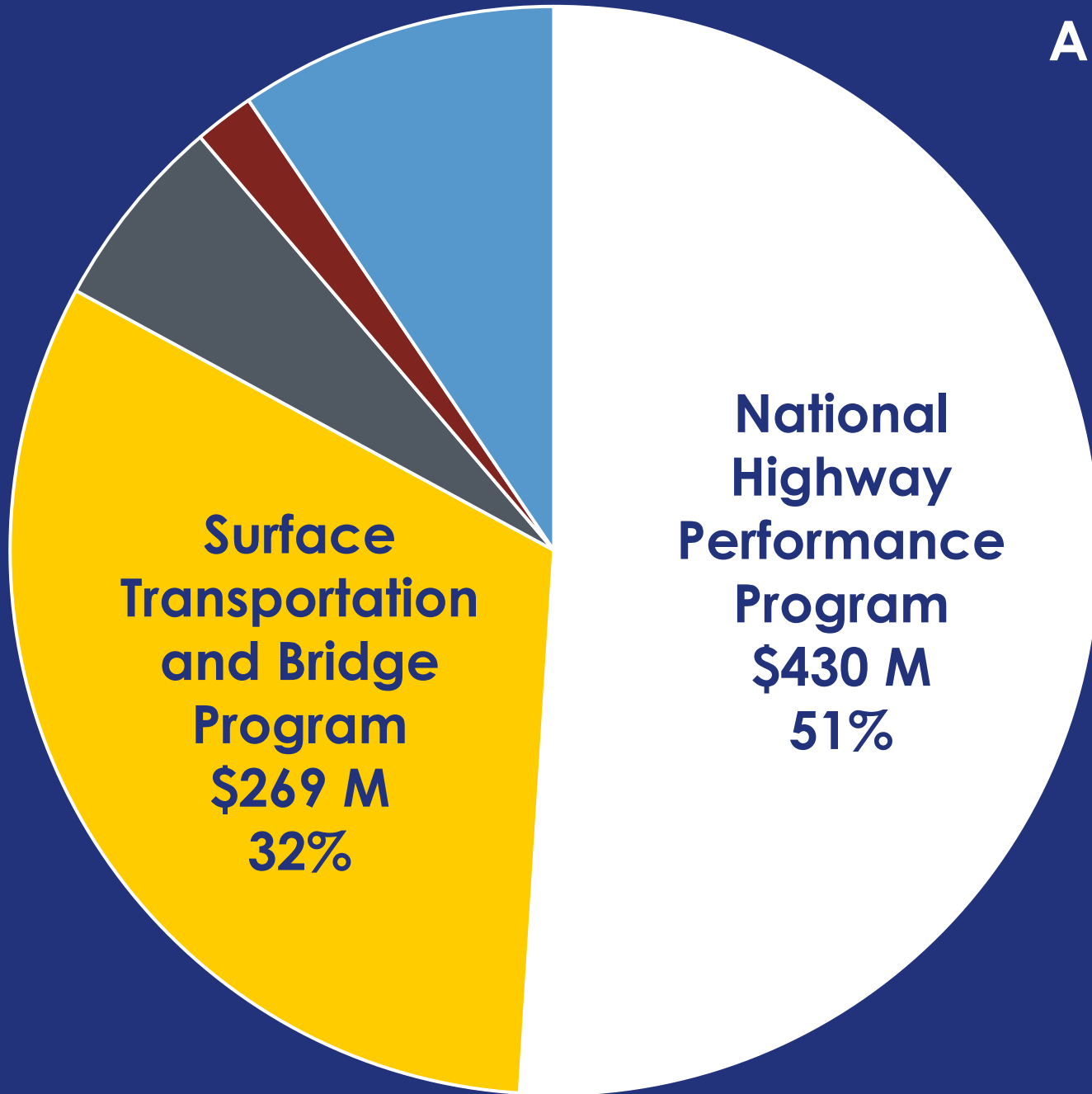


**Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion
ARDOT = \$946 Million**

