



# LEADERSHIP ARKANSAS CLASS XX

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2021-22 Leadership Arkansas Class XVI



Interstate 49



# 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



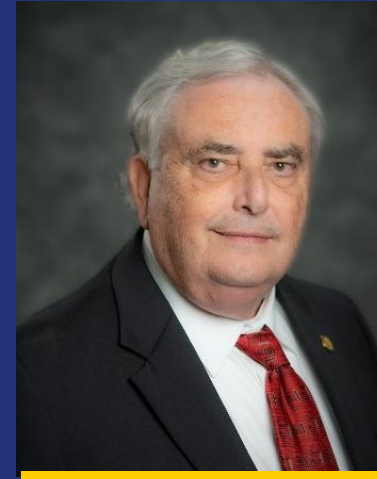
**Chairman  
Philip Taldo**



**Vice Chairman  
Keith Gibson**



**Commissioner  
Marie Holder**



**Commissioner  
David Haak**



**Commissioner  
Jerry Halsey**

# DECADES OF PROGRESS

**1975**

**First state to  
complete its  
interstate  
system**

**1991**

**Highway  
Improvement  
Program**

**2011**

**Second  
Interstate  
Rehabilitation  
Program**

**2020**

**Renew  
Arkansas  
Highways  
Program**

**1985**

**Rural Road  
Program**

**1999**

**Interstate  
Rehabilitation  
Program**

**2012**

**Connecting  
Arkansas  
Program**

# ARDOT QUICK FACTS



**3<sup>RD</sup> LARGEST  
STATE AGENCY**

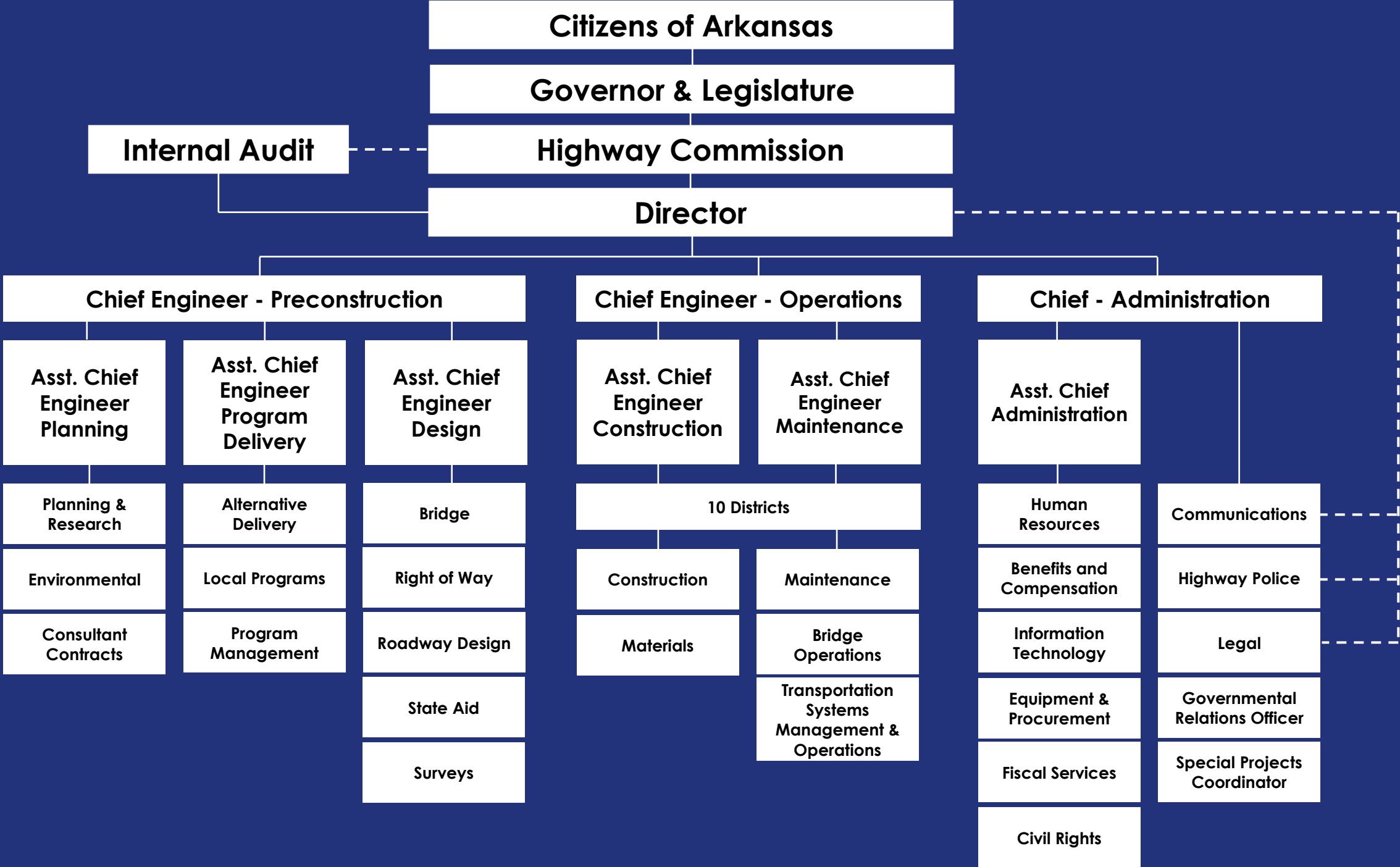
**MAINTAIN OVER  
16,000 MILES OF  
HIGHWAY & MORE  
THAN 7,000 BRIDGES**

**CENTRAL  
OFFICES  
LOCATED IN  
LITTLE ROCK**

**HIGHWAY SYSTEM  
VALUED AT \$140  
BILLION**

**HOME TO OLDEST LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCY IN ARKANSAS**





**Citizens of Arkansas**

**Governor & Legislature**

**Internal Audit**

**Highway Commission**

**Director**

**Chief Engineer - Preconstruction**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Planning**

**Planning & Research**

**Environmental**

**Consultant Contracts**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Program Delivery**

**Alternative Delivery**

**Local Programs**

**Program Management**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Design**

**Bridge**

**Right of Way**

**Roadway Design**

**State Aid**

**Surveys**

**Chief Engineer - Operations**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Construction**

**10 Districts**

**Construction**

**Materials**

**Asst. Chief Engineer Maintenance**

**Maintenance**

**Bridge Operations**

**Transportation Systems Management & Operations**

**Chief - Administration**

**Asst. Chief Administration**

**Human Resources**

**Benefits and Compensation**

**Information Technology**

**Equipment & Procurement**

**Fiscal Services**

**Civil Rights**

**Communications**

**Highway Police**

**Legal**

**Governmental Relations Officer**

**Special Projects Coordinator**



**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

# ARDOT FALLEN WORKER MEMORIAL DEDICATION







# SLOW DOWN, PHONE DOWN CAMPAIGN



Help them make it home to their families.

