



MAGNOLIA ROTARY CLUB

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ARDOT OVERVIEW



ARDOT Quick Facts

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

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION



**Chairman
Philip Taldo**



**Vice Chairman
Keith Gibson**



**Commissioner
Marie Holder**



**Commissioner
David Haak**



**Commissioner
Jerry Halsey**

Citizens of Arkansas

Governor & Legislature

Highway Commission

Internal Audit

Director

Chief Engineer - Preconstruction

Asst. Chief Engineer Planning

Asst. Chief Engineer Program Delivery

Asst. Chief Engineer Design

Planning & Research

Alternative Delivery

Bridge

Environmental

Local Programs

Right of Way

Consultant Contracts

Program Management

Roadway Design

State Aid

Surveys

Chief Engineer - Operations

Asst. Chief Engineer Construction

Asst. Chief Engineer Maintenance

10 Districts

Construction

Maintenance

Materials

Bridge Operations

Transportation Systems Management & Operations

Chief - Administration

Asst. Chief Administration

Human Resources

Communications

Benefits and Compensation

Highway Police

Information Technology

Legal

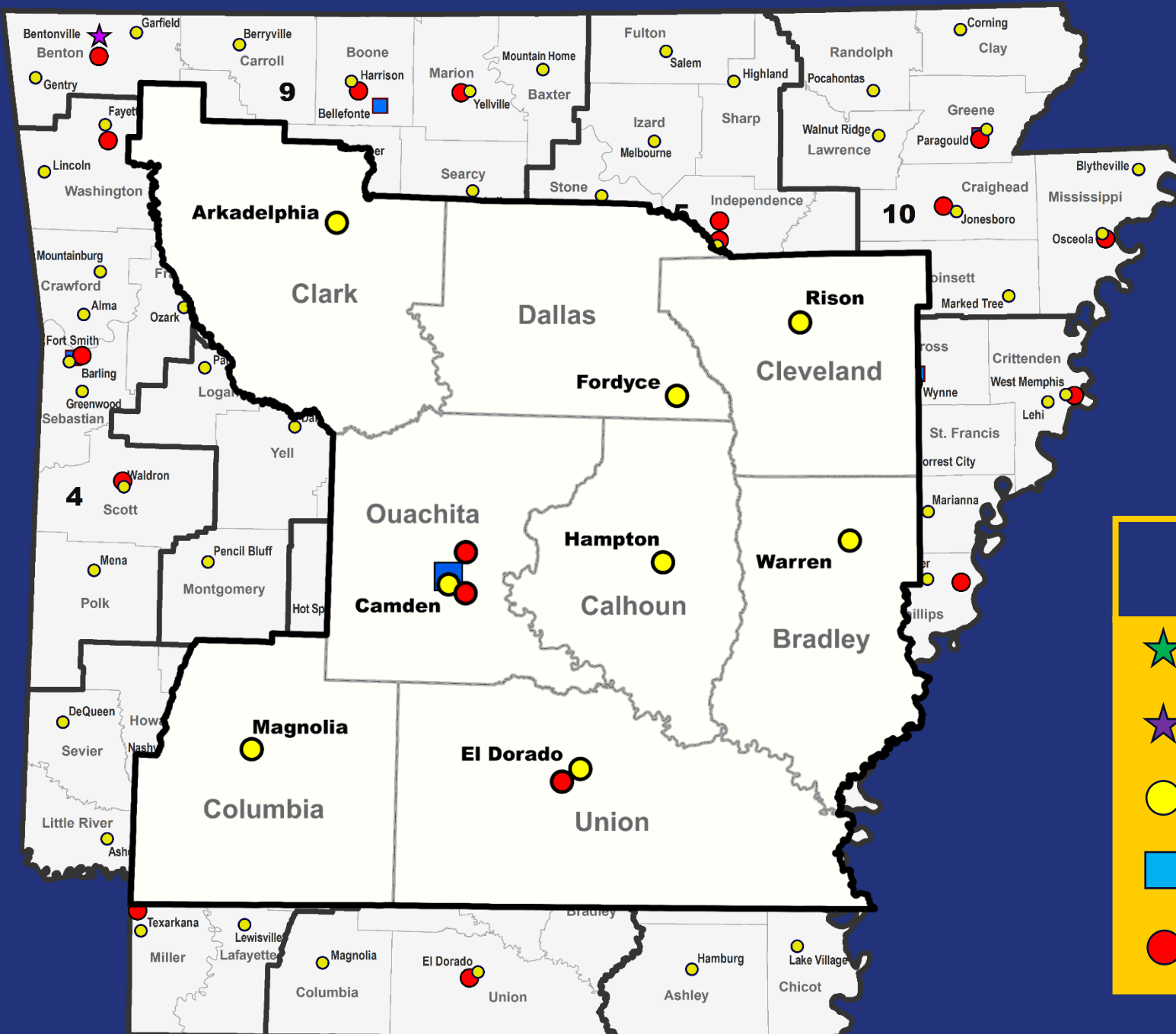
Equipment & Procurement

Governmental Relations Officer

Fiscal Services

Special Projects Coordinator

Civil Rights



FACILITY TYPE

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



David Archer

District 7 Engineer

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YEAR ONE



2025-2026 school year



6-8th graders statewide



Seatbelts, bicycle and pedestrian safety & distracted brains



SLOW DOWN
PHONE DOWN
in work zones

YEAR FOUR



2025-2026



18 to 24-year-olds statewide



Distracted driving