**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

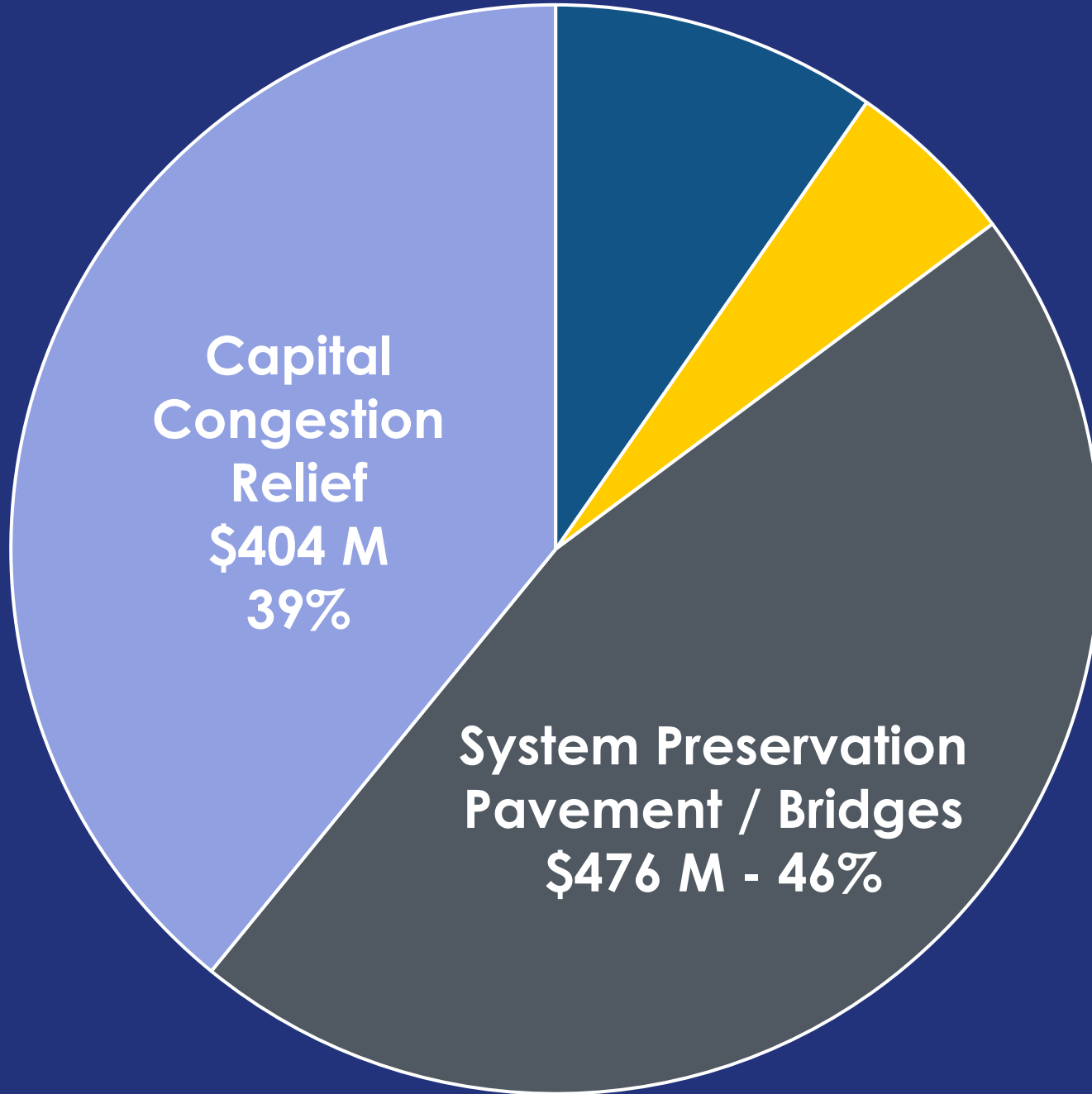
REDUCTION: Federal Funds
- \$256 Million