Protect our road workers.



**SLOW DOWN  
PHONE DOWN**  
in work zones

## Year 4

- Focus:  
Distracted Driving
- Target Demographic:  
18-24 Year-olds







# STREET SMART EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN



- 2025-2026 School Year
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Statewide
  - Focus: Bicycle, Passenger, & Pedestrian Safety

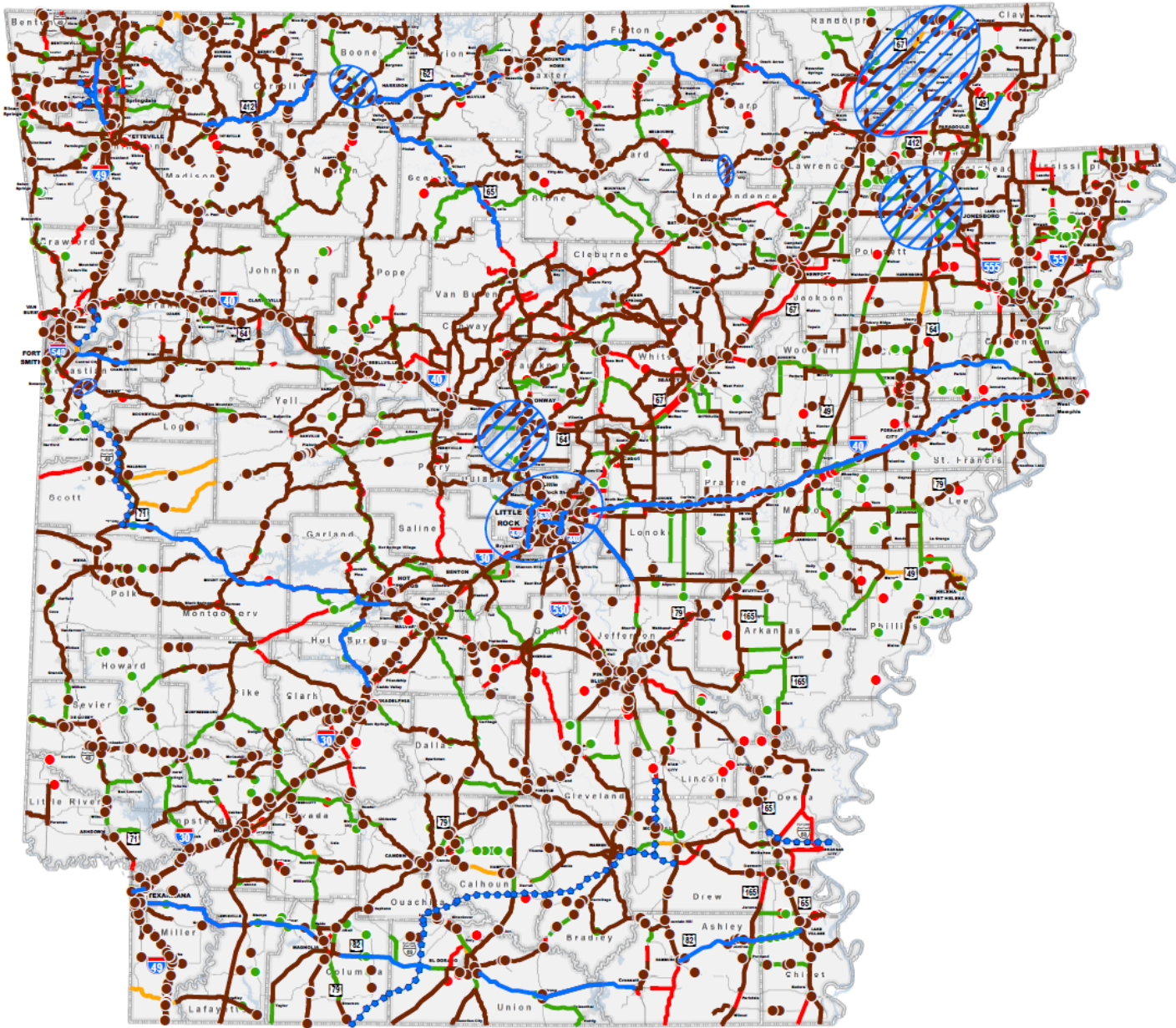
# SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS