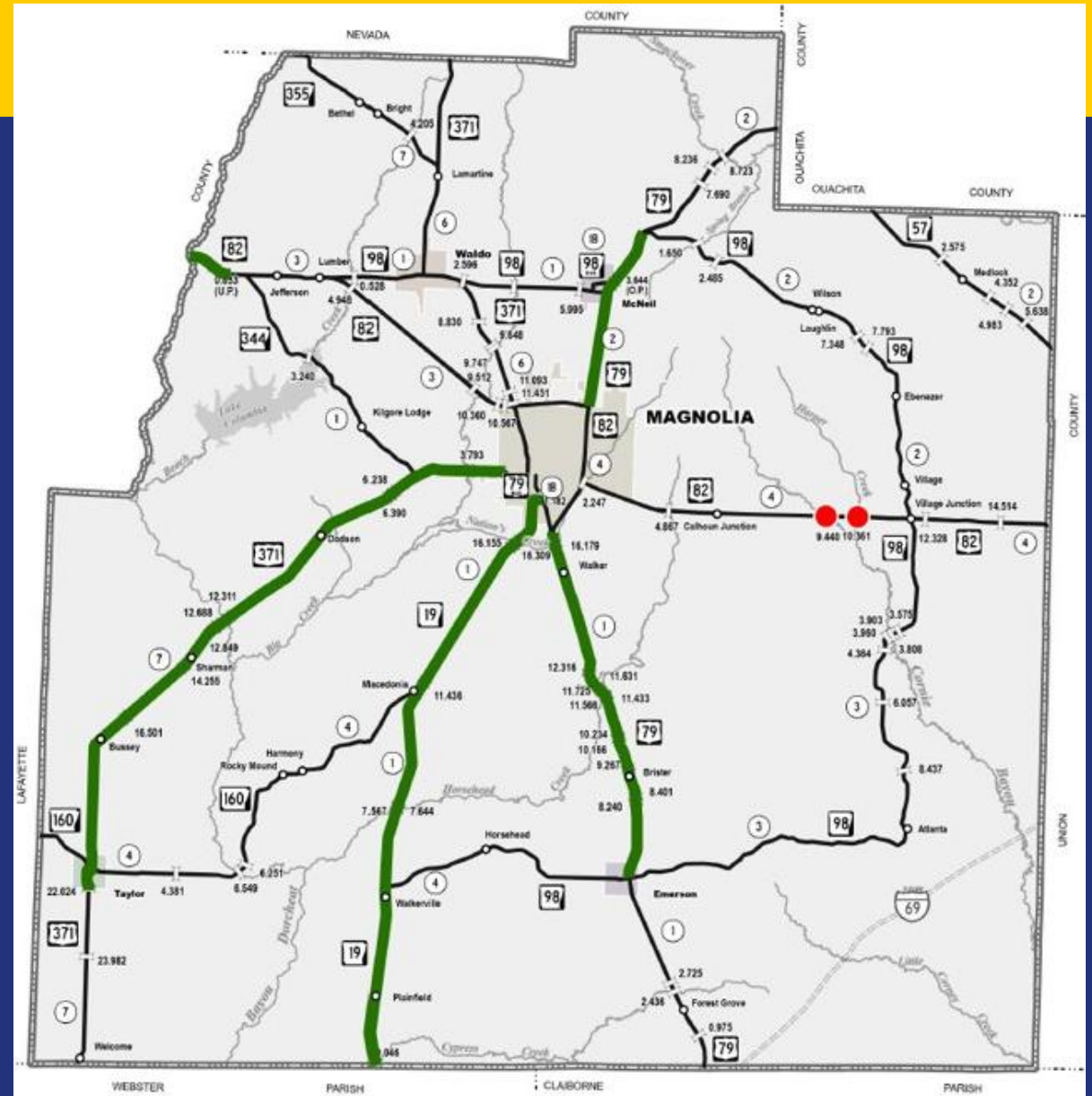
PROJECT UPDATES

COLUMBIA COUNTY

- Scheduled
7 projects
54 miles
\$55.3 Million

- Under Construction
2 projects
1 mile
\$12.8 Million

- Completed
46 projects
117 miles
\$90.9 Million



Highway 82

COLUMBIA & UNION COUNTIES

- Construct three 4-lane structures
- Award Amount: \$18.6 Million
- Contractor: Mehaffy Construction Co., Inc.
- Estimated Completion: Mid-2027



Highway 82

COLUMBIA COUNTY

- Realign Highway 82
- Construct One 4-lane Railroad Overpass
- Estimated Cost: \$30-40 Million
- Let to Contract: Late 2025



Highway 82 Corridor

- \$150 Million for Capacity Improvements
- Four Construction Projects and One Planning Study



Highway 371

COLUMBIA COUNTY

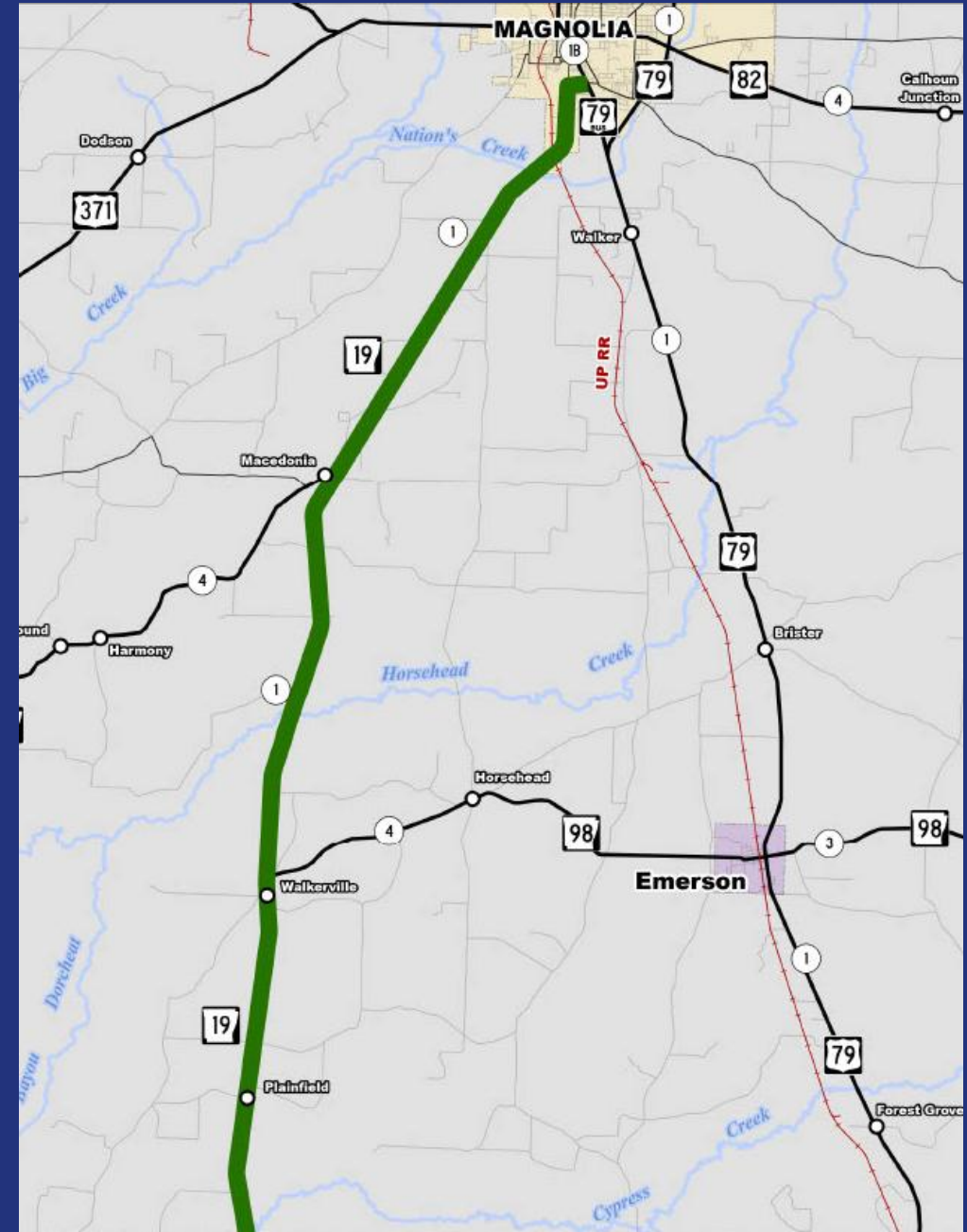
- Resurfacing Project
- 9 miles
- Estimated Cost: \$3-5 Million
- Shovel Ready: 2026



