



Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

October 2, 2024

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State Highway Financial Report

Patrick Patton, CPA

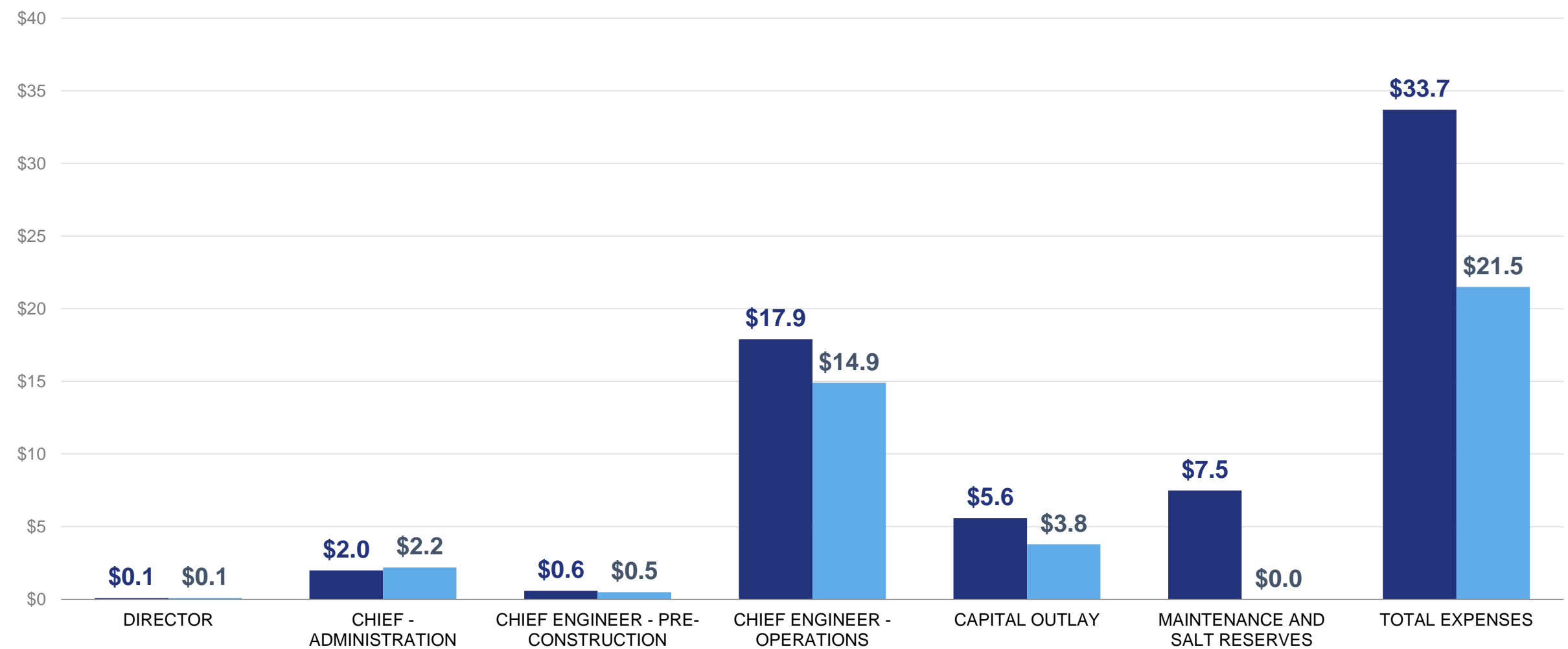
Chief Fiscal Officer

SFY 2025 BUDGETED VS. ACTUAL EXPENSES – By Budget Category

■ BUDGETED ■ ACTUAL
(MILLIONS)

August

VARIANCE	\$0.0	\$0.2	-\$0.1	-\$3.0	-\$1.8	-\$7.5	-\$12.2
% CHANGE	0.0%	10.0%	-16.7%	-16.8%	-32.1%	-100.0%	-36.2%

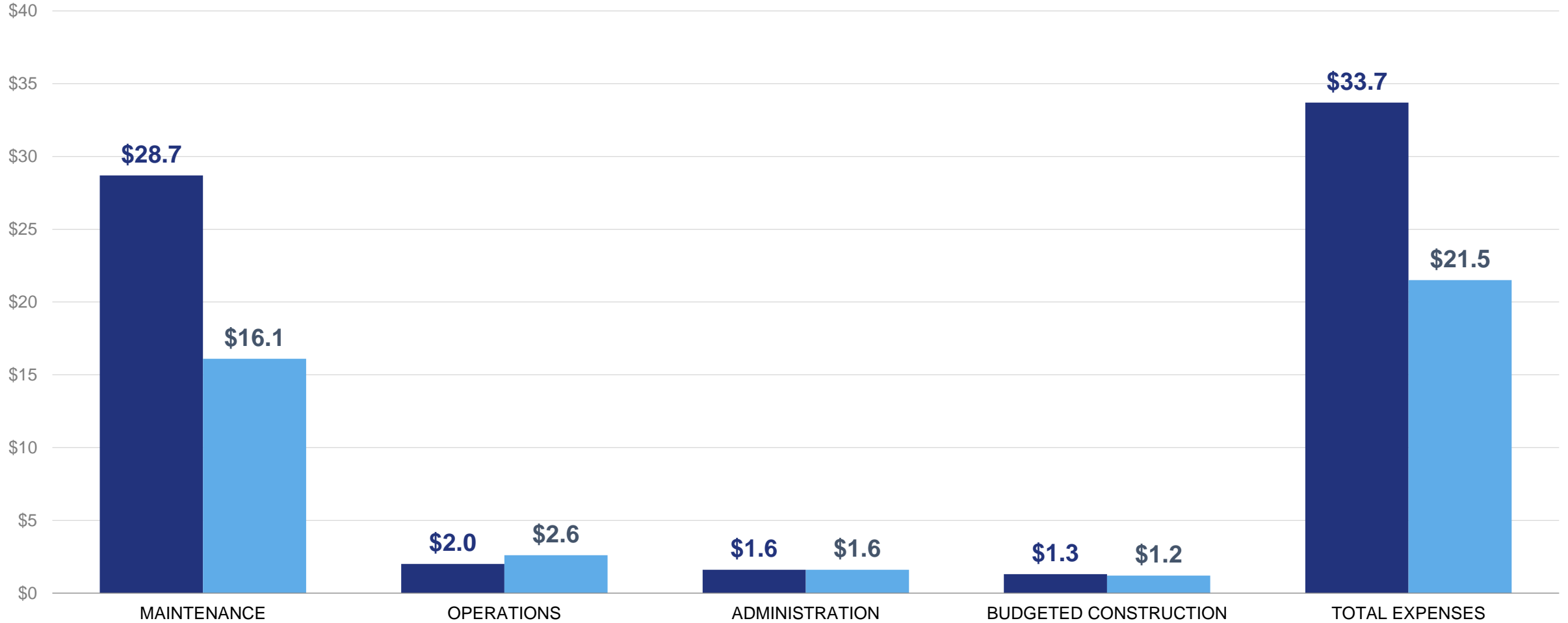


SFY 2025 BUDGETED VS. ACTUAL EXPENSES – By Operational Category

August

■ BUDGETED ■ ACTUAL
(MILLIONS)

VARIANCE	-\$12.6	\$0.6	\$0.0	-\$0.1	-\$12.2
% CHANGE	-43.9%	30.0%	0.0%	-7.7%	-36.2%

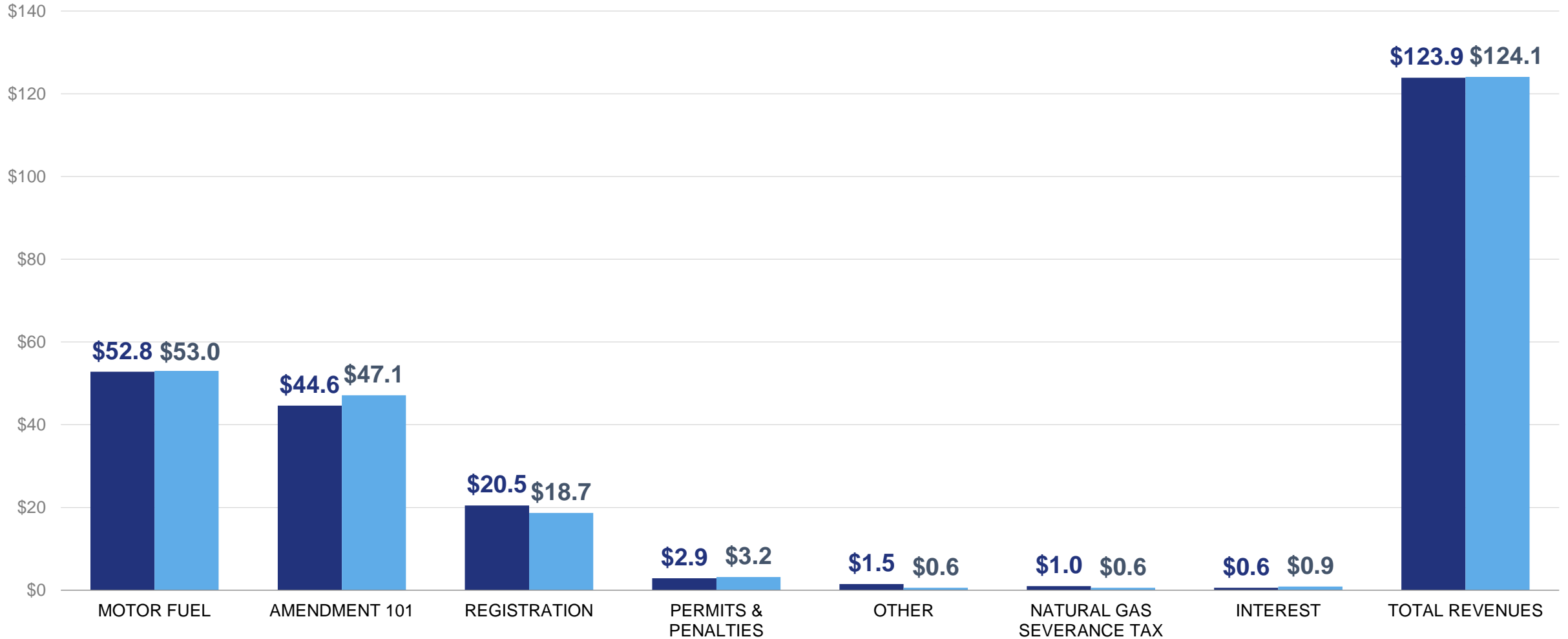


SFY 2024 vs. SFY 2025 ACTUAL REVENUE

■ FY 2024 ■ FY 2025
(MILLIONS)

August

	MOTOR FUEL	AMENDMENT 101	REGISTRATION	PERMITS & PENALTIES	OTHER	NATURAL GAS SEVERANCE TAX	INTEREST	TOTAL REVENUES
VARIANCE	\$0.2	\$2.5	-\$1.8	\$0.3	-\$0.9	-\$0.4	\$0.3	\$0.2
% CHANGE	0.4%	5.6%	-8.8%	10.3%	-60.0%	-40.0%	50.0%	0.2%

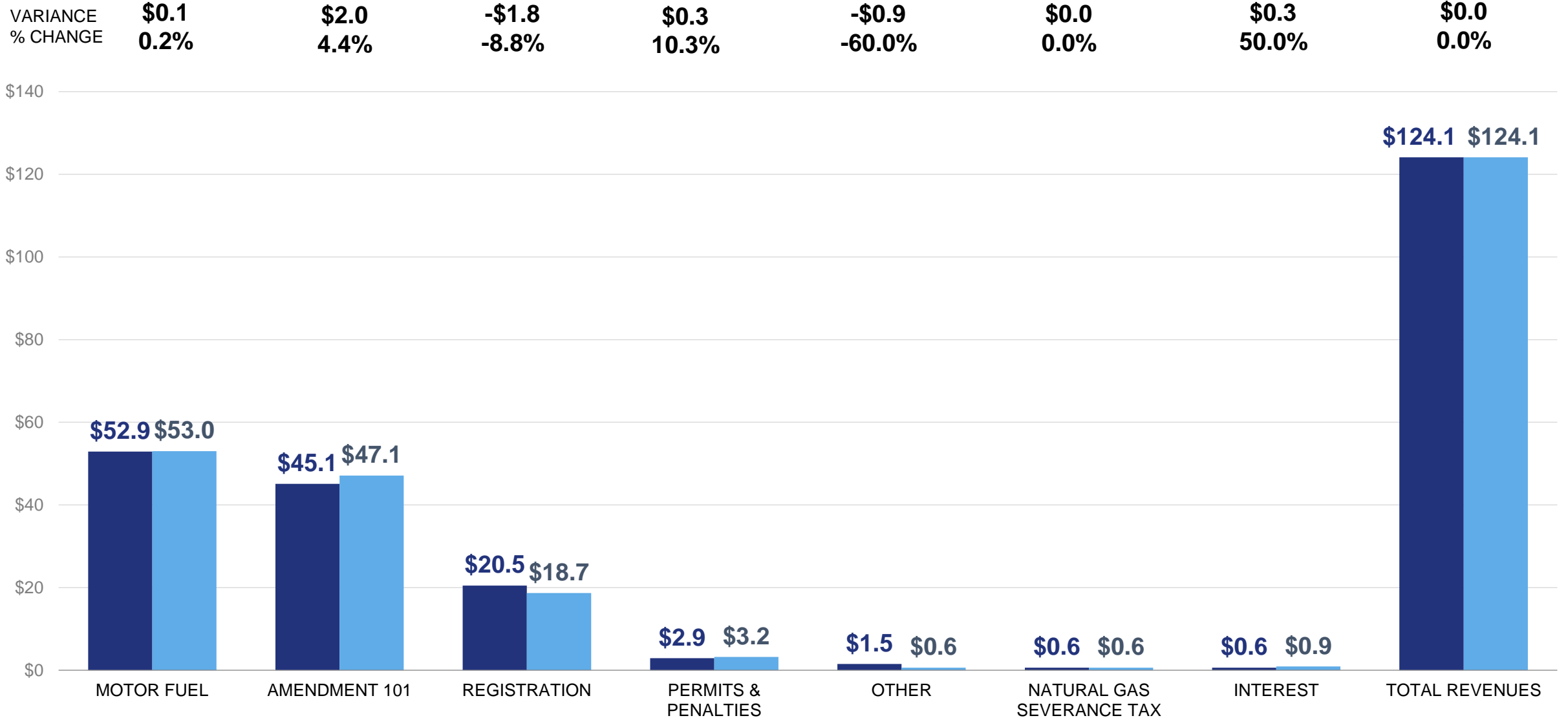


SFY 2025 BUDGETED VS. ACTUAL REVENUE

August

■ BUDGETED ■ ACTUAL

(MILLIONS)



SFY 2024 vs. SFY 2025 ACT 416 ACTUAL REVENUE

■ FY 2024 ■ FY 2025

(MILLIONS)