Highway 365



# Department Funding & STIP Process



RENEW **AR** HIGHWAYS

**LONG RANGE PLAN**

**Pavement Preservation**  
7,000 miles

**Bridge Replacement/Repair**  
1,100 bridges

**Capacity Needs**  
\$2 billion allocated

# ANNUAL FUNDING







**State Funds  
\$1.3 Billion**

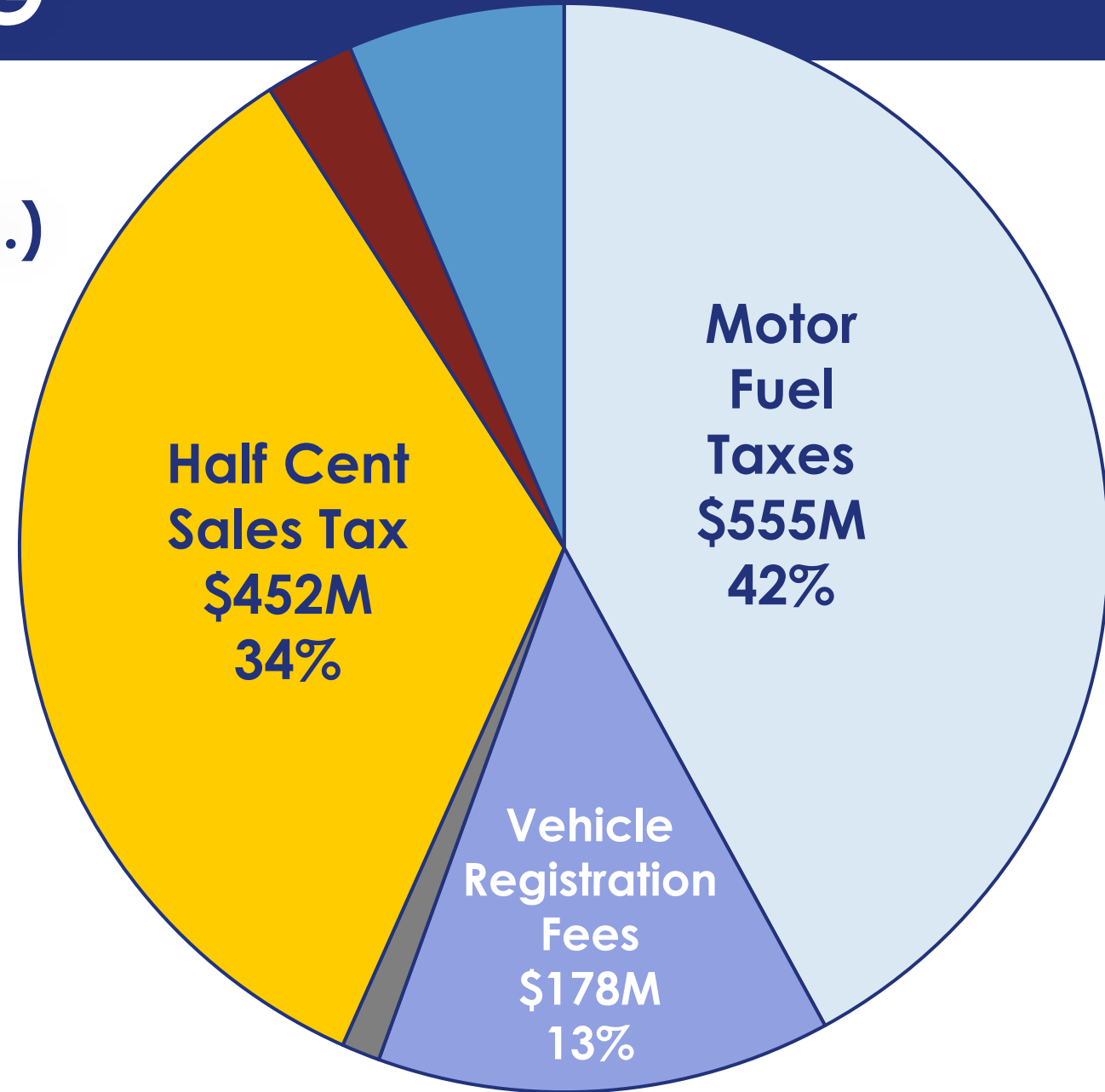
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\$843 Million**



# ANNUAL FUNDING

**State Funds**  
**\$1.3 Billion ('27-'28 SFY est. avg.)**






-  **Motor Fuel Taxes**
-  **Half Cent Sales Tax**
-  **Vehicle Registration Fees**
-  **Other (\$85M, 7%)**
-  **Casino Revenue (\$35M, 3%)**
-  **Natural Gas (\$14M, 1%)**

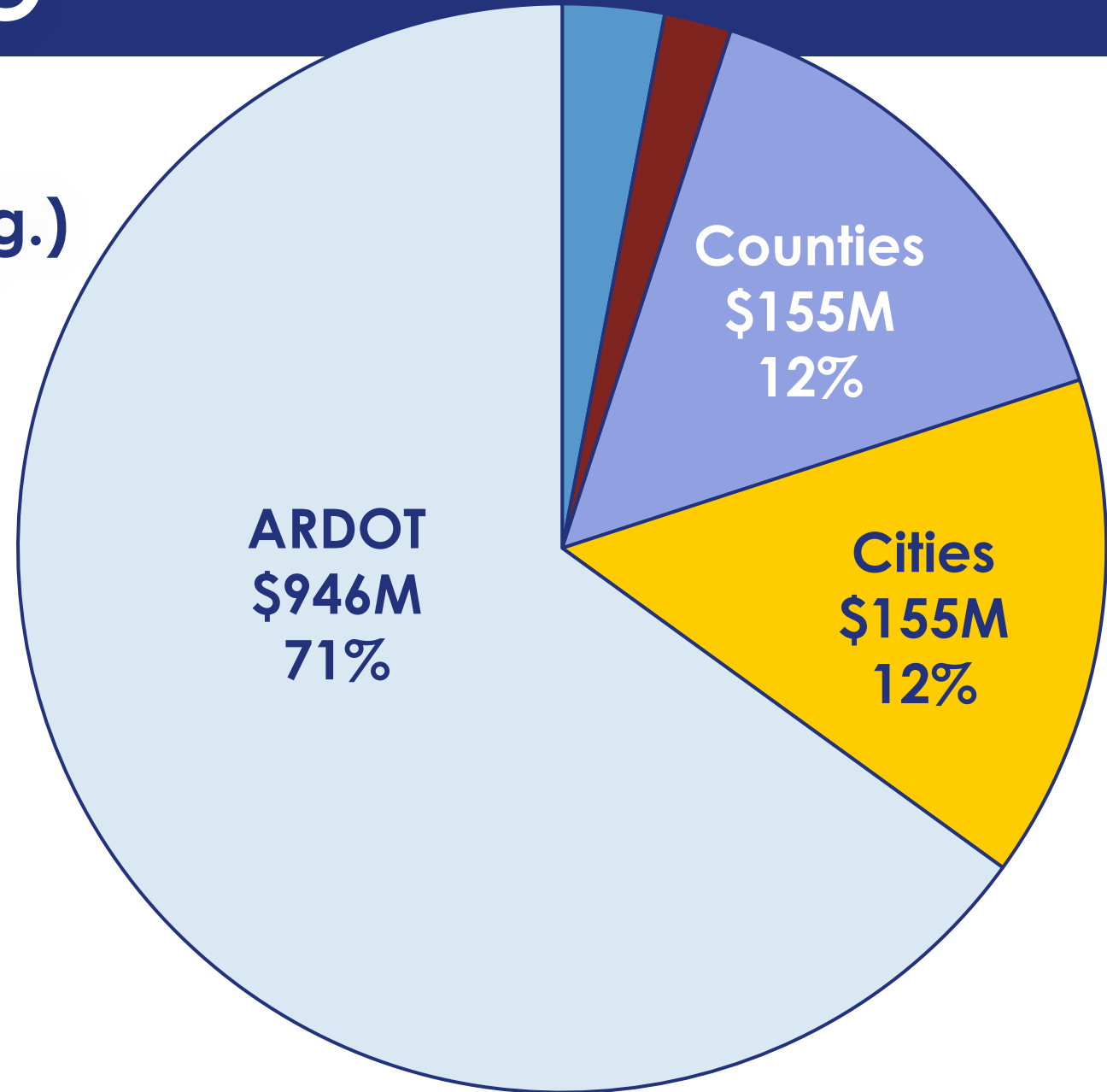


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-  **ARDOT**
-  **Cities**
-  **Counties**
-  **Constitutional/Fiscal Agencies (\$37M, 3%)**
-  **Other (\$27M, 2%)**