Highway 19

COLUMBIA COUNTY

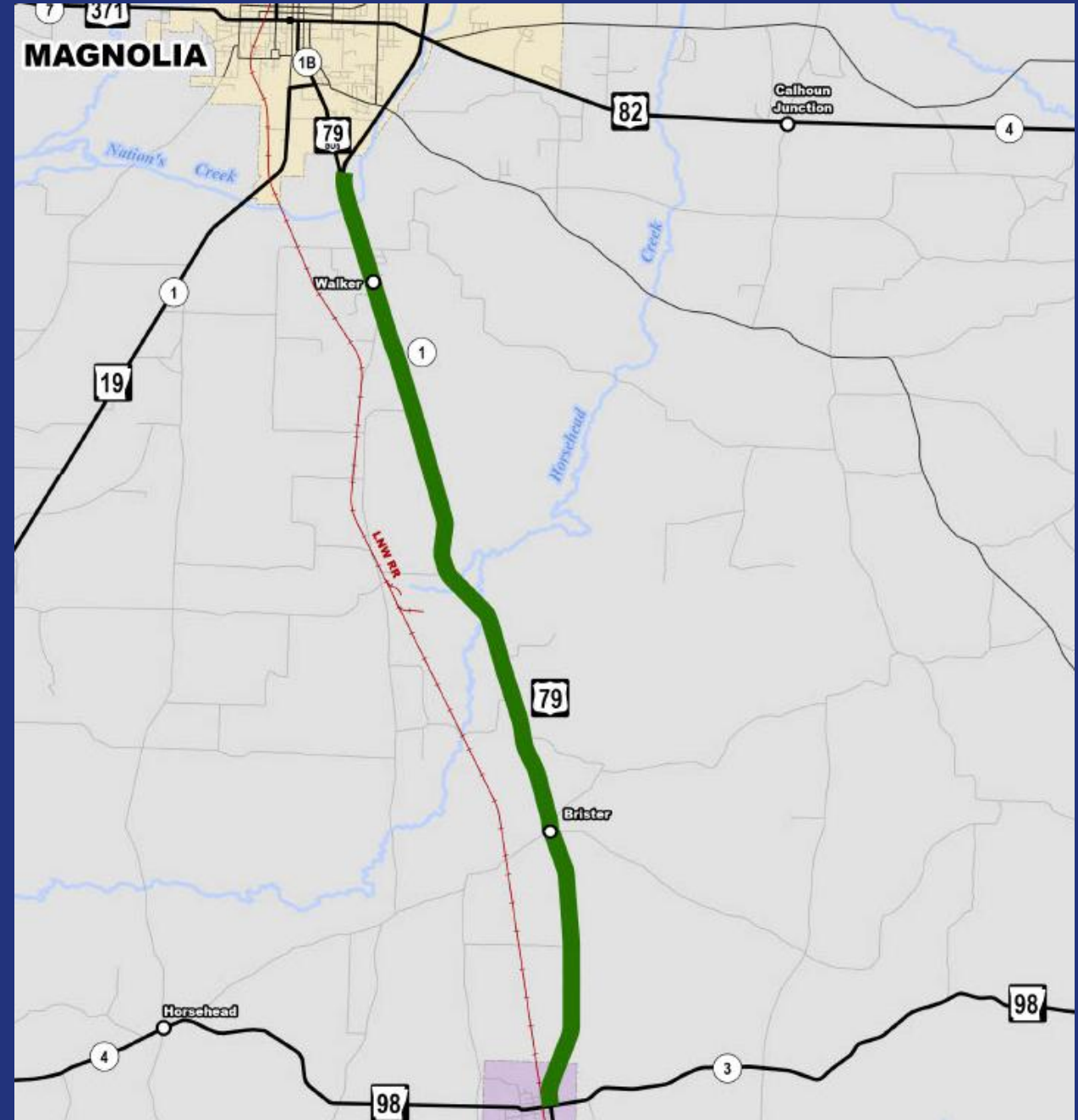
- Resurfacing Project
- 18 miles
- Estimated Cost:
\$5-10 Million
- Shovel Ready:
2027