August



SFY 2025 BUDGETED vs. ACT 416 ACTUAL REVENUE

■ BUDGET ■ ACTUAL
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August

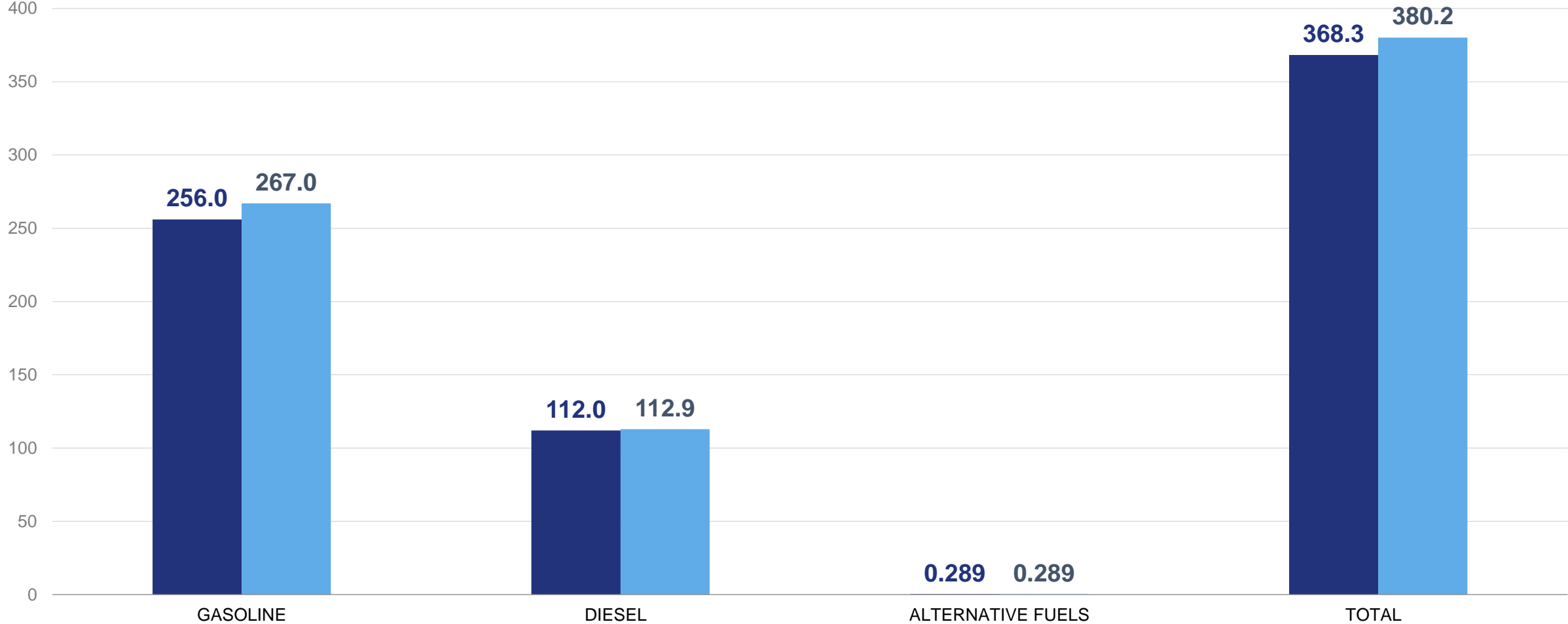


SFY 2024 vs. SFY 2025 FUEL CONSUMPTION

■ FY 2024 ■ FY 2025
(MILLION GALLONS)

August

VARIANCE	11.0	0.9	0.00	11.9
% CHANGE	4.3%	0.8%	0.0%	3.2%





Arkansas Fuel Consumption

ROLLING 12-MONTH COMPARISON

	Previous 12 Months (Gallons)	Current 12 Months (Gallons)	Variance
Gasoline	1,526,459,796	1,557,885,593	2.06%
Diesel	732,851,969	746,832,390	1.91%
Alternative	1,630,069	1,869,653	14.70%
Total	2,260,941,834	2,306,587,636	2.02%

Federal and State Legislative Activities

Kevin Thornton, P.E.

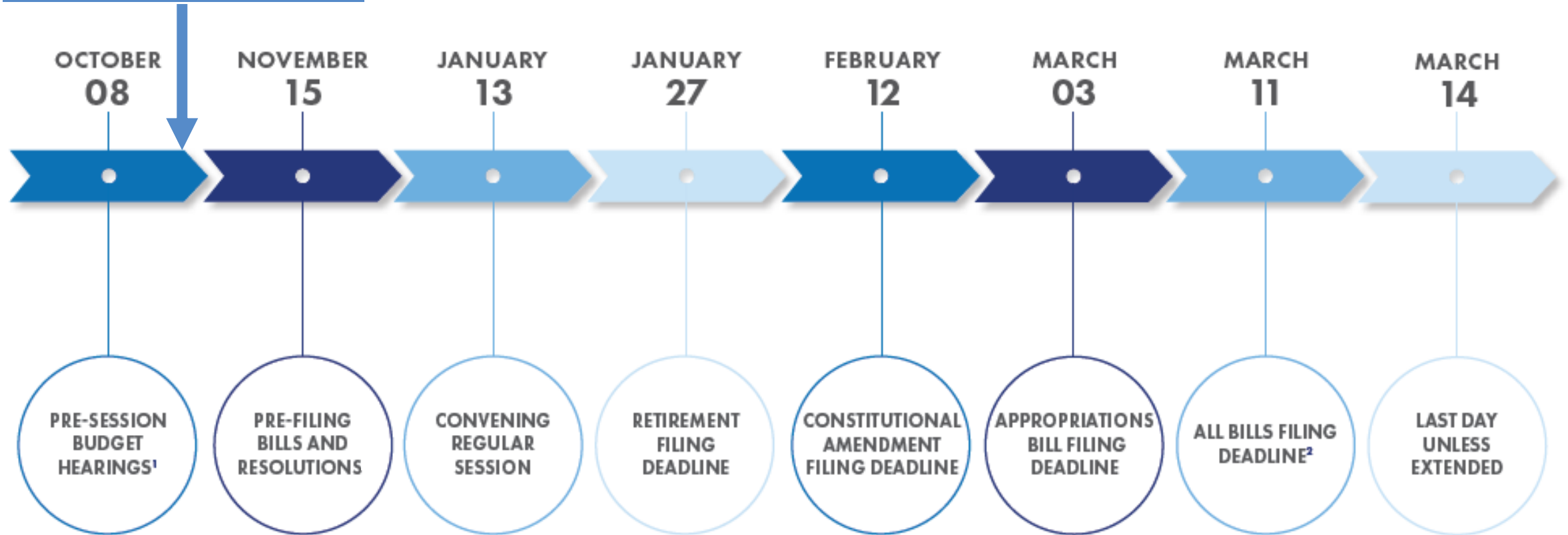
Chief – Administration



Federal and State Election Update

2025 REGULAR SESSION IMPORTANT DATES

ARDOT Budget Hearing
October 24



2025 IJA Appropriation

2024 Federal Fiscal Year Ended 2 Days Ago

Congress Could Not Agree on a 2025 Appropriations Bill

Congress Did Pass a Continuing Resolution Until December 20

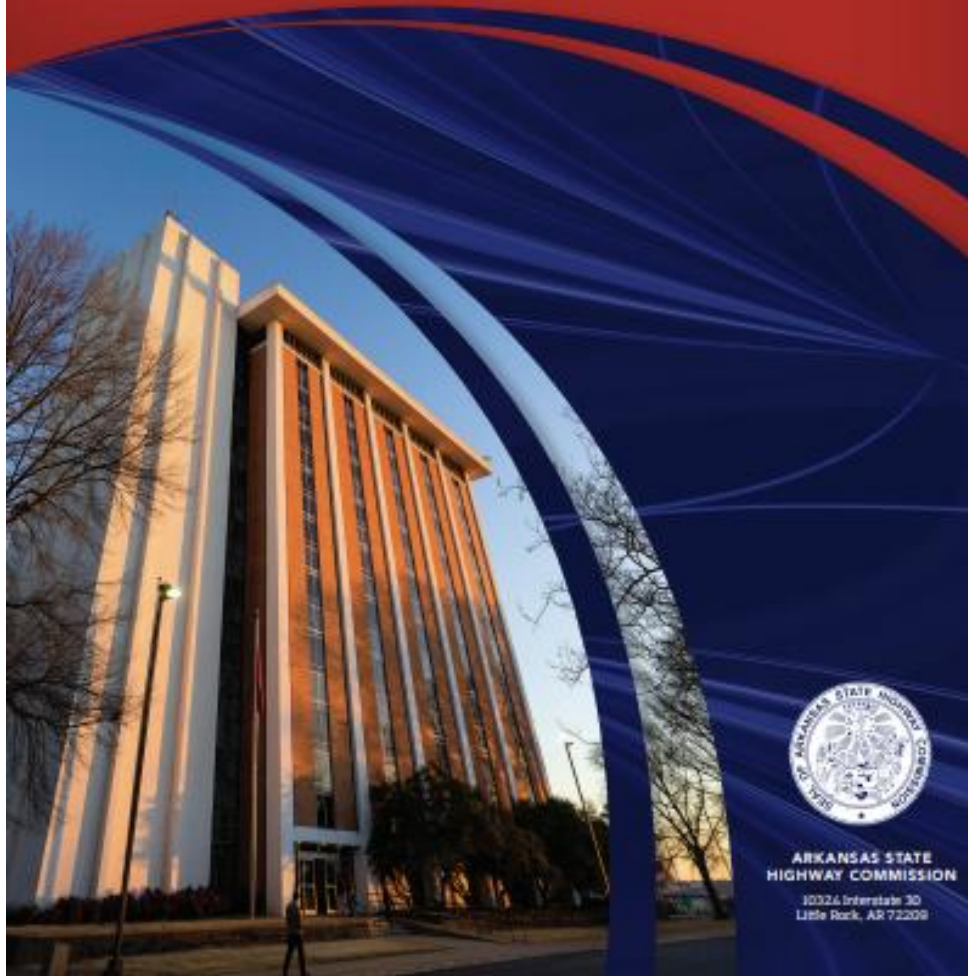


Efficiency Review Recommendation Implementation

Crystal Woods

Assistant Chief – Administration

Arkansas Department of Transportation
Arkansas Legislative Council
Efficiency Study Recommendations
Rules for Implementation



ARKANSAS STATE
HIGHWAY COMMISSION

10324 Interstate 30
Little Rock, AR 72209

Arkansas Legislative Council

EFFICIENCY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS



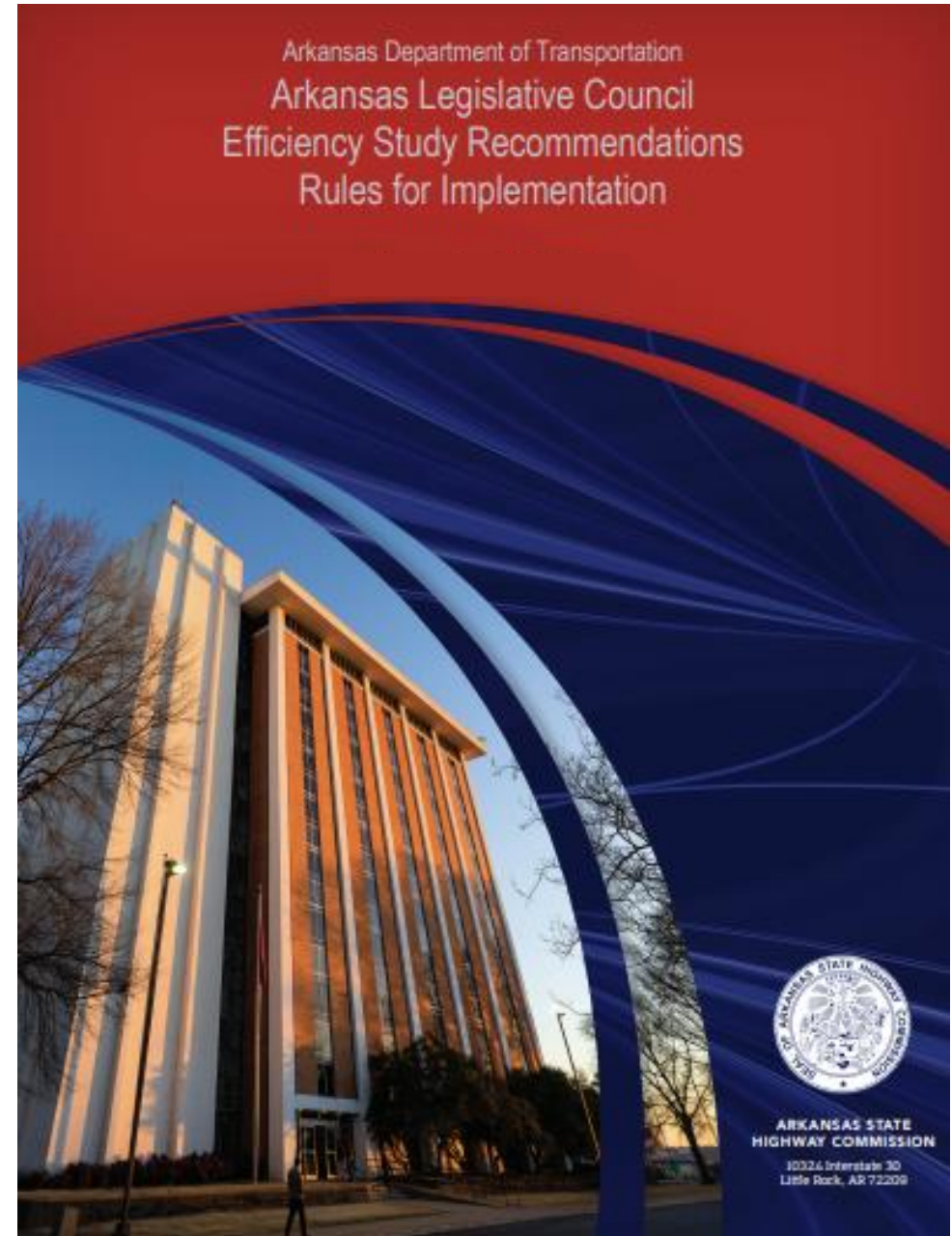
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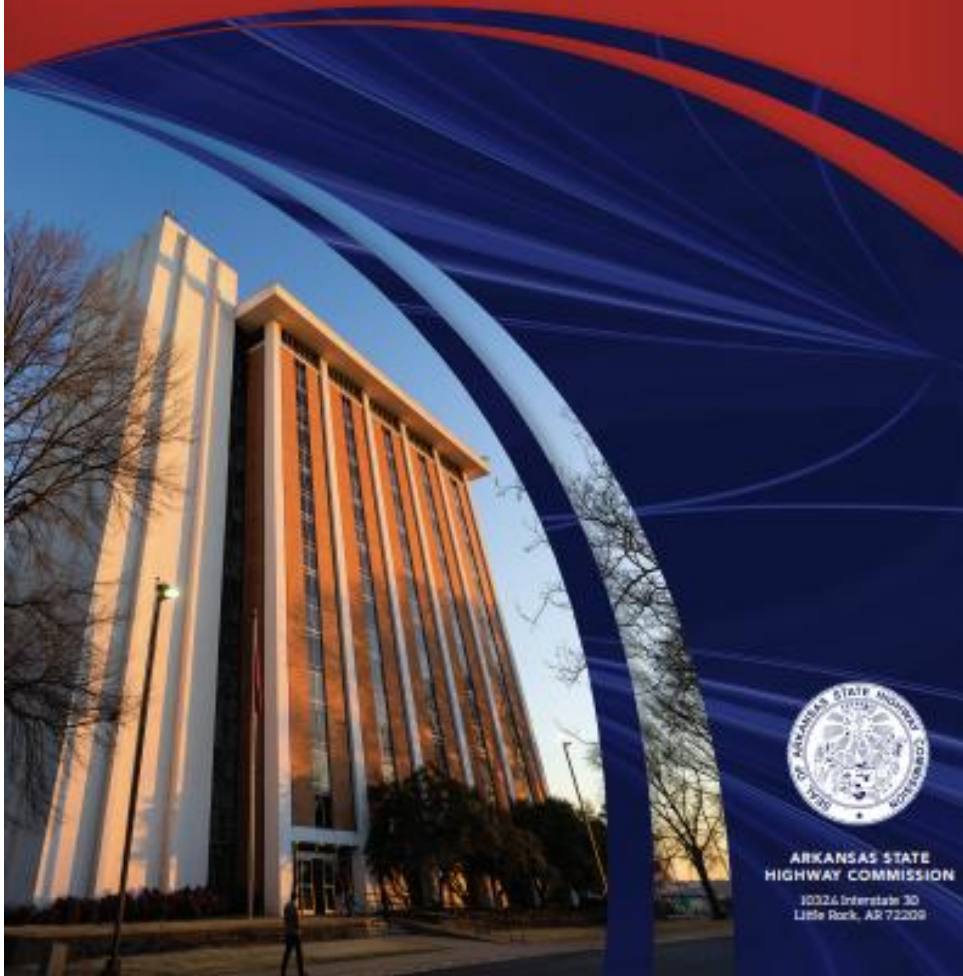
RECOMMENDATION #6

Implement construction contractor performance measurement.