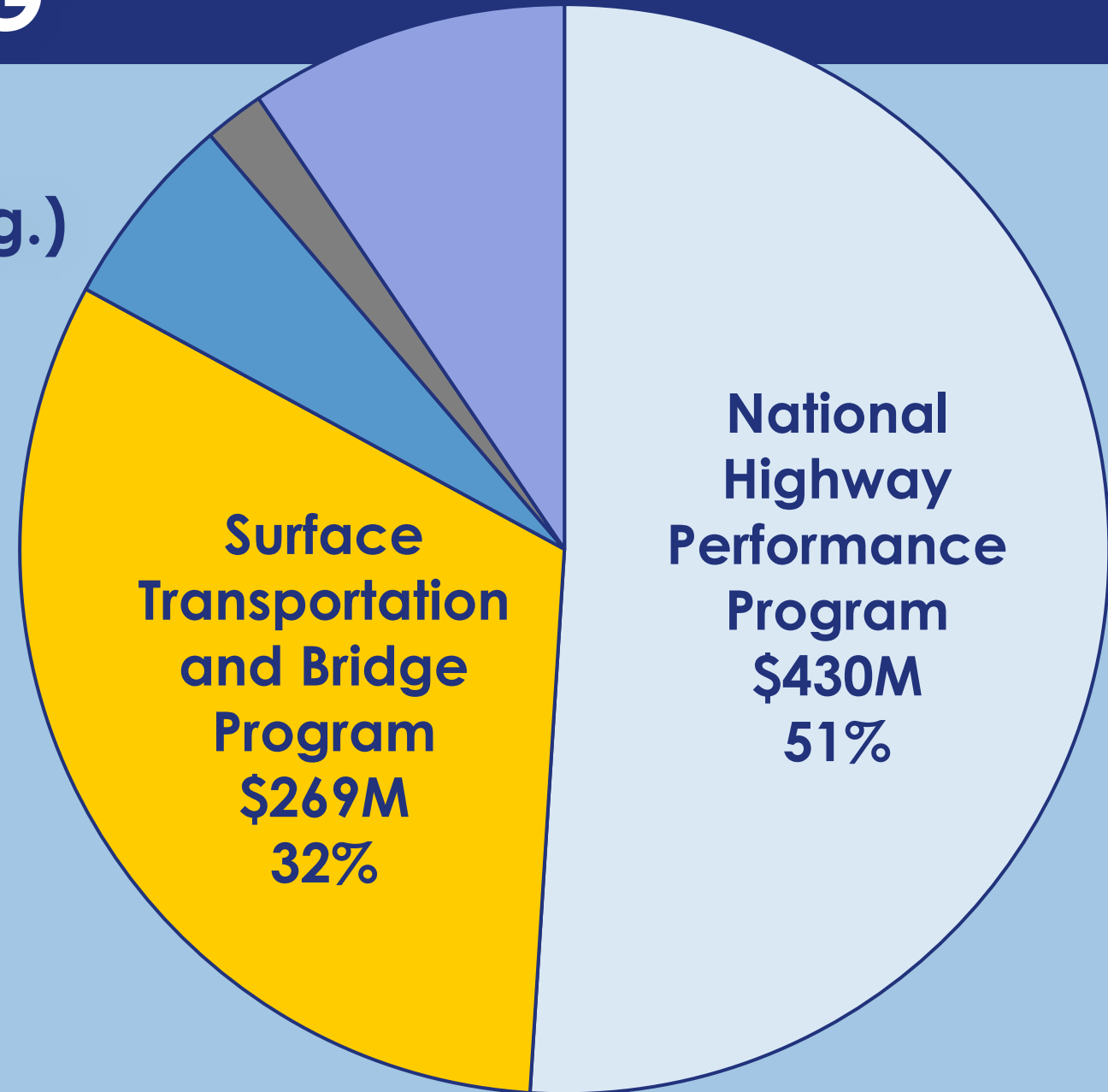


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-  National Highway Performance Program
-  Surface Transportation and Bridge Program
-  Other (\$80M, 9%)
-  Highway Safety Improvement Program (\$49M, 6%)
-  Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (\$15M, 2%)



# ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

ESTIMATED FOR FFY 2027-2028

**State Highway Funds**  
\$946 Million

+

**Federal Funds**  
\$843 Million

=

**Total**  
\$1.789 Billion

*REDUCTION: Federal Funds*  
*- \$256 Million*

*REDUCTION: State Funds*  
*- \$494 Million*

*REDUCTION: IRP Commitment*  
*- \$6 Million*

**Final Total**  
**\$1 Billion**

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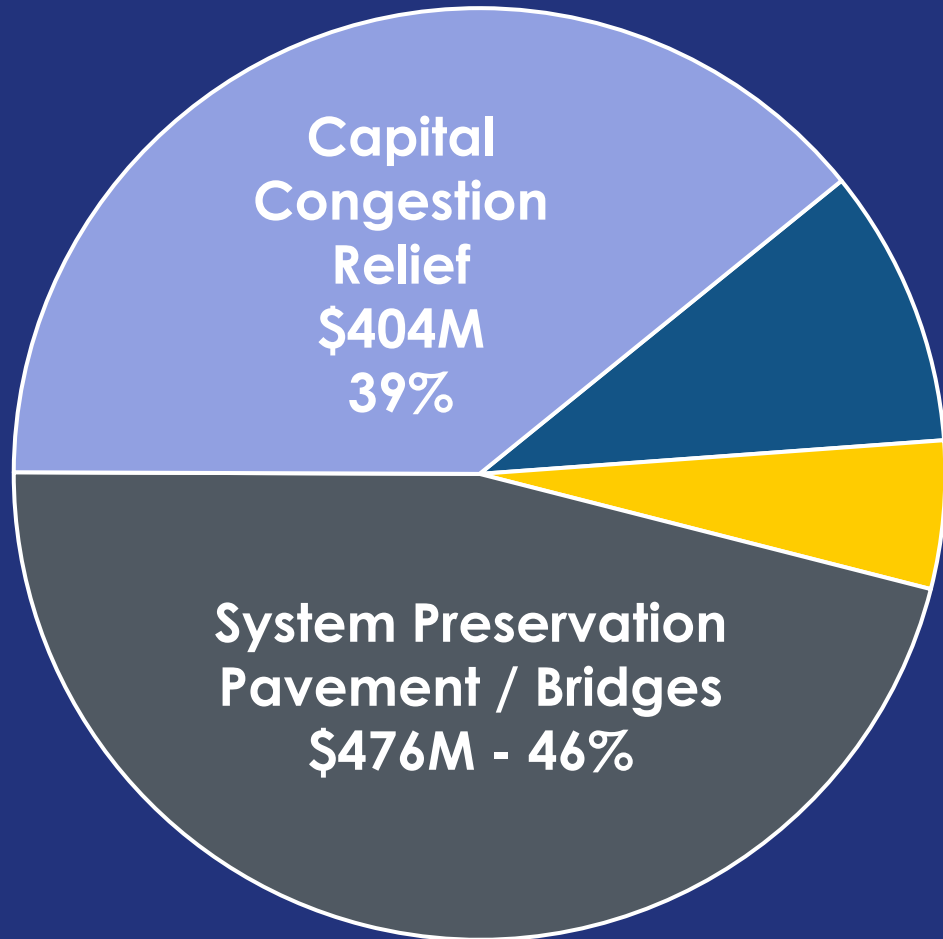
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**Interstate**  
\$100M - 10%