Highway 79

COLUMBIA COUNTY

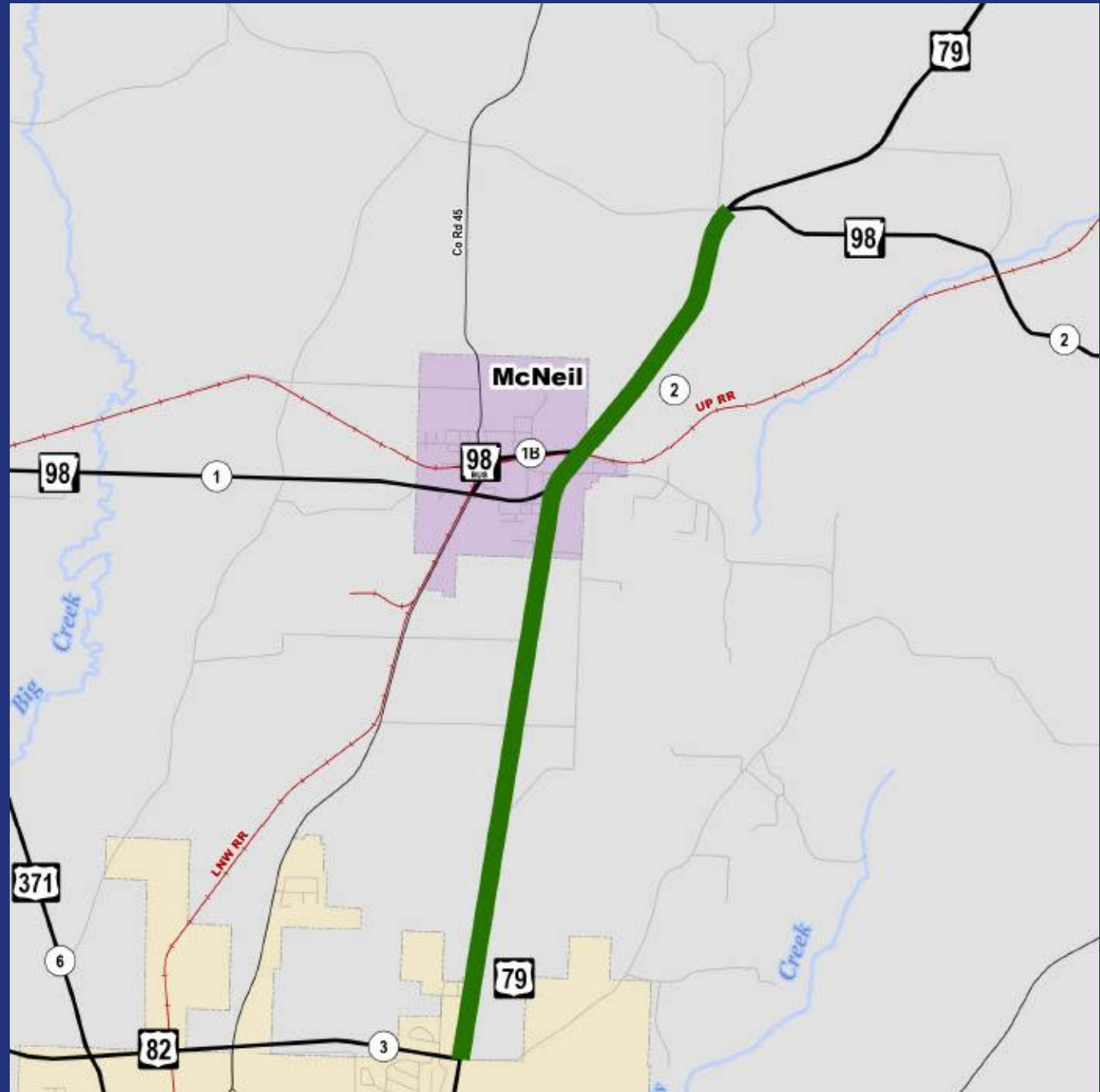
- Resurfacing Project
- 11 miles
- Estimated Cost:
\$3-5 Million
- Shovel Ready:
2027