- Seven projects selected for pilot
- Final evaluation forms for all seven projects completed, reviewed and accepted by both the contractor and ARDOT
- Internal discussions underway to determine if any final adjustments are needed



Arkansas Department of Transportation
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EFFICIENCY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION #7

Implement project and portfolio management frameworks.

- Efforts underway to enhance current construction project documentation software and develop online forms for staff to document construction project activities
- In process of developing and implementing a new Maintenance Management System, and training is now underway for the initial software roll-out

Recommendation		Number of Rules	Number of Rules Completed	Percent Complete
1	Finalize KPIs and implement performance management	7	6	86%
2	Strengthen knowledge management in anticipation of increased retirement	5	5	100%
3	Publish status of construction projects and maintenance activities	6	1	17%
4	Implement a platform that tracks all stakeholder inquiries to resolution	8	8	100%
5	Implement efficiencies in procurement and purchasing	10	7	70%
6	Implement construction contractor performance measurement	9	3	33%
7	Implement project and portfolio management frameworks	12	7	58%
8	Implement best practices in construction project design	3	2	67%
9	Build an IT Governance Structure to guide the Department's IT investments	7	6	86%
10	Implement mid-term IT initiatives that can optimize business operations	6	5	83%
11	Develop critical pillars necessary to establish IT as an effective business partner	5	5	100%
12	Ensure staff can develop in their careers at the Department	12	12	100%
13	Improve staff capabilities to align with current/future organizational needs			
Total		90	67	74%

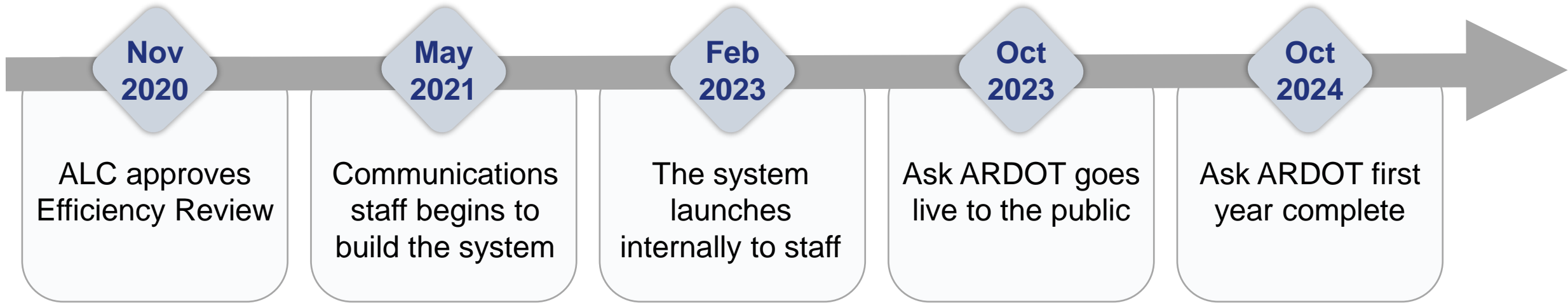
Ask ARDOT Update

Dave Parker

Division Head – Communications



IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE





CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE

ARDOT strives to serve the citizens of Arkansas with transparency, accountability, and care; the public will feel valued, empowered, and their voice will be heard.

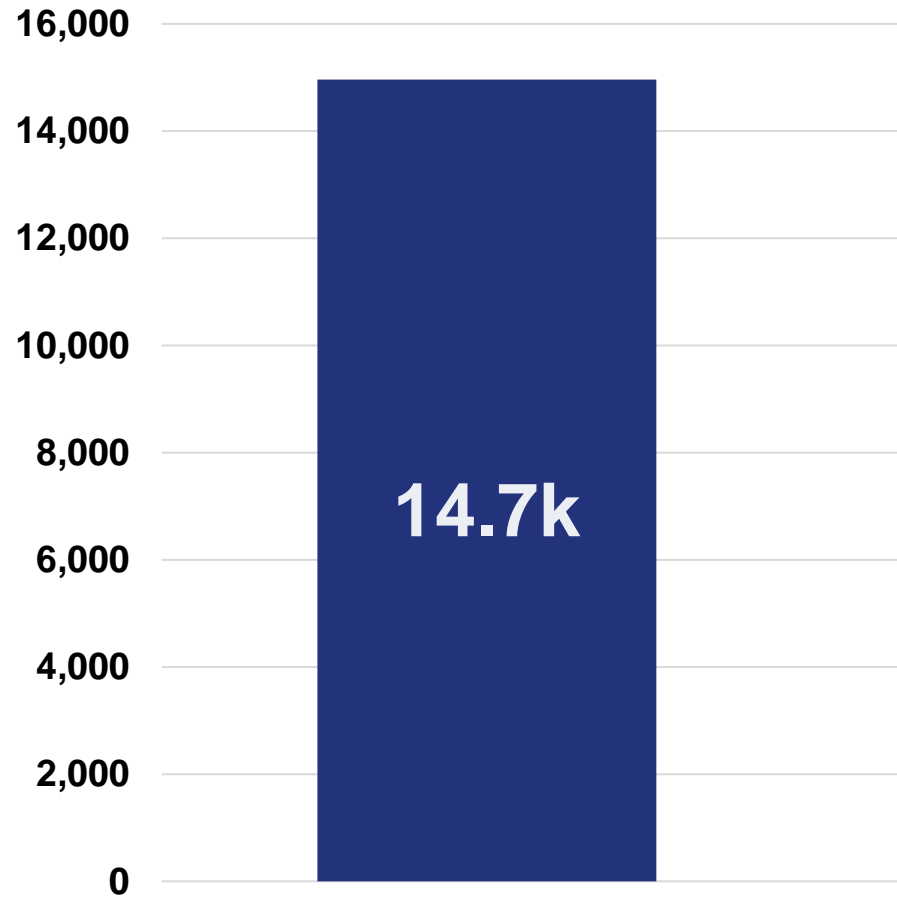
To accomplish this goal, ARDOT will utilize a customer service portal to track inquiries and provide an excellent customer service experience.



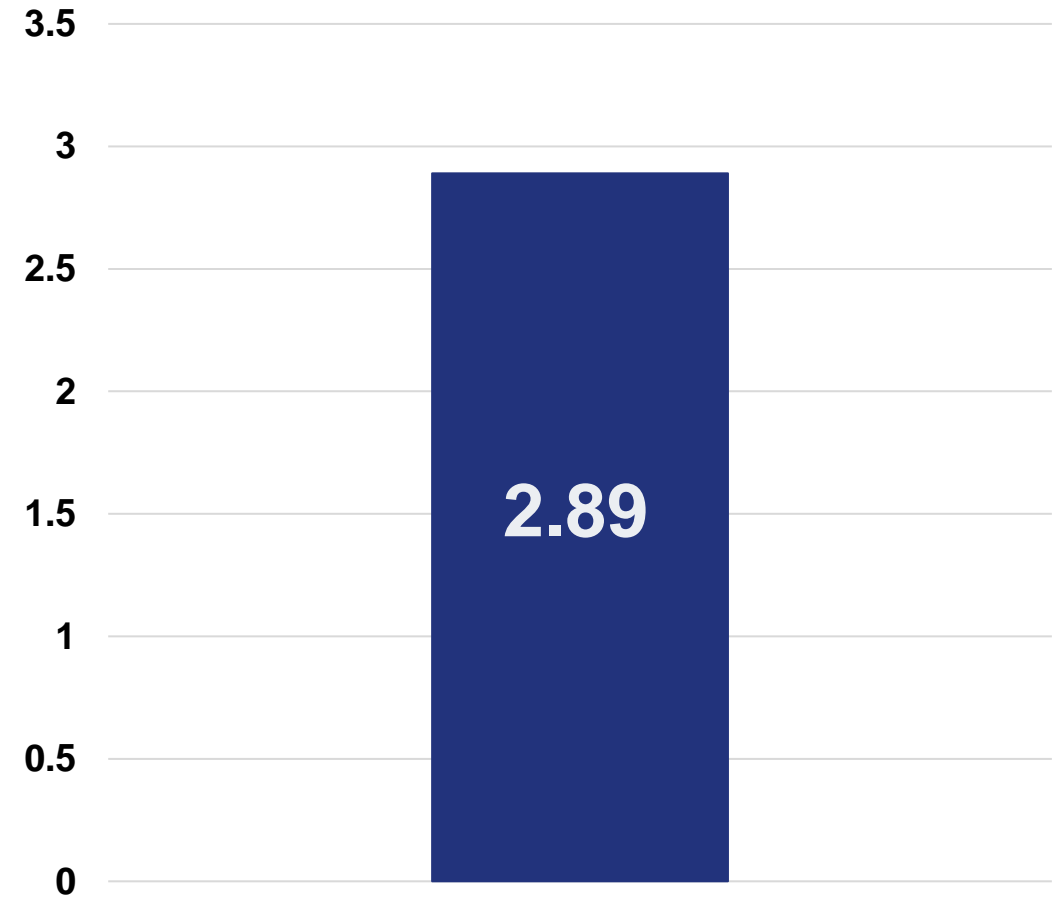


INQUIRY DATA

Total Number of Inquiries



Average Response Time - Days





SATISFACTION SURVEY

“Thank you for the quick response on the potholes. The pothole report on your app [site] makes reporting easy to do. Tell those road workers to stay safe out there!”

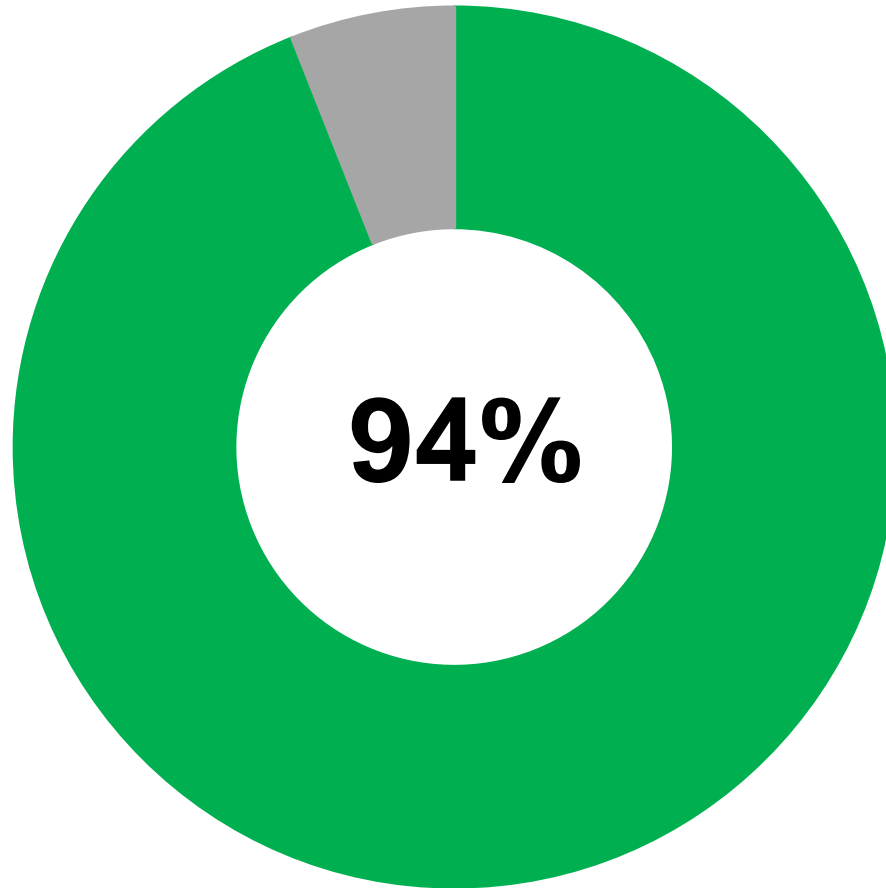
“Talk about quick! I sent an email after-hours and by lunch the following day they were working on it. Thank you, for the first time in a long time, I felt like my tax dollars were at work.”

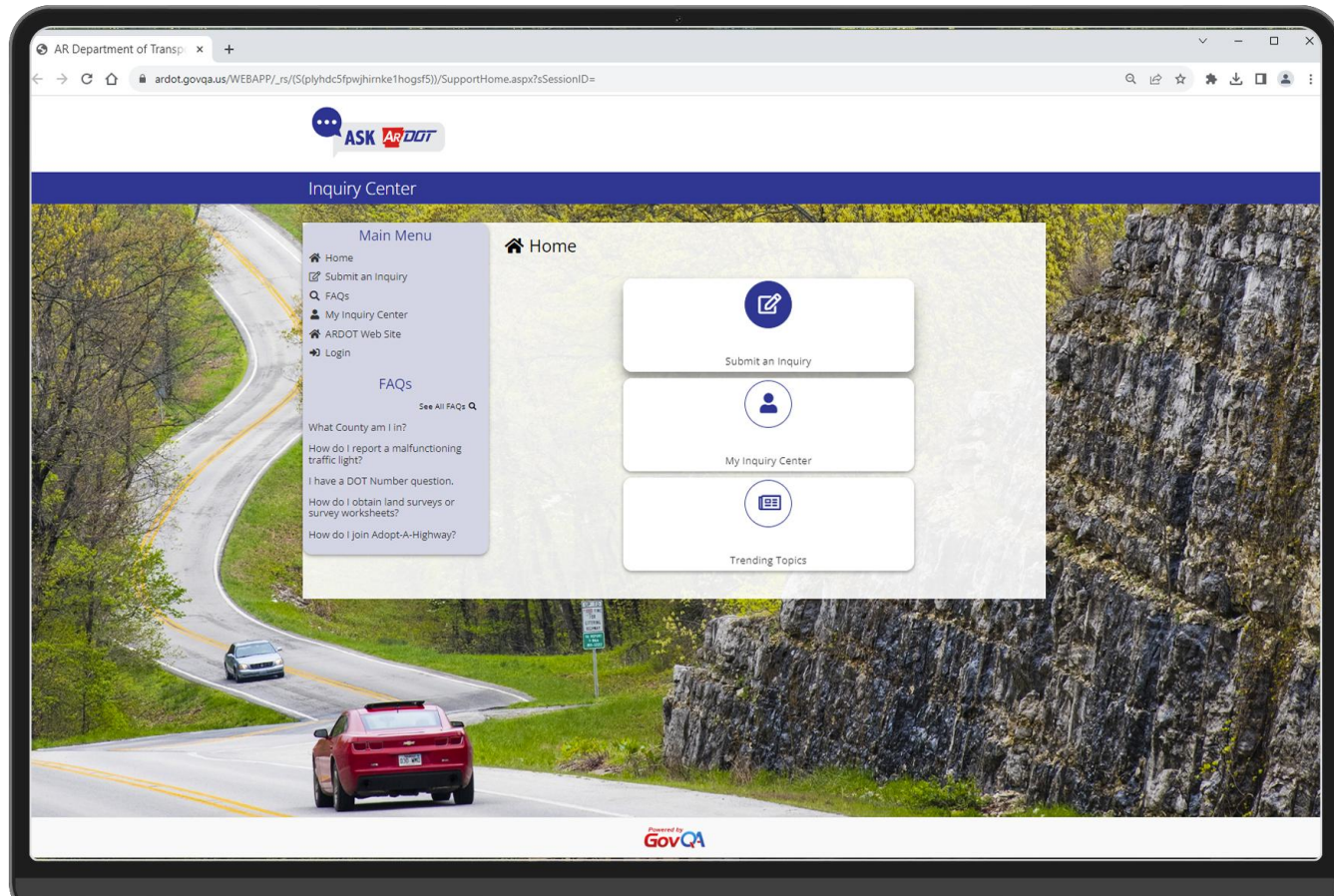
“In my 50 years, this was the fastest response and completed result by and State DOT where I’ve lived, and I’ve lived in 5 states. Well done. Congratulations, and thank you!”