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

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# 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

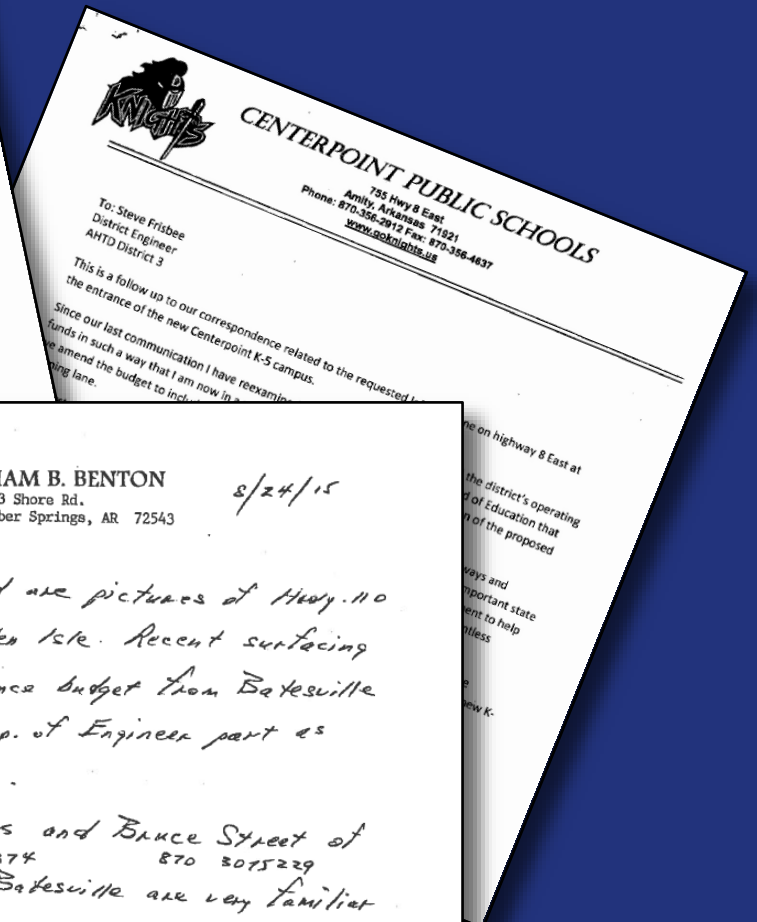
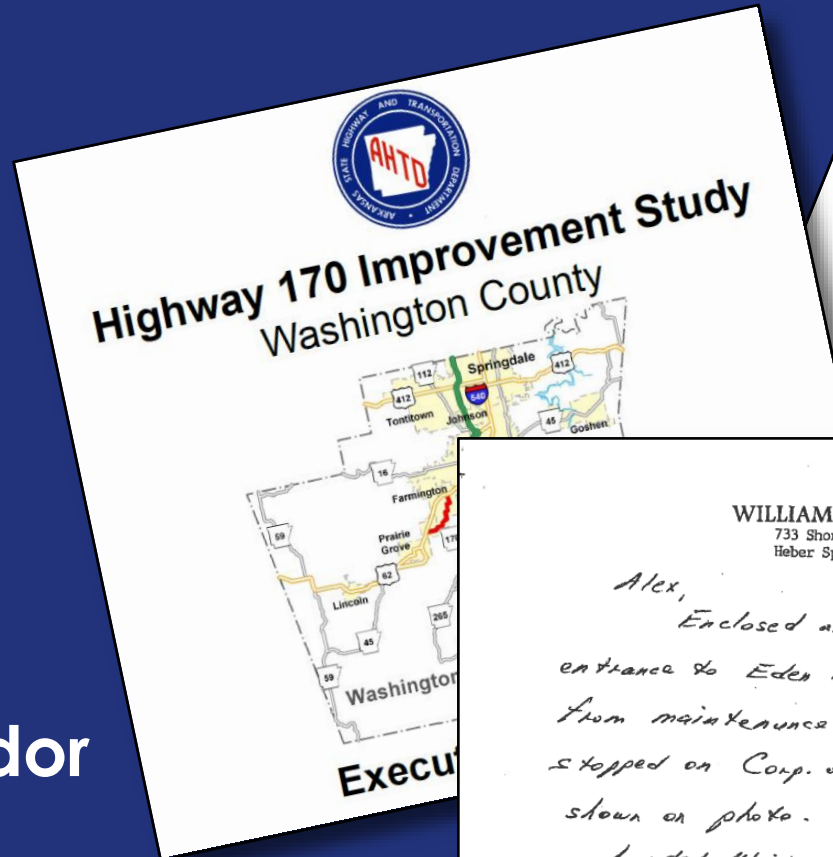
Studies