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

Letters

E-mails

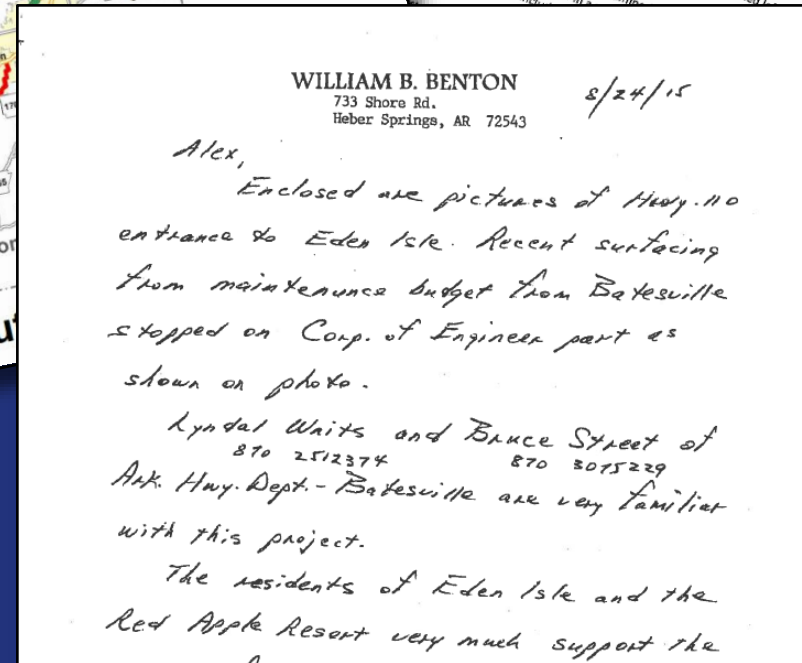