“Keep on improving. I really like what you’re doing.”



CUSTOMER SUCCESS RATE





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Bid Letting Update

Keli Wylie, P.E.

Assistant Chief Engineer – Program Delivery



Bid Letting Update

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 LETTING RESULTS

Type of Projects	Number of Projects	Award Amount
State	19	\$ 168.4 Million
County	2	\$ 0.8 Million
City	-	-
Total	21	\$ 169.2 Million

Awarded Projects

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 BID LETTING

Projects Not Shown

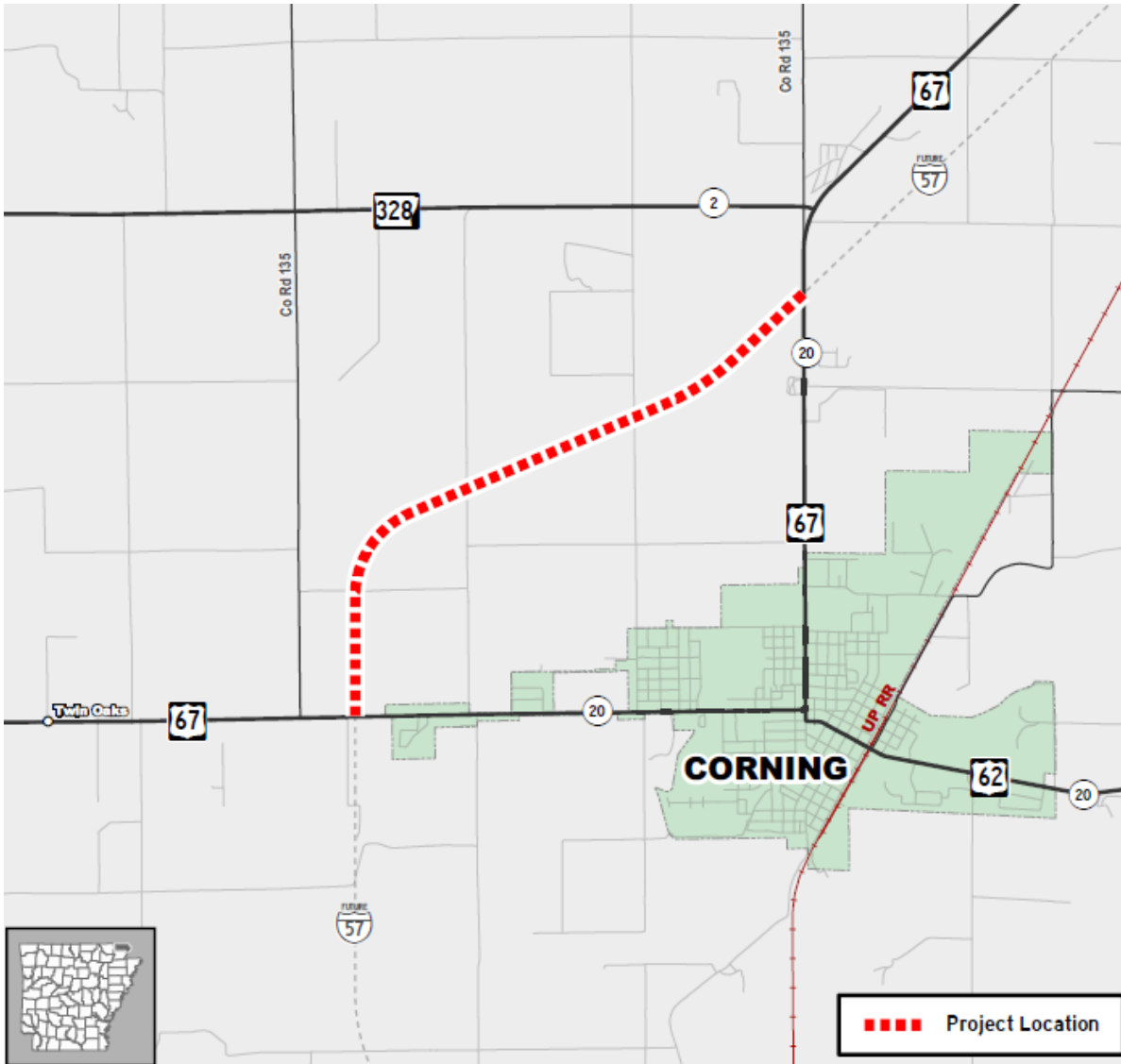
- Job 061771
- Office Brick Facade Impvts. (S)
- Job 012497
- Sign Upgrades (Districts 6 & 8) (S)
- Job 012507
- Districts 2, 3 & 7 Raised Pavement Markers (2025) (S)
- Job 012509
- Districts 6 & 8 Raised Pavement Markers (2025) (S)

- State Jobs
- County Jobs





Corning Bypass CLAY COUNTY

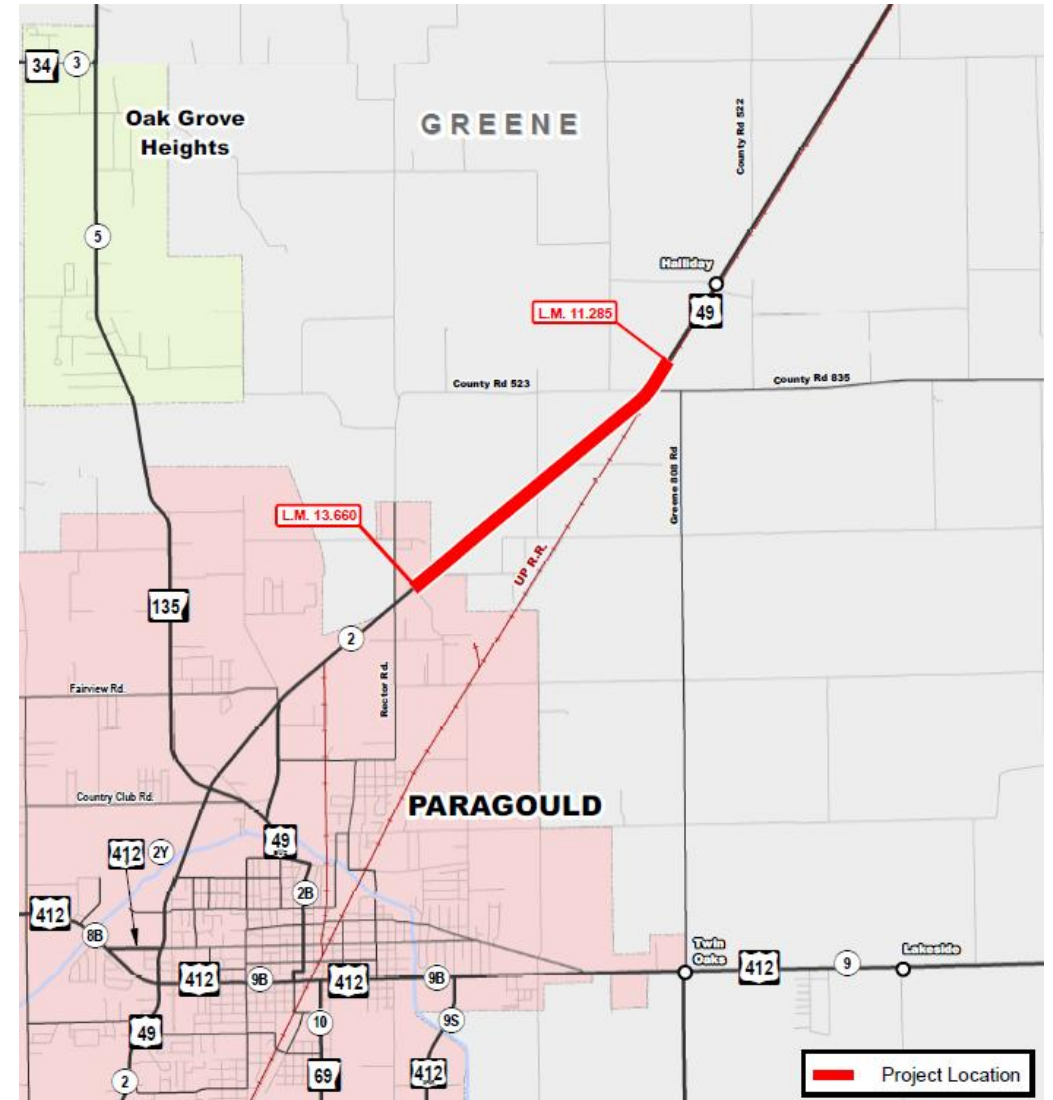


- New Location
- 4 Miles
- \$56 Million
- Koss Construction Co.
- Estimated Completion: Mid-2027



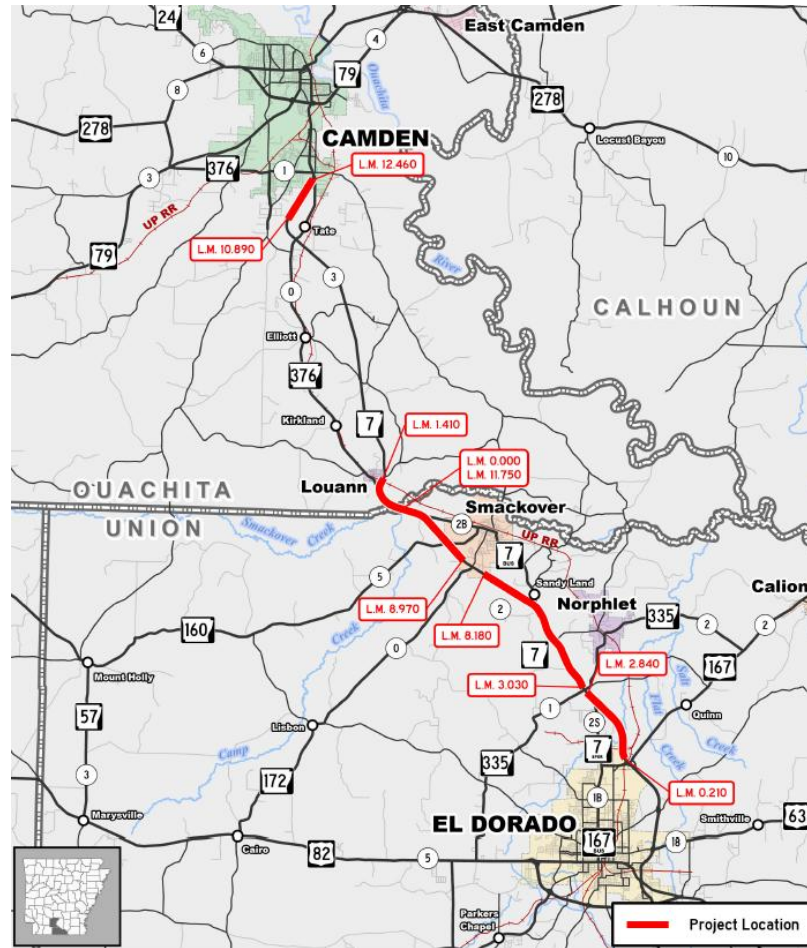
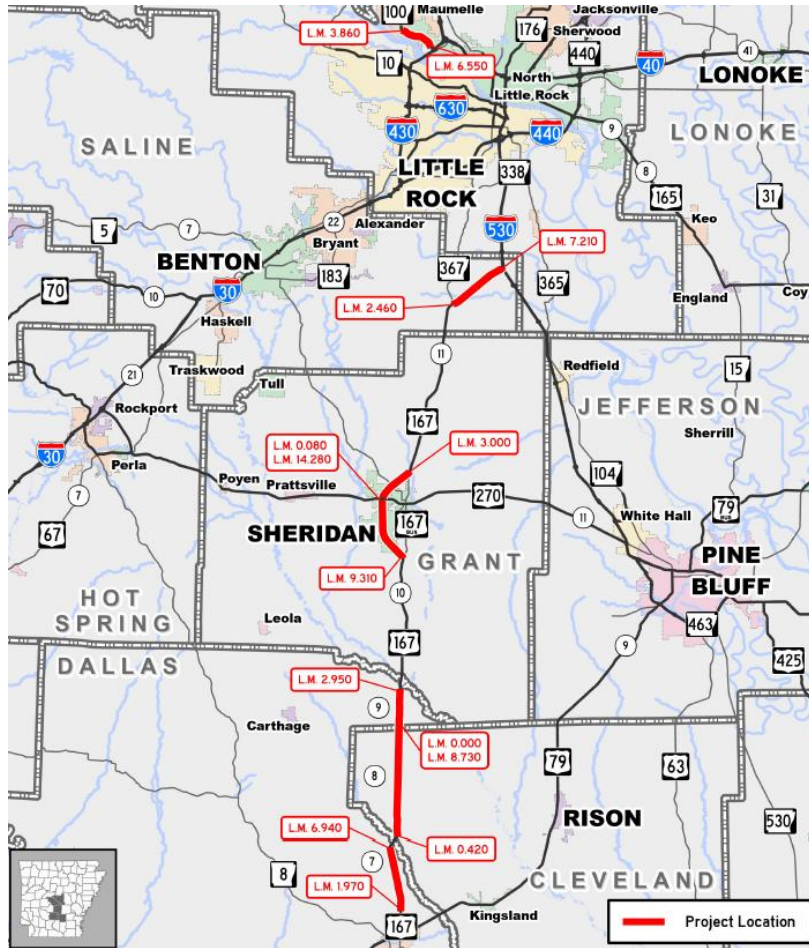
Highway 49 Widening PARAGOULD

- Major Widening
- 2 Miles
- \$24 Million
- Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc.
- Estimated Completion: Early 2027

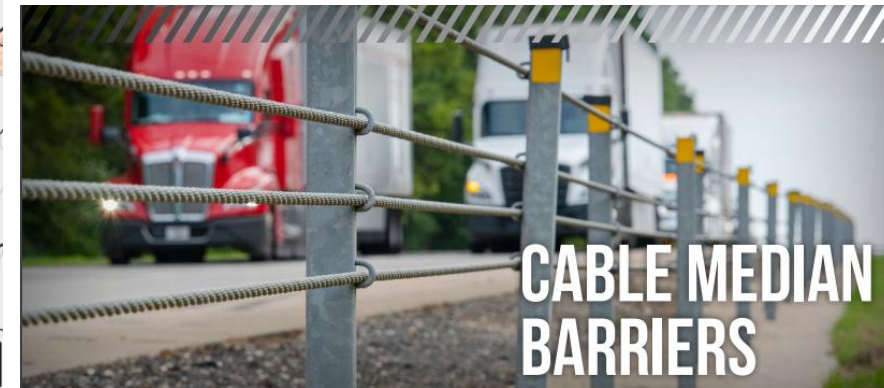




Highways 7, 100 & 167 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



- 45 Miles Total
- Estimated Completion Dates:
 - Hwy. 7 - Early 2026
 - Hwys. 100/167 - Late 2026
- Reduce severity and frequency of crossover median crashes



Maintenance Activity Update

Rex Vines, P.E.