– Safety

– Planning or Corridor

Pavement Needs

Bridge Needs



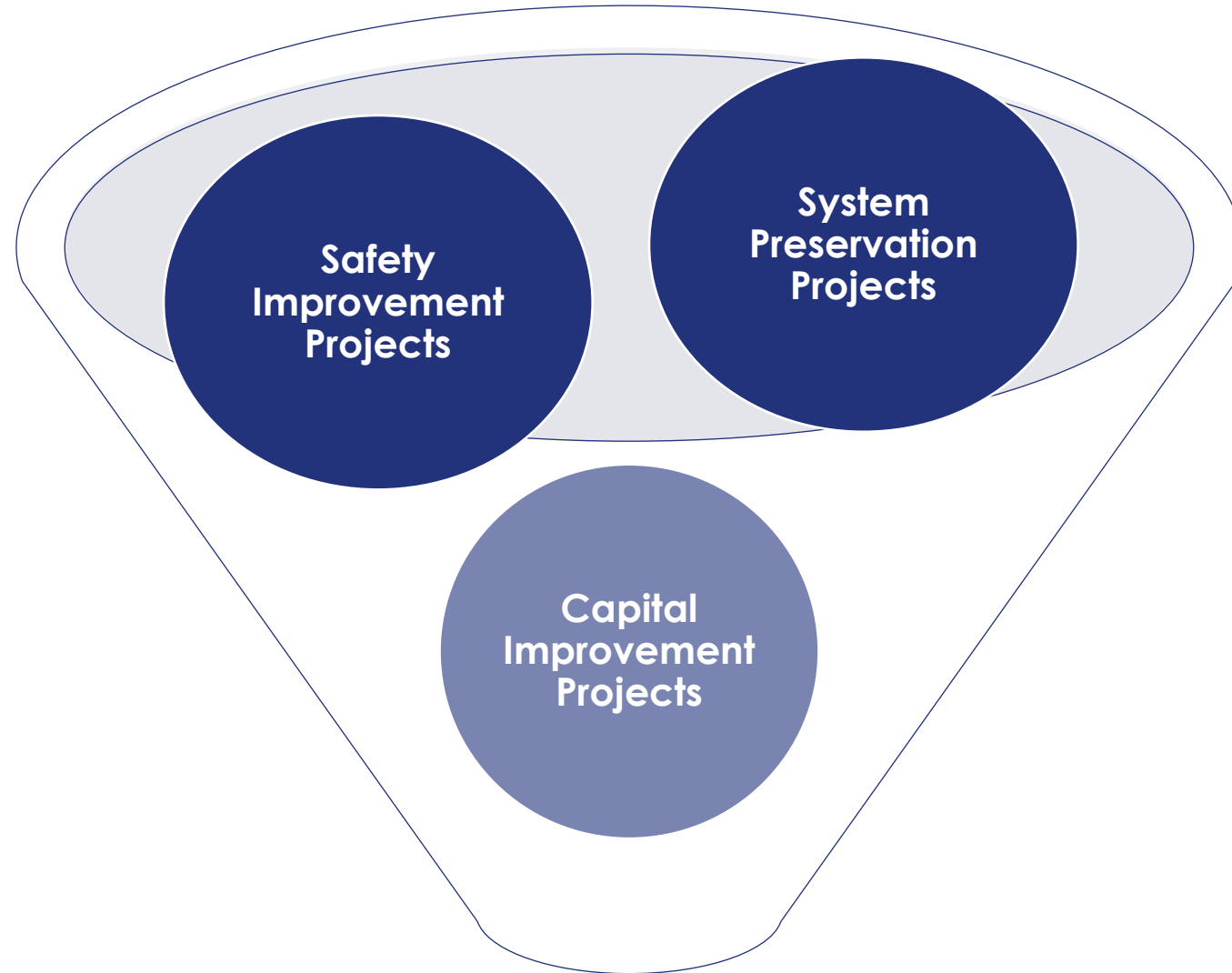
WILLIAM B. BENTON 8/24/15  
733 Shore Rd.  
Heber Springs, AR 72543

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.

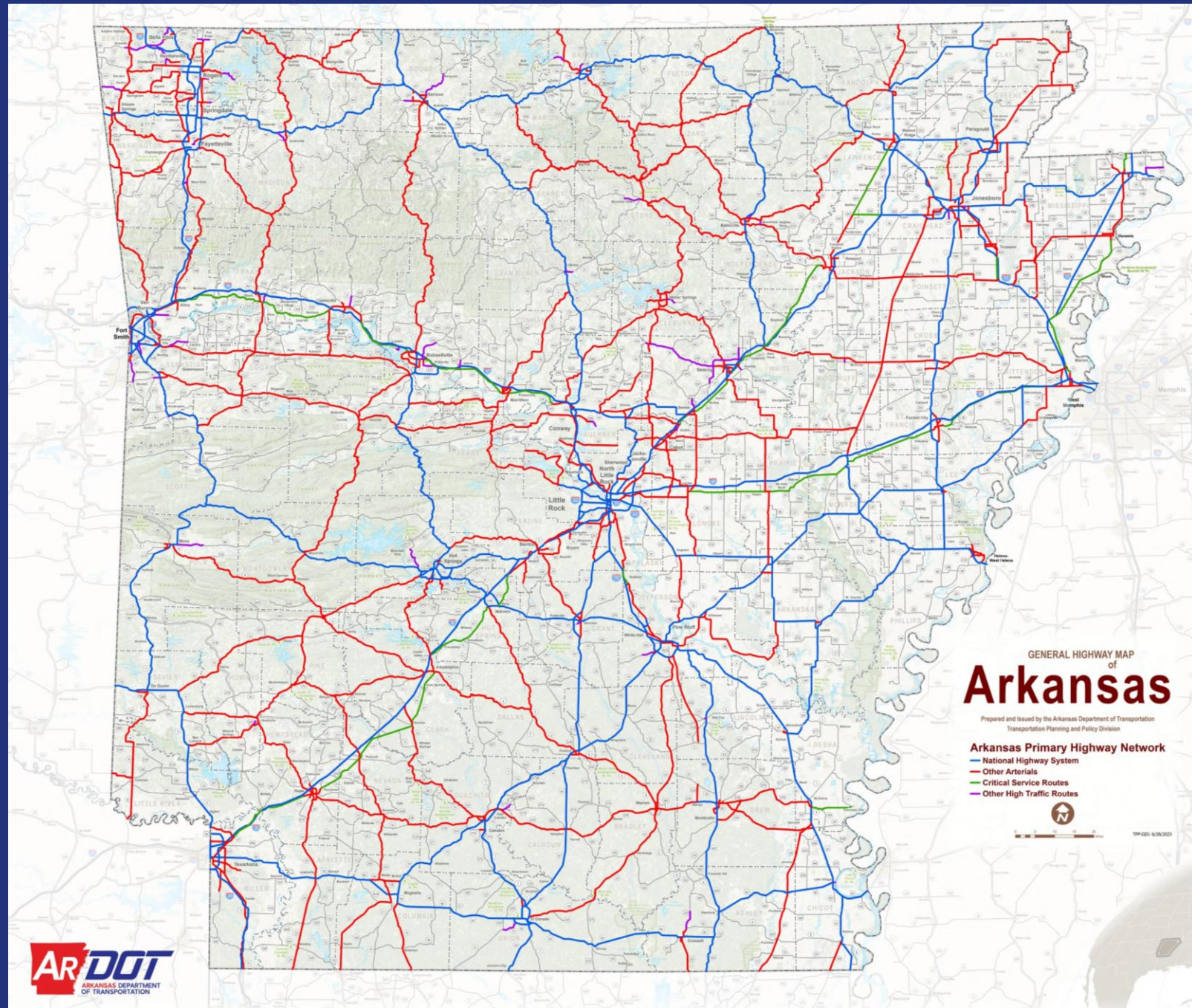
Lynal Waits and Bruce Street of 870 2512374 870 3015229 Ark. Hwy. Dept. - Batesville are very familiar with this project.