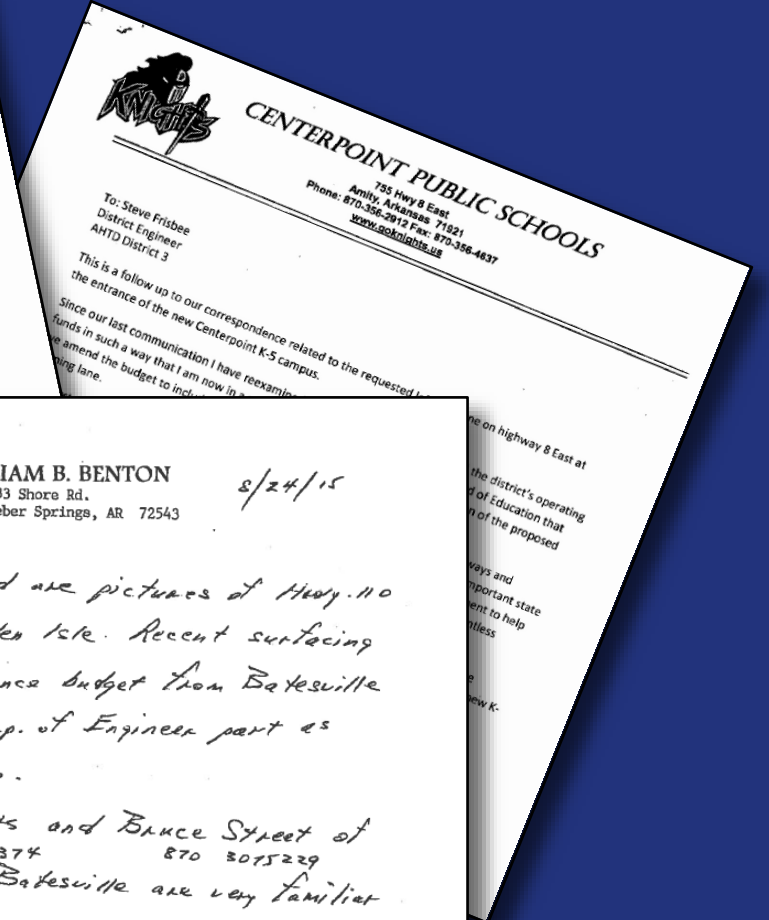
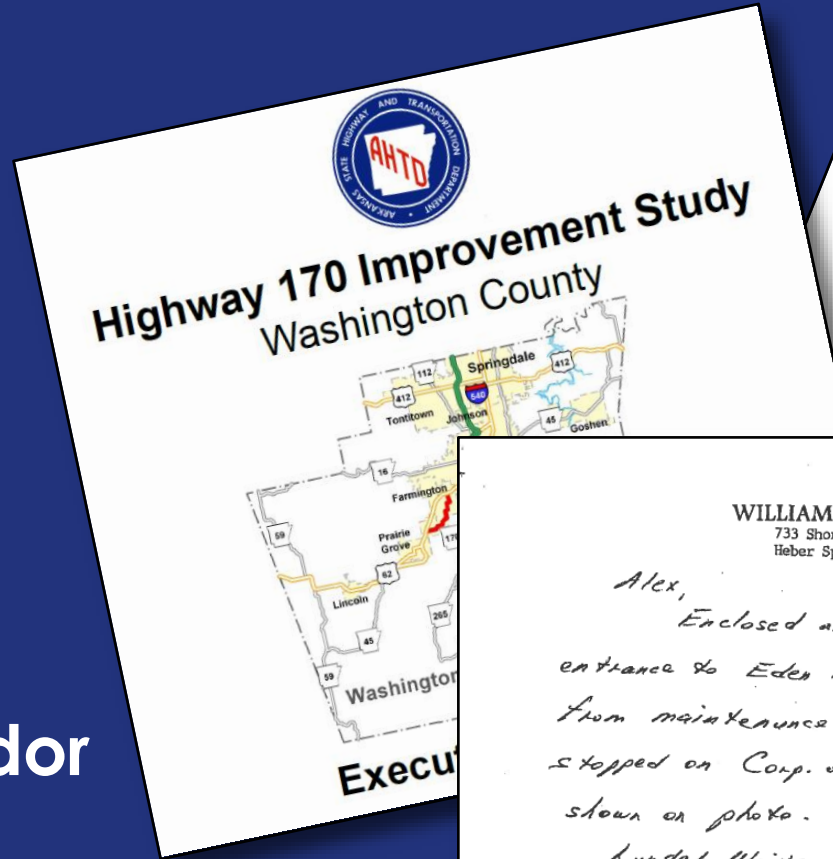
Studies