Chief Engineer – Operations



Guardrail

Patching

Snow & Ice

Pipe Culverts

Cable Barrier

Sweeping

Leveling

Joint Repair

ARDOT

Maintenance

Activities

Mowing

Signs

Milling

Striping

Ditch Cleaning

Drop Inlets

Sealing Litter & Debris

Maintenance Activities

MOWING & LITTER REMOVAL



275,000 Acres/Year
153,000 Acres – ARDOT Crews
122,000 Acres - Contractors

122,487 Mowing Crew Hours

67,722 Litter Crew Hours
19,000+ Cubic Yards of Litter

Total Litter Cost - \$5+ Million

Maintenance Activities

IN-HOUSE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CREW



Maintenance Activities

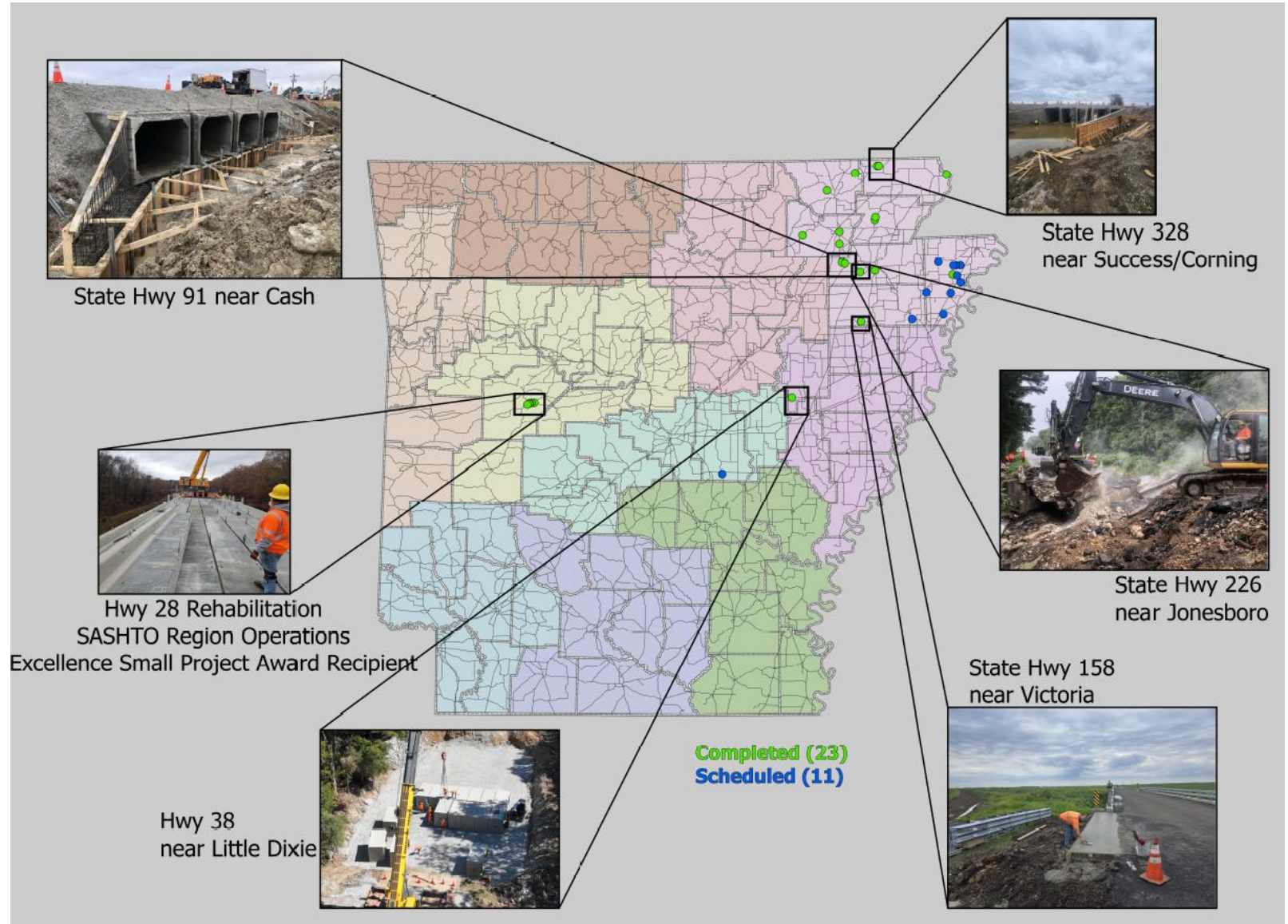
IN-HOUSE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CREW

23 Bridges Completed

Contract Replacement Value = \$51.8M

Actual Cost = \$14.3M

\$37.5M Savings



Highway 28 Bridge Rehabilitation with State Forces



2024 WINNER
OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE
CATEGORY
Small Project Group



Recent Department Activities



Highway 113 Groundbreaking



Arkansas Good Roads Annual Policy Event

ATLAS ASPHALT DYNAMITE BLASTING DEMONSTRATION





Arkansas Good Roads Annual Policy Event



Arkansas County Judges' Association Conference



ARDOT Maintenance Supervisor Conference



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**Updates on Projects in
Northeast Arkansas**

Jared Wiley, P.E.

Chief Engineer – Preconstruction



Milestones

- 2011** INTERSTATE REHABILITATION PROGRAM
- 2012** CONNECTING ARKANSAS PROGRAM
- 2015** GOVERNOR'S WORKING GROUP - HIGHWAY FUNDING
- 2019** GOVERNOR'S LONG TERM HIGHWAY FUNDING PLAN
- 2020** RENEW ARKANSAS HIGHWAY PROGRAM



Progress on Major Corridors INTERSTATE 555 DESIGNATION

Congress identified U.S. 63 from Marked Tree to I-55 in Arkansas as High Priority Corridor 39

1998

AASHTO approved designation of U.S. 63 as Future I-555

2000

FHWA approved designation of U.S. 63 from U.S. 49 to I-55, as Future I-555

2001

FHWA approved designation of U.S. 63 from U.S. 49 to I-55, as I-555

2015

AASHTO approved the extension of I-555 designation from U.S. 49 to Highway 91

2016

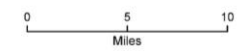
Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act

2021

FHWA approved the extension of I-555 designation from U.S. 49 to Highway 91



Redesignated as Interstate 555





Progress on Major Corridors INTERSTATE 57 DESIGNATION



Congress identified U.S. 67 as High Priority Corridor 89 and Future I-57

Virtual public involvement meeting held on re-designating Future I-57 as I-57



AASHTO and FHWA approved designation of U.S. 67 as Future I-57

NEXT STEPS
ARDOT will work with stakeholders to sign portions of Interstate 57 as appropriate.

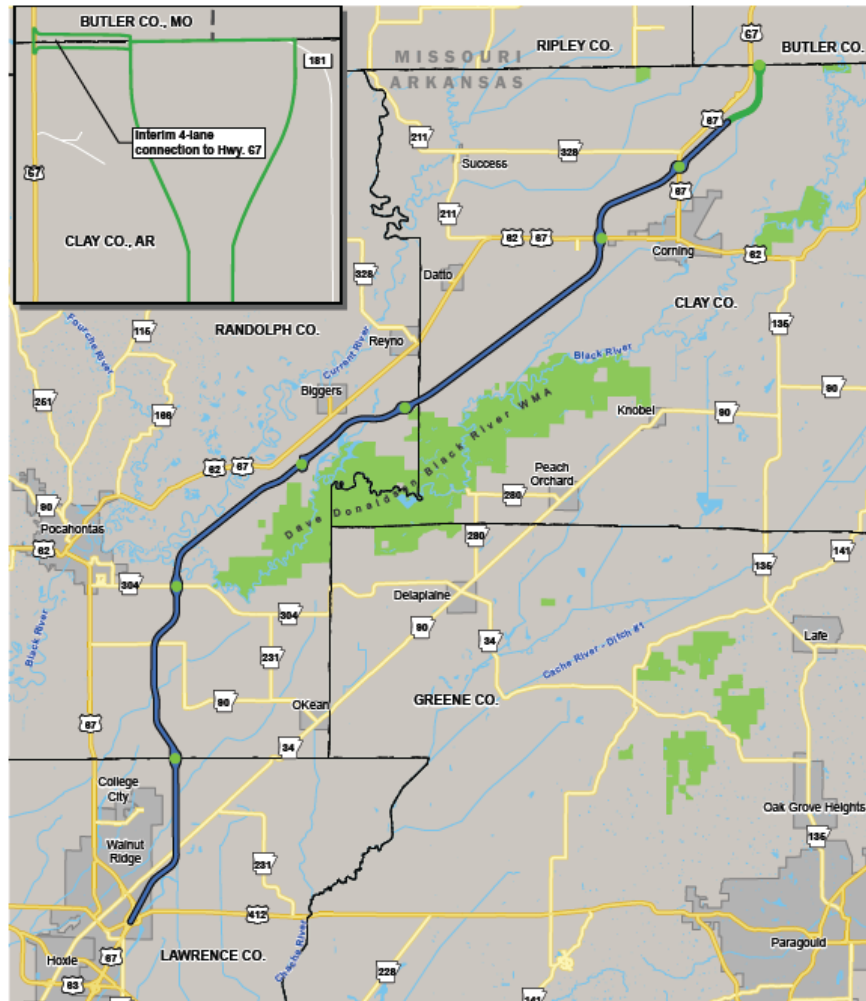
Redesignate as Interstate 57





Progress on Major Corridors

INTERSTATE 57



WALNUT RIDGE - MISSOURI STATE LINE
(FUTURE I-57)
Randolph, Clay, Greene and Lawrence Counties
Preferred Alternative
AR DOT

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Approved September 2022
- Final Environmental Impact Statement
and Record of Decision
Issued October 2023
- Construction Cost: \$700-800 Million
- First Project Awarded: September 2024



Progress on Major Corridors

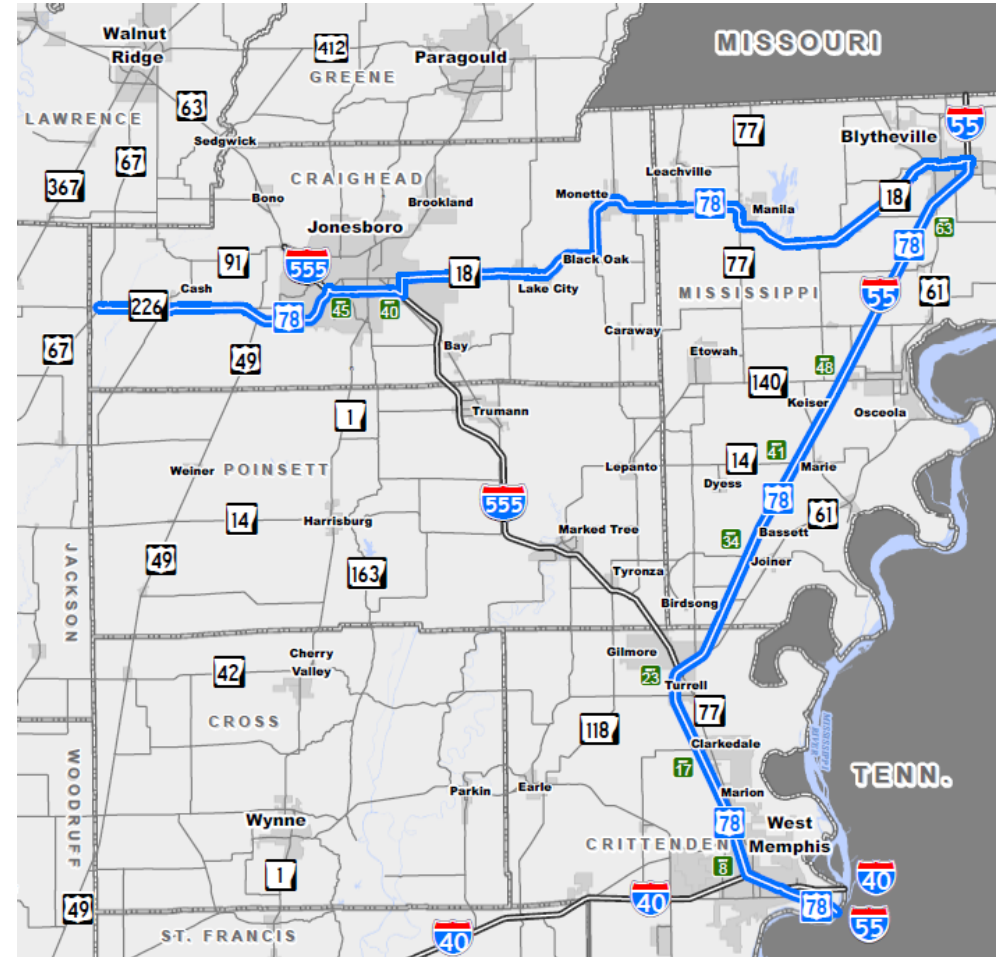
U.S. HIGHWAY 78 DESIGNATION


- Received Resolutions in Support of the Dual-Designation of Various Highways as U.S. Highway 78

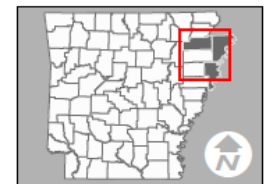
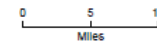
Summer 2023

- AASHTO Approved Extension of U.S. Highway 78 from Memphis, TN to Future I-57 in Arkansas