Highway 79

COLUMBIA COUNTY

- Resurfacing Project
- 5 miles
- Awarded to Jet Asphalt & Rock Co., Inc.
- Award Amount: \$3.5 Million
- Est. Completion Date: Late 2025



Western Magnolia Corridor Study

**October
2023**

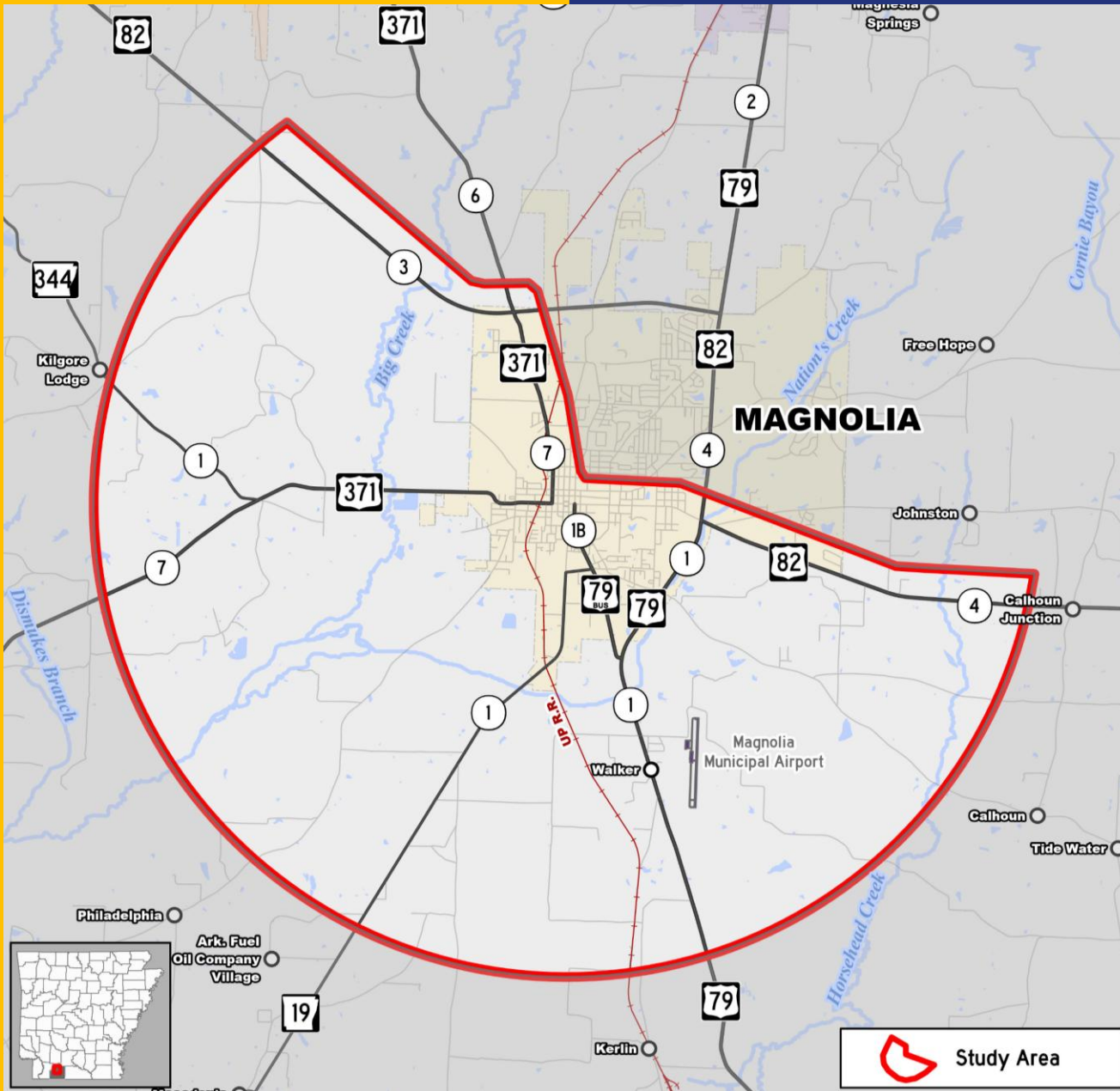
Commission Minute Order 2023-103 authorized planning study