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

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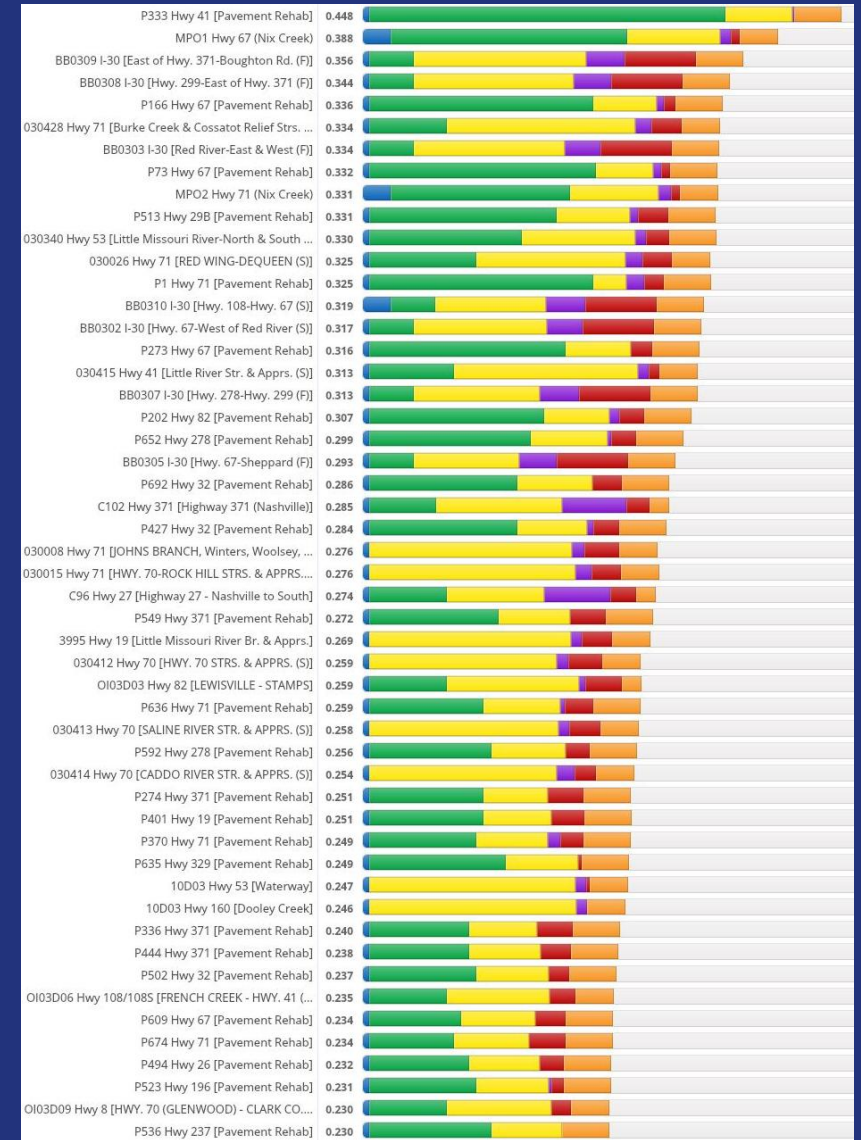