November 2023

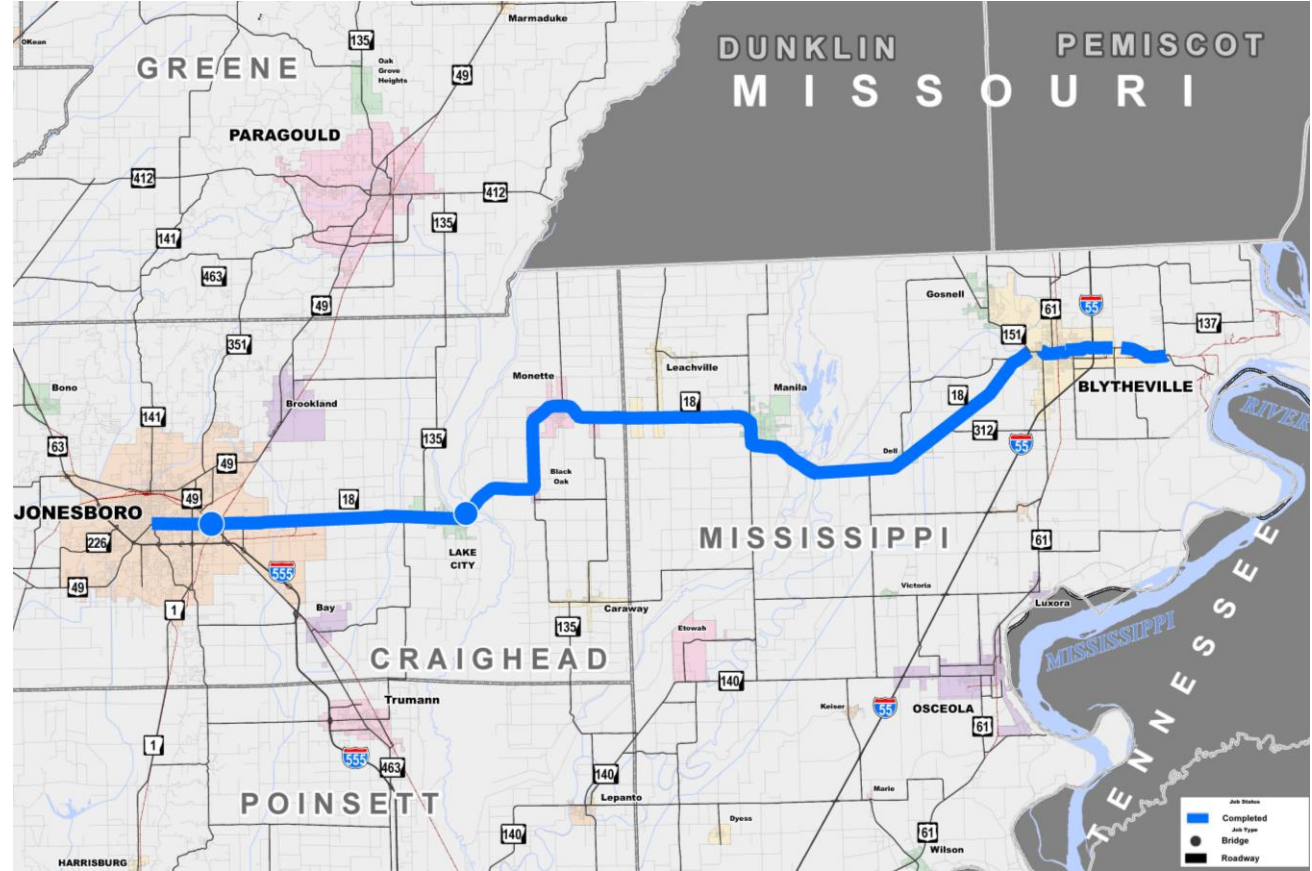


 Dual Signed as U.S. Highway 78





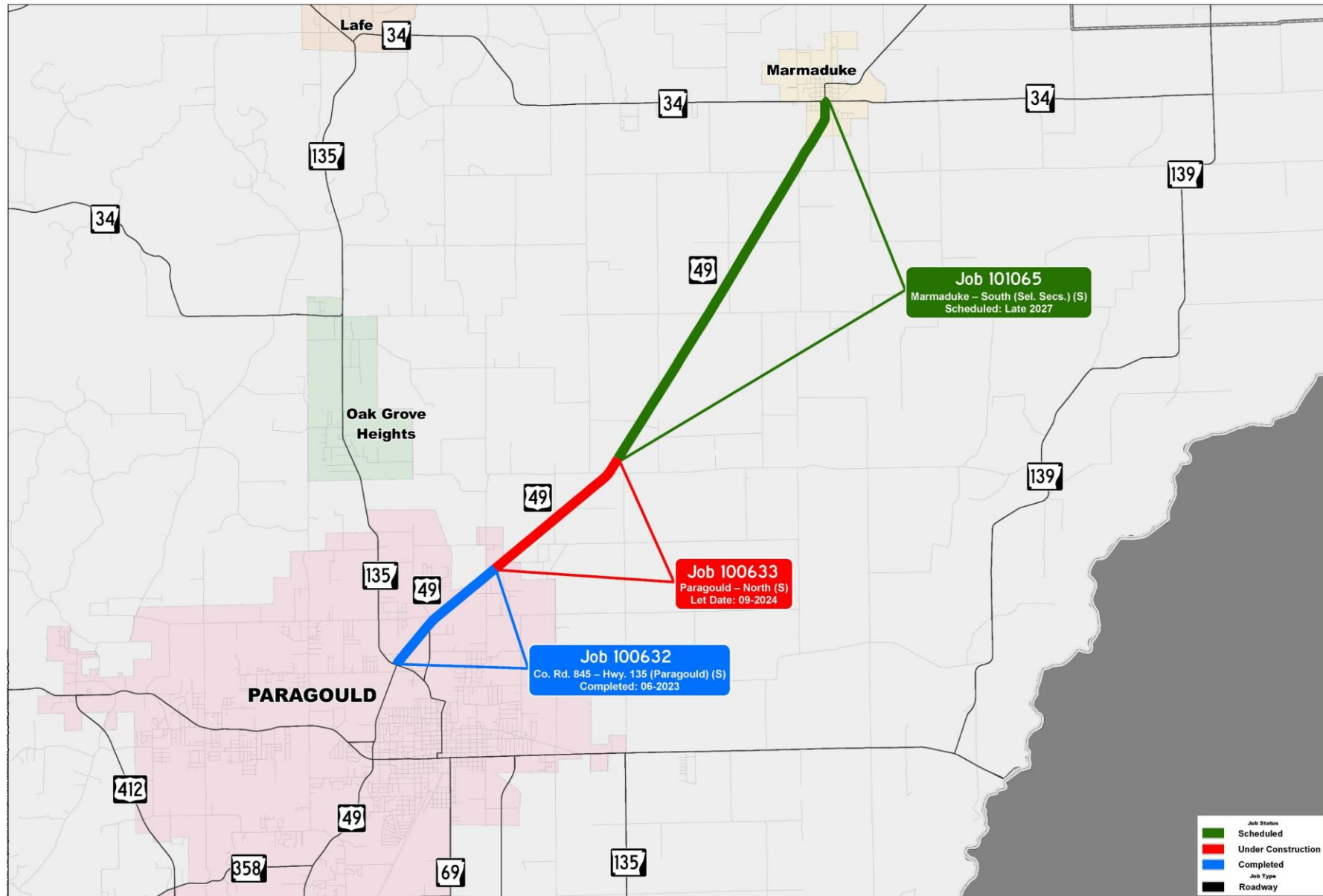
Progress on Major Corridors HIGHWAY 18





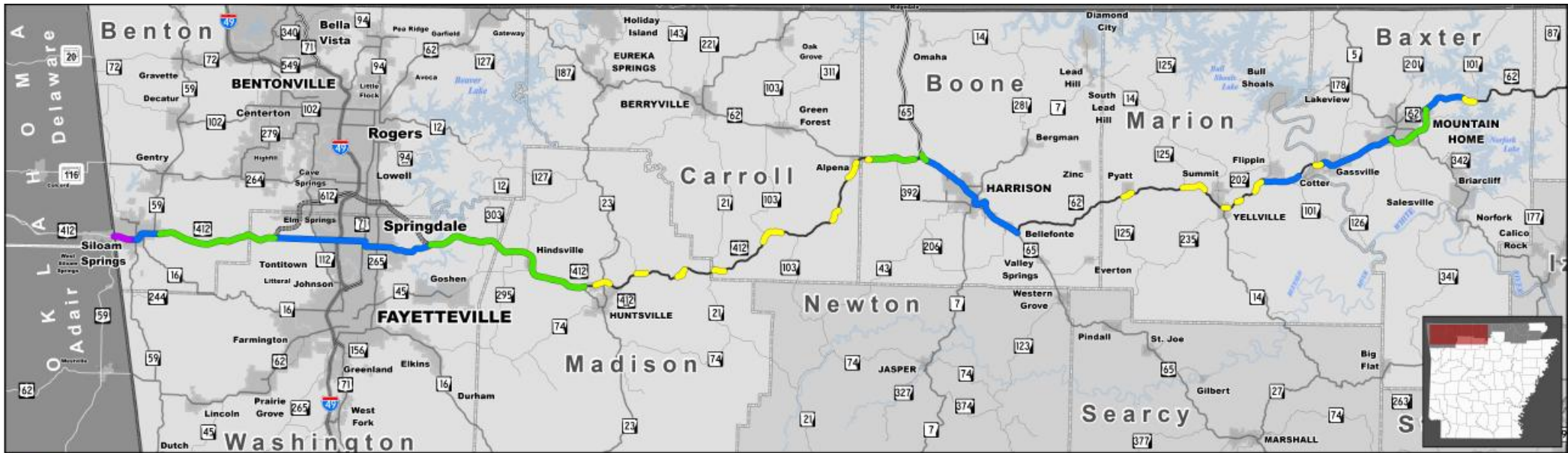
Progress on Major Corridors

U.S. HIGHWAY 49





Progress on Major Corridors HIGHWAY 412



Regional Update

Completed

- 804 Projects
- 2,613 Miles
- \$2 Billion

Under Construction

- 62 Projects
- 131 Miles
- \$478 Million

Scheduled

- 139 Projects
- 569 Miles
- \$709 Million



Status of Improvements	
— Scheduled	● Bridge
— Under Construction	⊕ Intersection Improvement
— Completed	— Roadway
 New Location

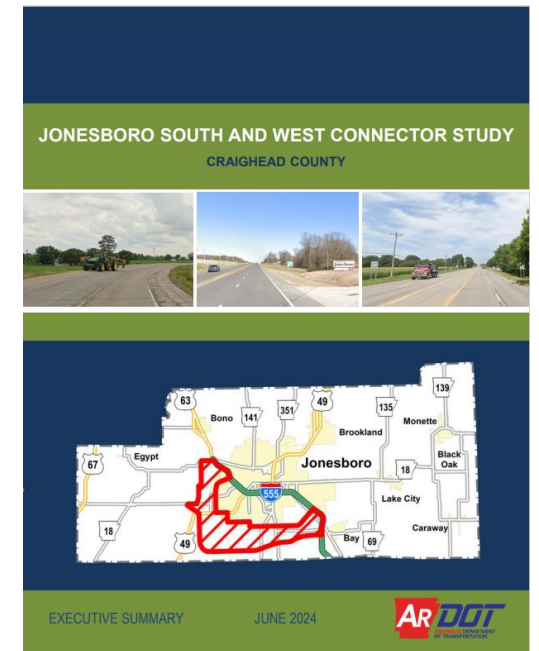
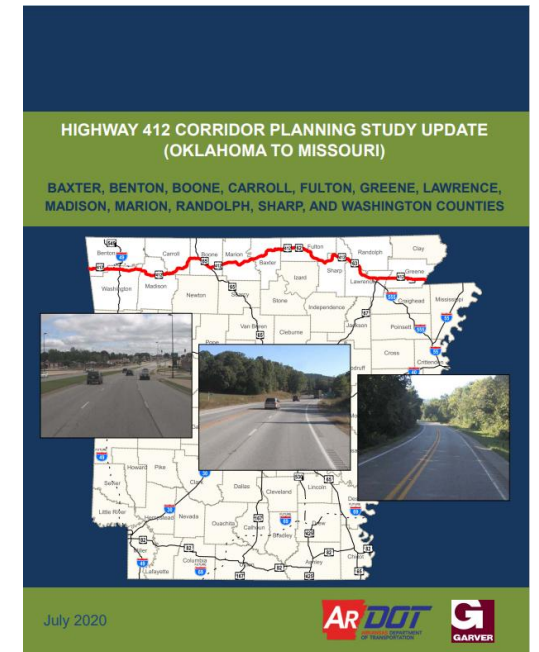
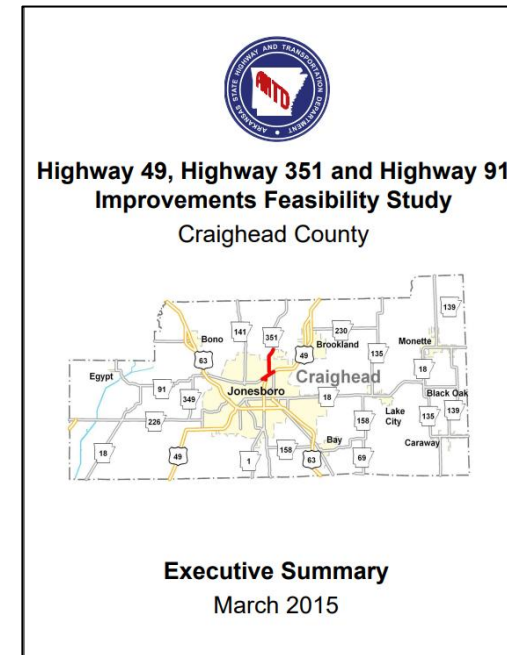
Northeast Arkansas PLANNING STUDIES

11 Studies Completed

- **2015** | Highway 67 Improvement Study (Walnut Ridge to Missouri State Line)
- **2015** | Highway 49, Highway 351 and Highway 91 Improvements Feasibility Study (Jonesboro)
- **2020** | Highway 412 Corridor Planning Study Update (Oklahoma to Missouri)
- **2021** | Highway 64 Study (Bald Knob to Marion)
- **2024** | Osceola Industrial Access Connection Study
- **2024** | Jonesboro South and West Connector Study

12 Studies Initiated

- **2020** | Interstate 555 Corridor Study (Jonesboro)
- **2022** | Batesville Bypass Feasibility Study Update
- **2023** | Central Searcy Mobility Study