**January &
September
2024**

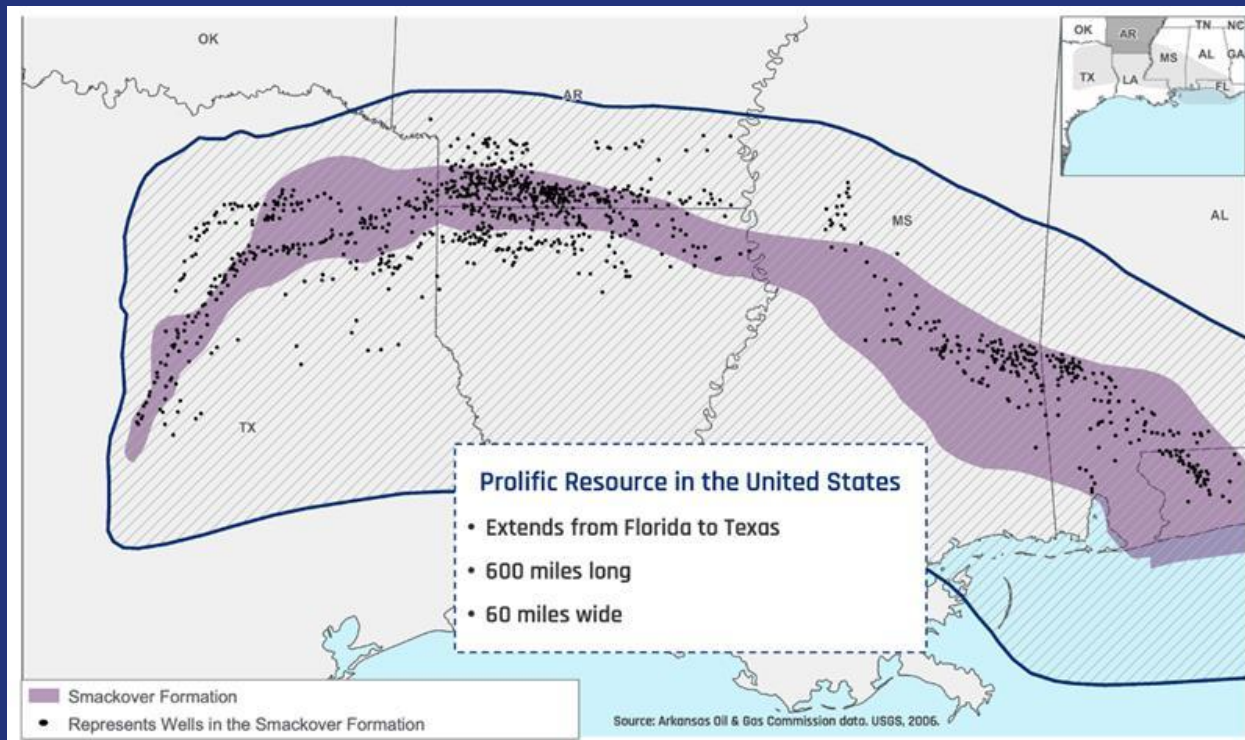
Scoping meetings held with local officials and stakeholders.

**December
2024**

Public Officials and Public Involvement Meetings held.



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