– Safety

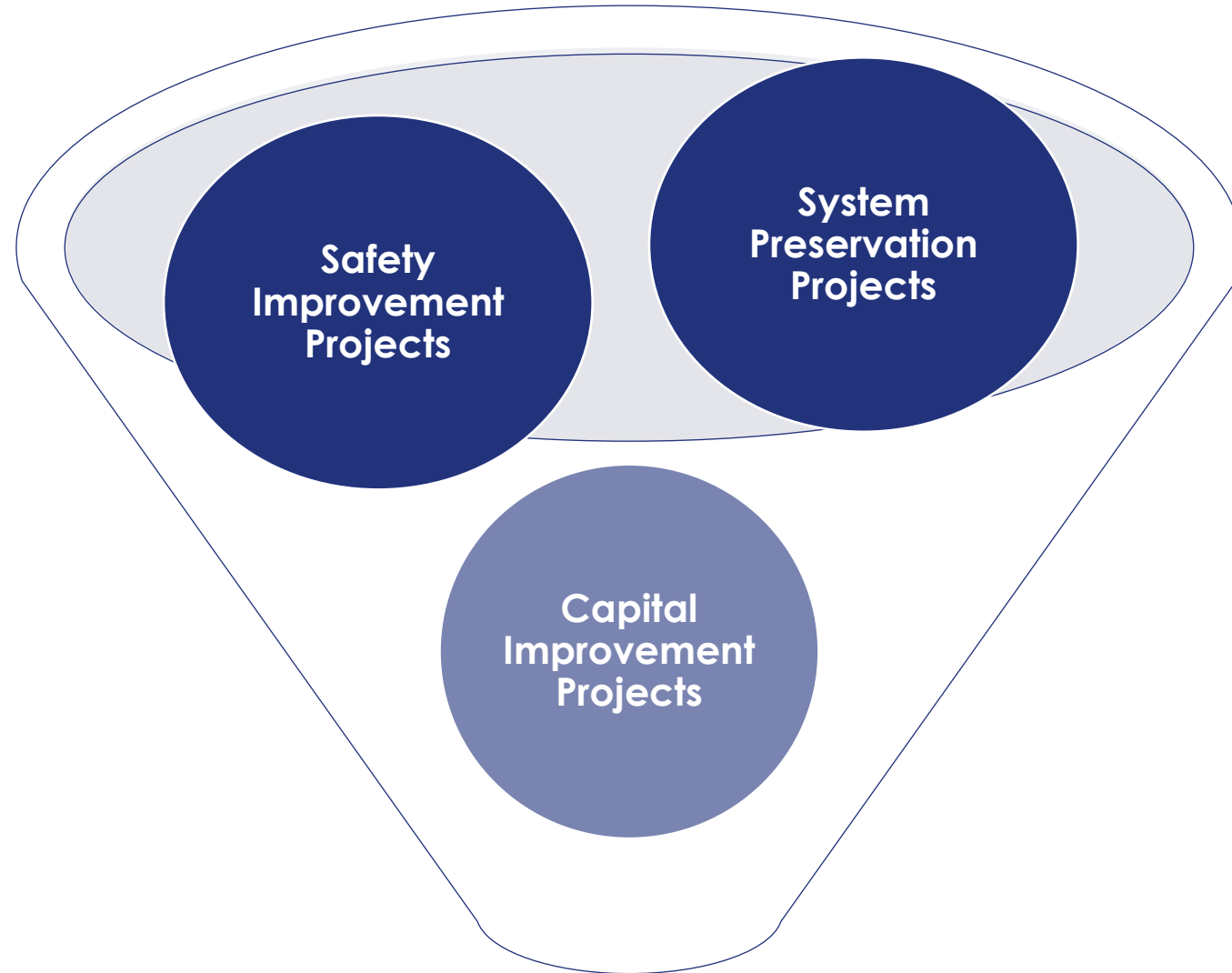
– Planning or Corridor

Pavement Needs

Bridge Needs

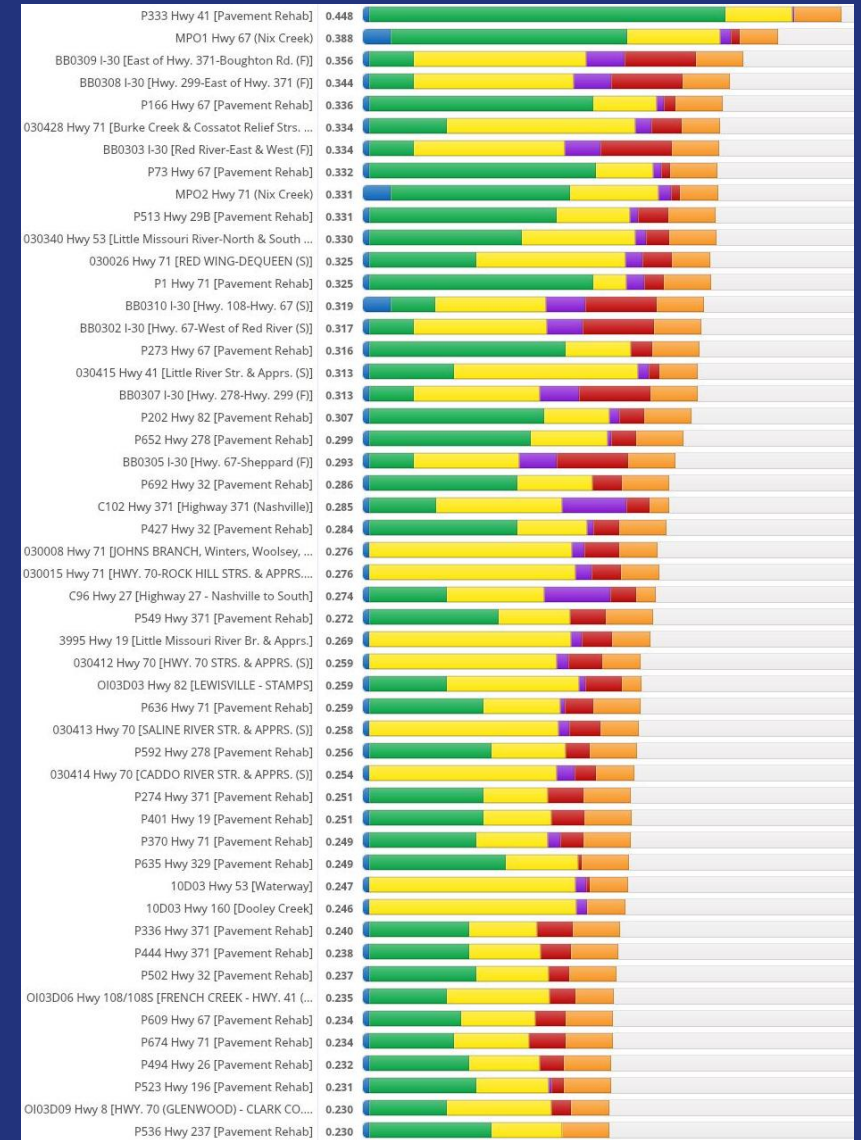


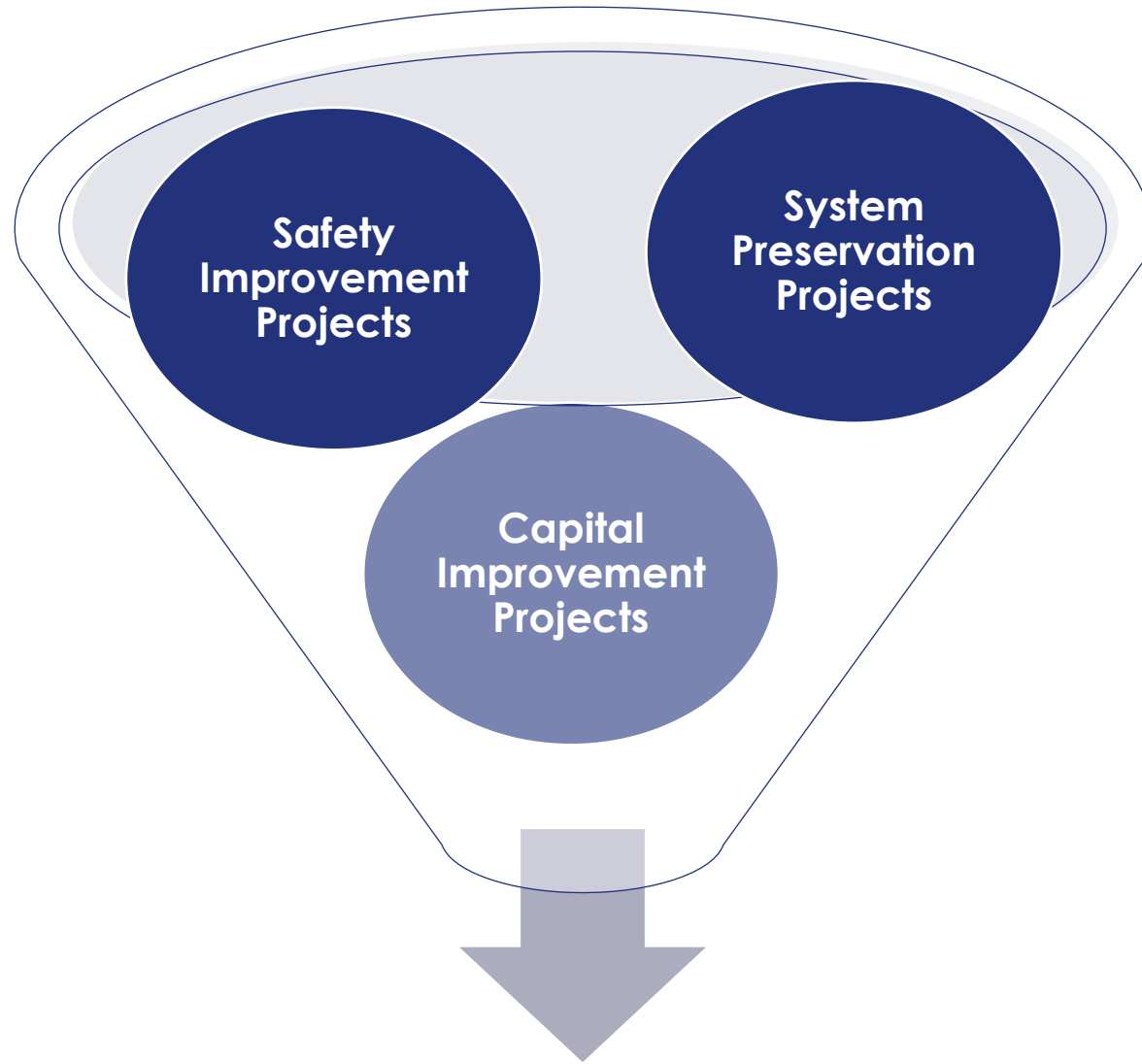
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PROJECT EVALUATION

- 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



STIP

STATEWIDE
TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM

FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS
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2025-2028 STIP



814 Projects



4,100 Miles



271 Bridges



\$4.4 Billion

Hot Springs Bypass



Proposed Legislative Package