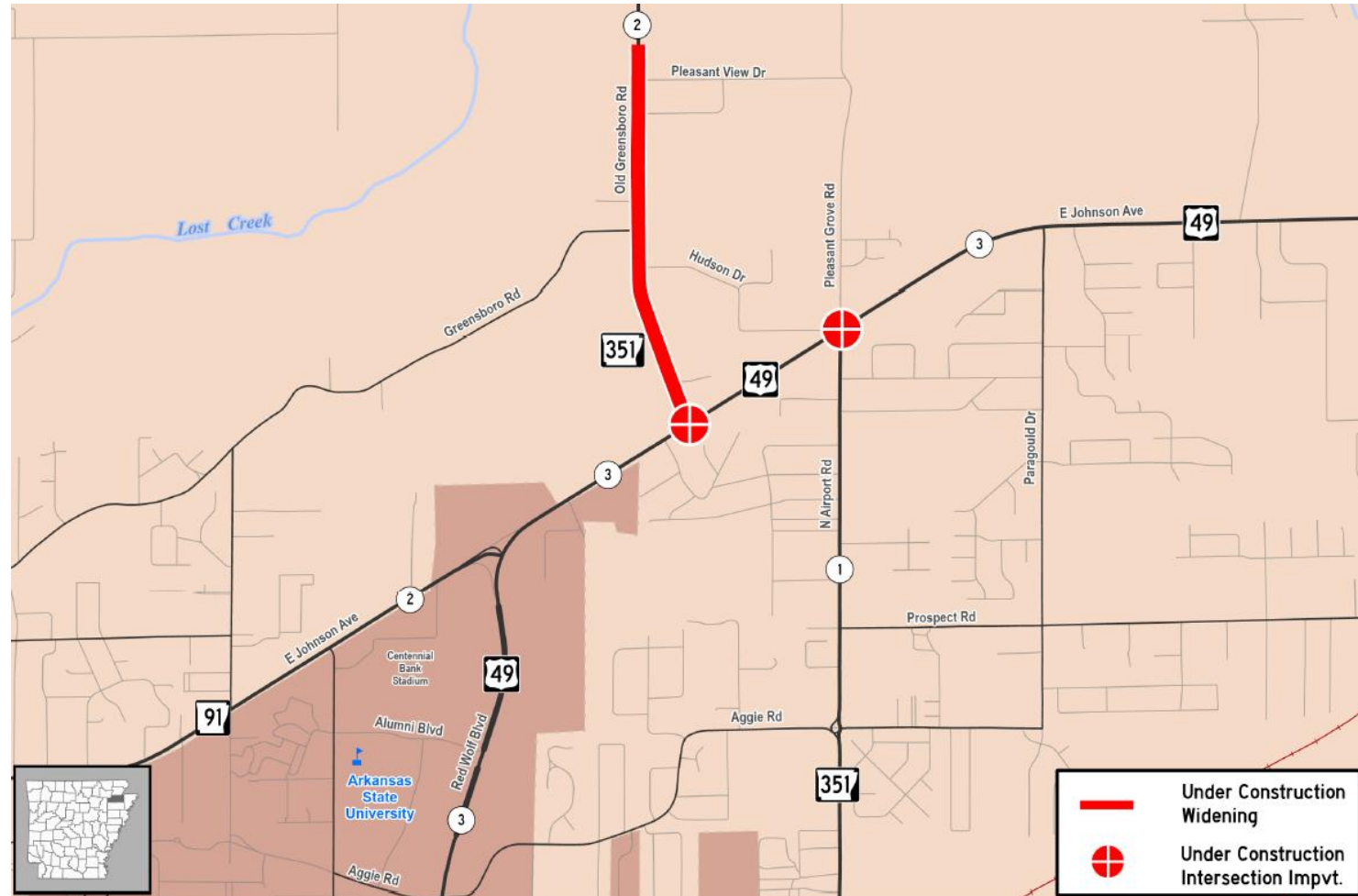




Local Project Updates

HIGHWAY 351

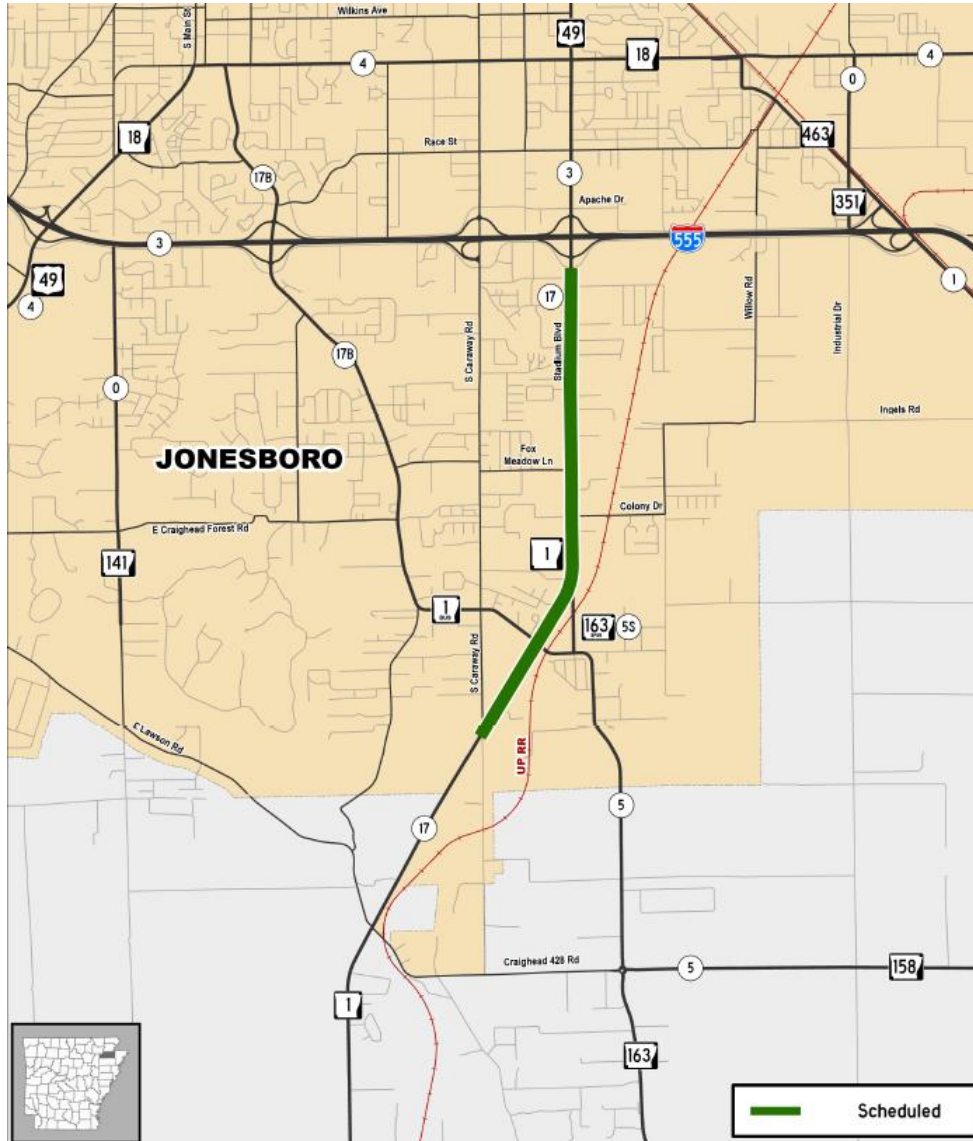
- Major Widening & Intersection Improvements
- 1.5 Miles
- Awarded to White River Materials \$16.2 Million in June 2024
- Estimated Completion Date Mid-2027



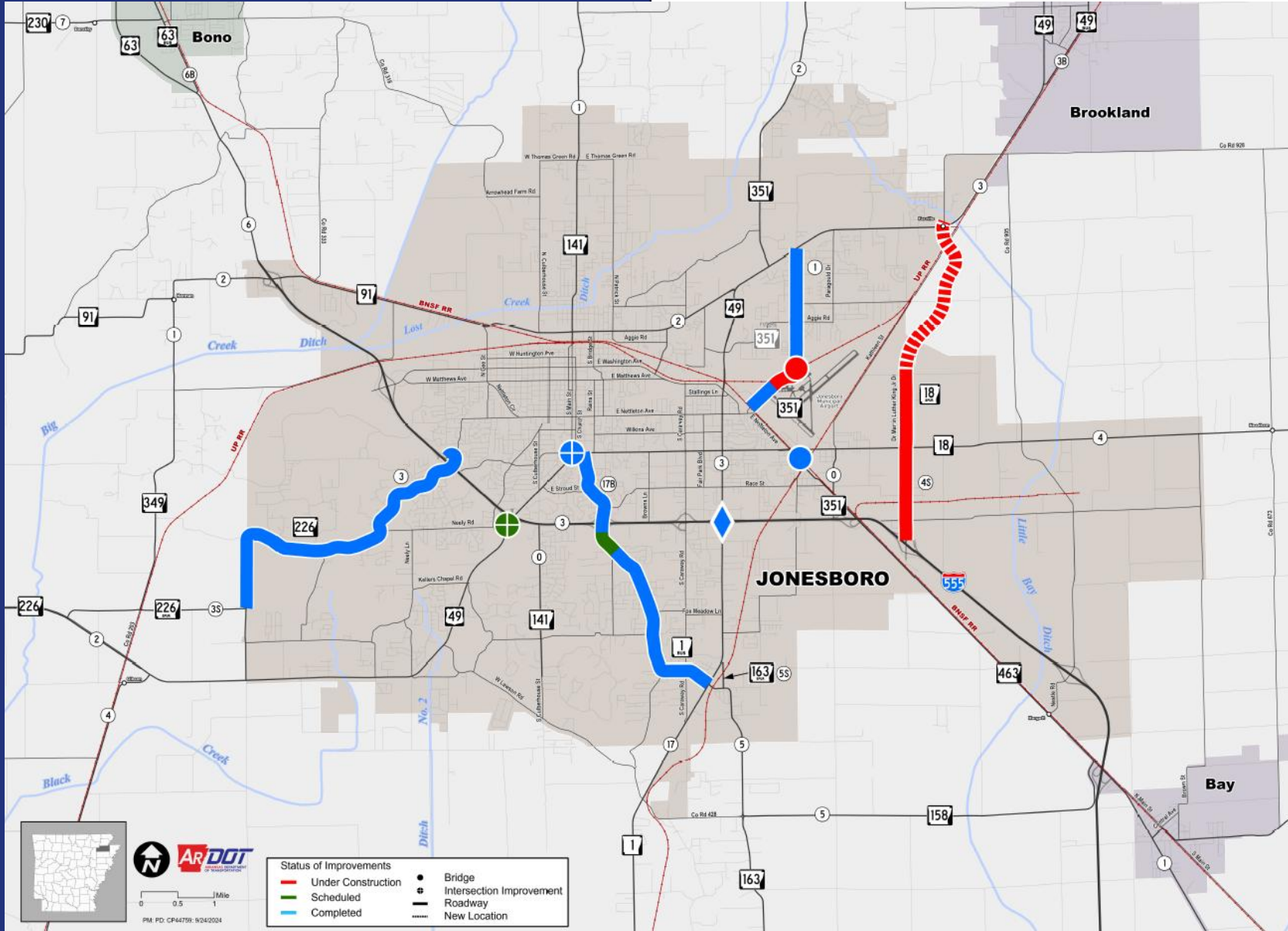


Local Project Updates

HIGHWAY 1

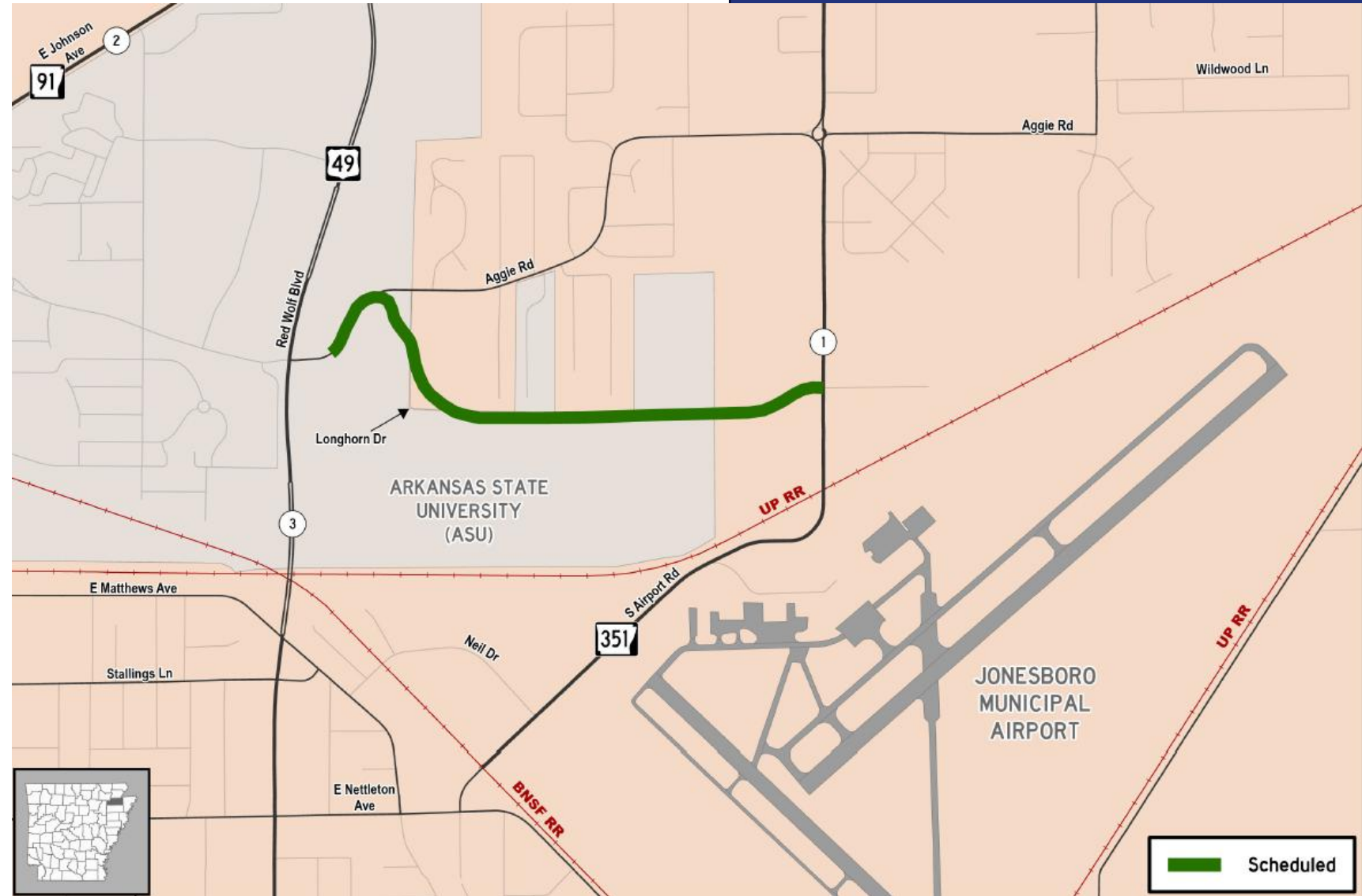


- Widening & Bridge Replacement
- 3 Miles
- Atlas Asphalt, Inc. selected in October 2023 to serve as Construction Manager – General Contractor