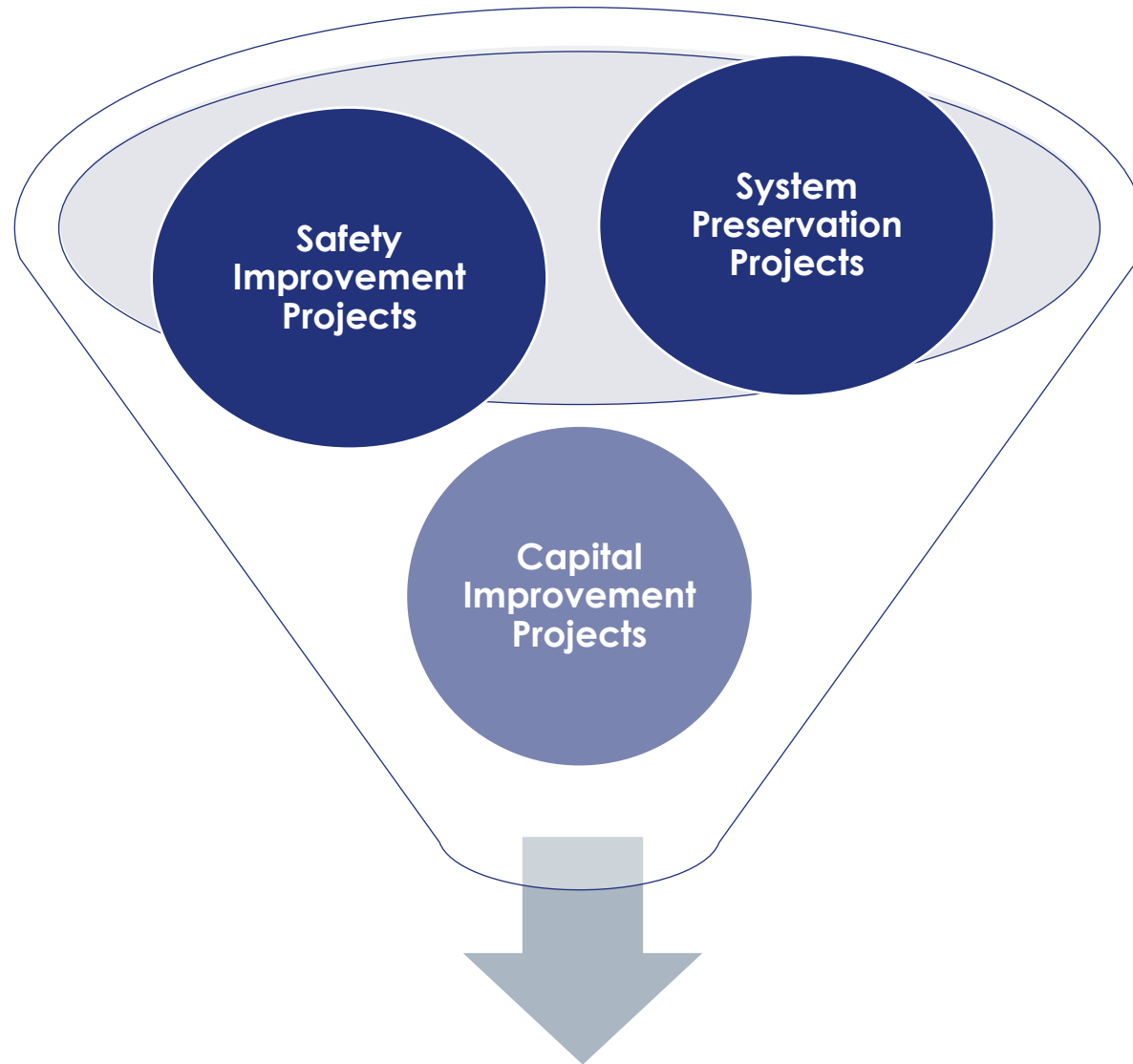
# ARKANSAS PRIMARY HIGHWAY NETWORK



# 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 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## IN 2025

Project	County	Contractor	Award Amount	Est. Completion
Hwy. 22 – Gun Club Rd. (F)	Crawford & Sebastian	Manhattan Road & Bridge Co.	\$282.5 Million	April 2029
Hwy. 412 – Hwy. 112 Springdale Bypass (F)	Benton & Washington	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	\$180.8 Million	August 2027
Main St. – Vandenberg Blvd	Pulaski	Weaver-Bailey Contractors, Inc.	\$145.2 Million	January 2027
NWA National Airport Access (F)	Benton	Crossland Construction Co., Inc.	\$127.7 Million	May 2027
I-40/I-55/Hwy. 77 Interchange (F)	Crittenden	Key, LLC	\$120.6 Million	September 2026
Hwy. 5 – Hwy. 89 (F)	Lonoke	Weaver-Bailey Contractors, Inc.	\$117.0 Million	July 2027
Hwy. 62 Interchange (F)	Washington	Manhattan Road & Bridge Co.	\$100.0 Million	May 2028
Hwy. 181 – Hwy. 158 (S)	Mississippi	Delta Asphalt of Ark., Inc	\$94.2 Million	March 2026
Hwy. 278 – Hwy. 293 (S)	Drew	WL Bass Construction, Inc.	\$61.9 Million	May 2027
I-555 – Hwy. 49 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.	Craighead	Whiter River Materials, Inc.	\$61.1 Million	December 2026



# 2025 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

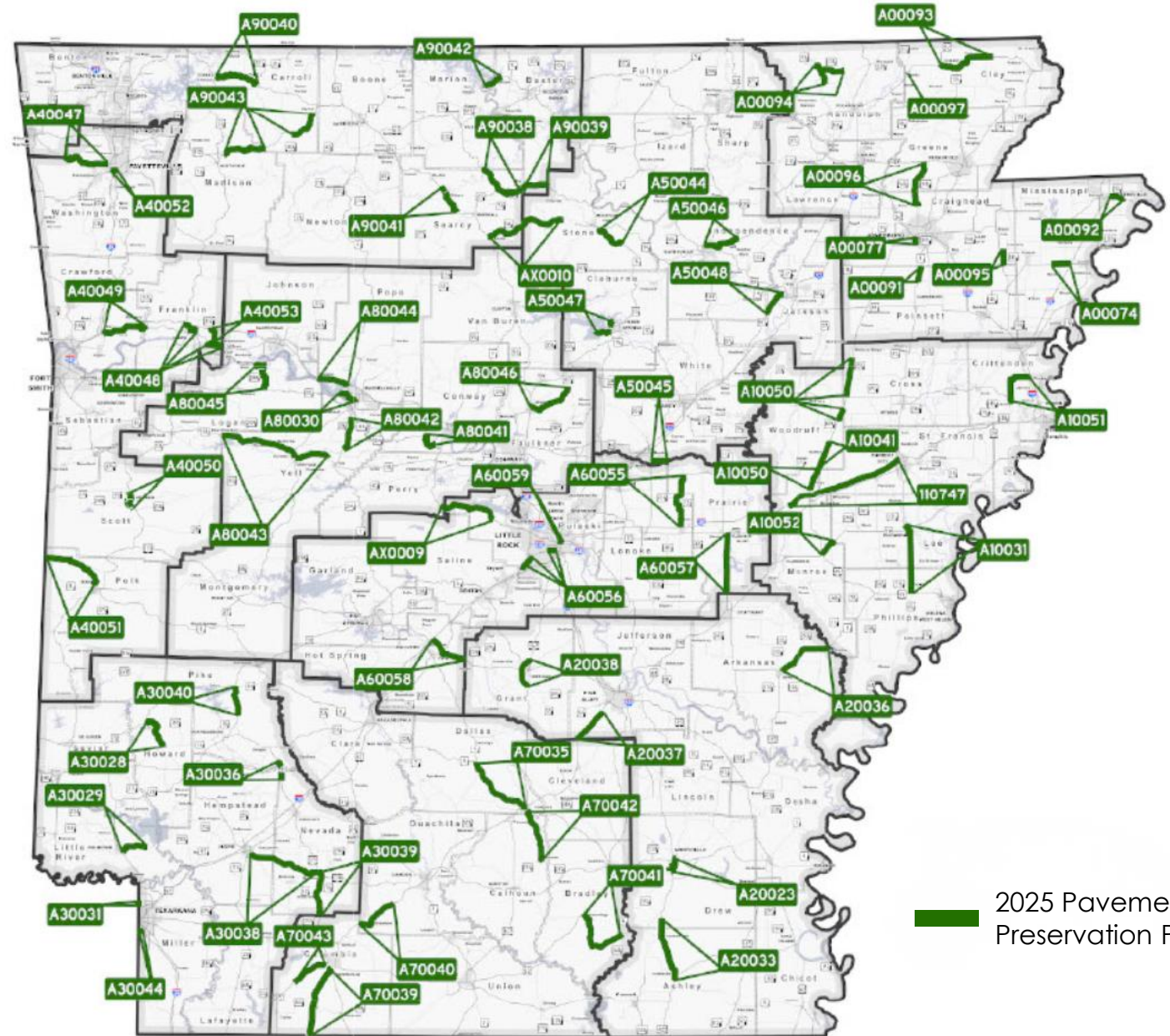
Type of Work	Total
Bridge Improvements	\$120,500,000
Pavement Preservation	\$300,000,000
Safety Improvements	\$1,300,000
Widening & New Location	\$278,200,000
Miscellaneous Projects	\$47,600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$747,600,000</b>



# 2026 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Type of Work	Total
Bridge Improvements	\$153,000,000
Pavement Preservation	\$300,000,000
Safety Improvements	\$14,000,000
Widening & New Location	\$159,000,000
Miscellaneous Projects	\$183,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$809,000,000</b>

# PAVEMENT PRESERVATION IN 2026



— 2025 Pavement  
Preservation Projects



**THANK YOU**



# STIP EXERCISE

- Record group decisions
- Distribute the projects meeting funding needs
- Present your decisions on:
  - Dollar amount committed to each category
  - Whether or not you deviated from 75/25 guidelines
  - Anything that came up in the decision-making process

**Structurally deficient:** Has insufficient load-carrying capacity

**Average Daily Traffic (ADT):** Metric for analyzing and forecasting traffic volume

**National Highway System (NHS):** Network of strategic roadways in the U.S.

**Arkansas Primary Highway Network (APHN):** Network of State's most important roads

**New Location:** Project on an area where there is no existing roadway