Proposed Legislation

2025 REGULAR SESSION



**Increased
Fines for a
Moving Traffic
Violation in
Mobile
Maintenance
Operations**



**Ensure
Continued Use
of Green Lights**



**Inclusion of
Safe Operation
of a Motor
Vehicle in a
Work Zone in
the Arkansas
Driver License
Study Guide**

Proposed Legislation

2025 REGULAR SESSION



**Deregulate the
Movement of
School and
Office Trailers**



**Remove the
Construction
Manager-
General
Contractor
Program Pilot
Requirements**



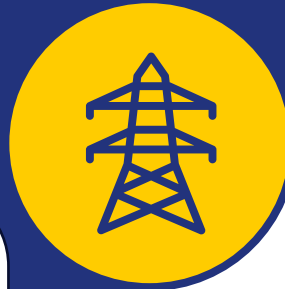
**Modernize
Statutory
Bonding
Requirements**

Proposed Legislation

2025 REGULAR SESSION



**Standardize
Market Value
Determination
for Surplus
Property**



**Utility
Relocation**



**Denatured
Ethanol**



CLARANCE
HOBSON
District 6
June 13, 1972

WALTER
GAGE
Heavy Bridge
Maintenance
June 19, 1972

ANDERSON
WILLIAMS
District 2
June 2, 2012

MARVIN
SULLIVAN
District 6
September 22, 1972

TIMOTHY
HARRIS
District 1
May 8, 2012

JOEATHAN
VANIGRA
District 1
May 7, 1972

J. R.
RALPH
District 1
March 22, 1972

DAN
DANIEL
District 1
June 1972

JEROME
HARRIS
District 1
January 1972

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National Work Zone
Awareness Week

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