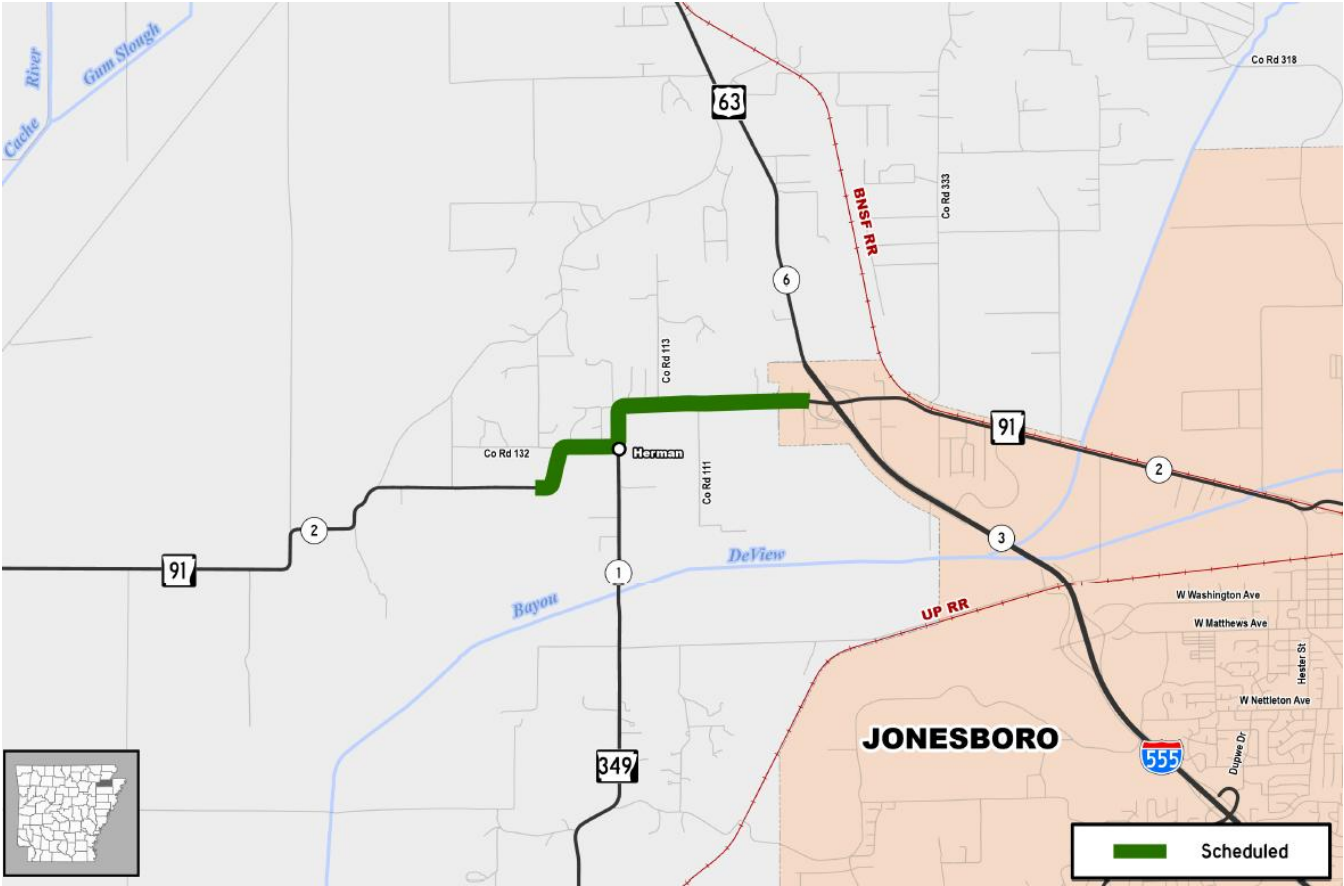
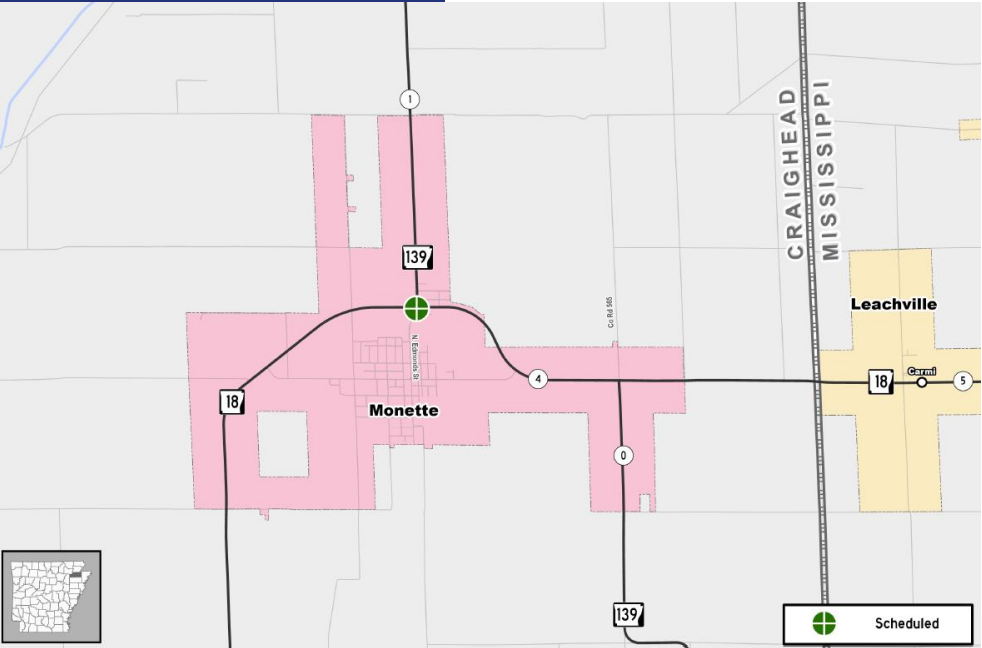
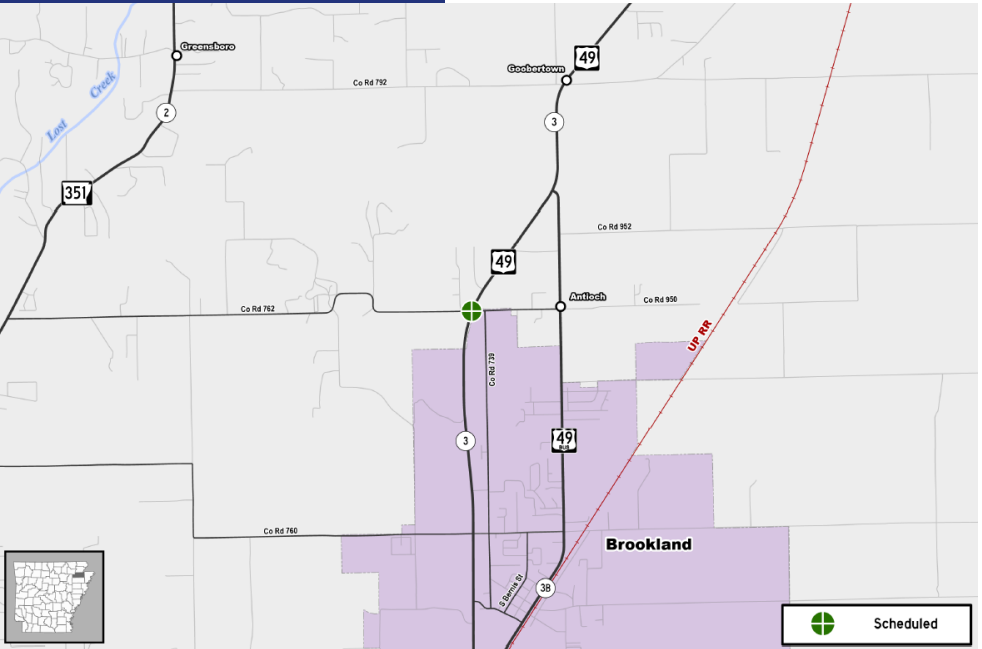


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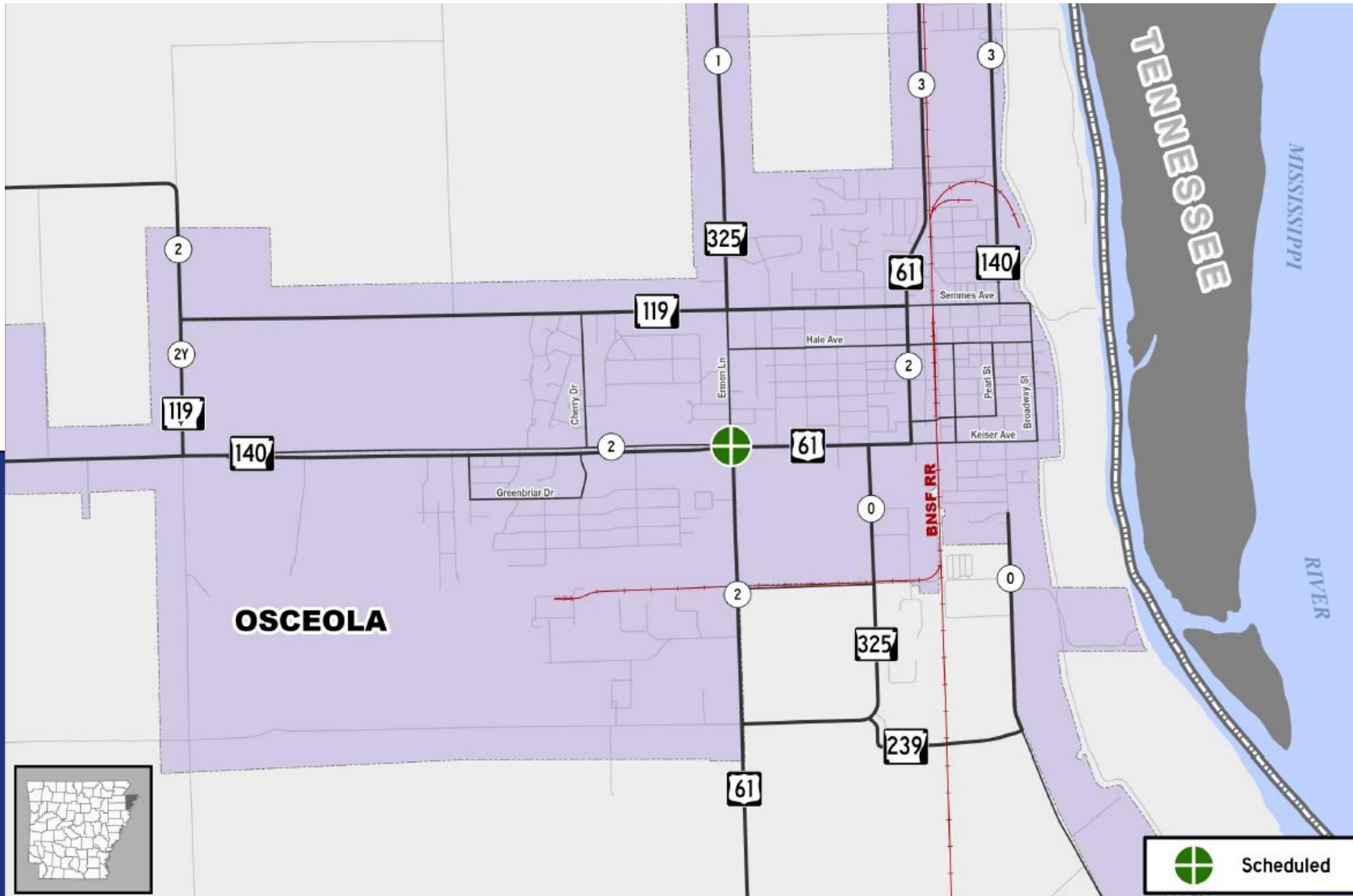


Partnering Projects CRAIGHEAD COUNTY



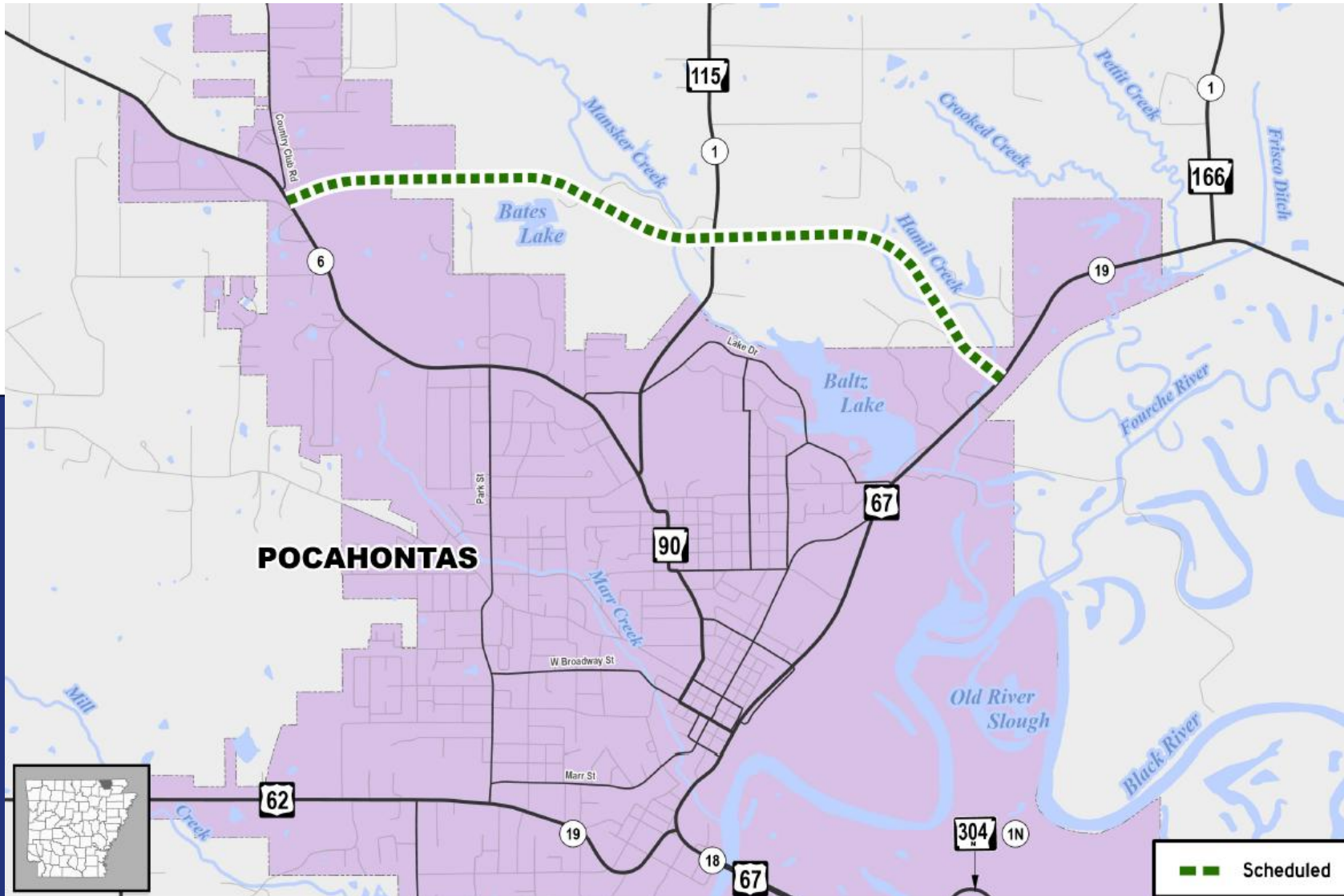
Partnering Projects

OSCEOLA



Partnering Projects

POCAHONTAS



Big River Crossing Trail:



Big River Crossing serves as the connection point of Main Street in Memphis to Main Street in West Memphis, a 10-mile, multi-modal corridor that also features parks and trails, creating ties to attractions throughout the delta region. This trail spanning the Mississippi River provides parallel bicycle and pedestrian access separate from the car traffic on America's River Crossing.

Crump Interchange Project:



TDOT is replacing the cloverleaf design of the I-55/Crump Boulevard interchange with a new configuration that reduced crashes, relieves congestion, and provides route continuity for I-55 across the America's River Crossing.

Current I-55 Bridge:



Built in 1949, the Memphis-Arkansas Bridge carries I-55 freight and commuter traffic across the Mississippi River. The America's River Crossing will run parallel to this existing bridge and will improve operations of the corridor for both local and regional traffic, as well as national freight connections.

Legend

-  Crump Interchange Project
-  Project Area
-  America's River Crossing
-  Big River Crossing Trail



Partnering Projects

INTERSTATE 55 BRIDGE

- USDOT awarded \$393,750,000 grant to ARDOT and TDOT jointly
- ARDOT and TDOT have each committed up to \$250 million

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**Proposed Legislation for
the 2025 Regular Session**

2025 Regular Session | PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Increased Fines for a Moving Traffic Violation in Mobile Maintenance Operations



Ensure Continued Use of Green Lights

2025 Regular Session | **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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



Deregulate the Movement of School and Office Trailers

2025 Regular Session | PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Remove the Construction Manager-
General Contractor (CM-GC) Program
Pilot Requirements



Modernize Statutory Bonding
Requirements



2025 Regular Session | PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Standardize Market Value Determination
for Surplus Property



Utility Relocation

2025 Regular Session | **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Denatured Ethanol



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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING

Events

OCTOBER 3

Joint Transportation Committee Meeting

Commission & Director Tudor
10:00 AM | Fort Smith

OCTOBER 10

Conway Business Expo

Director Tudor
11:30 AM | Conway

OCTOBER 22

**Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce
Appreciation Luncheon**

Commission, Director Tudor & ARDOT Staff
TBD | Hot Springs

OCTOBER 24

Legislative Budget Hearing

Director Tudor & ARDOT Staff
4:00 PM | Little Rock

NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day Holiday

NOVEMBER 12

P.E. Board Meeting

Director Tudor
10:00 AM | Little Rock

UPCOMING

Events

NOVEMBER 13

Meeting with Union Pacific Railroad

Director Tudor & ARDOT Staff
Omaha, NE

NOVEMBER 14

I-57 Designation & Corning Bypass

Commission & Director Tudor
TBD | TBD

NOVEMBER 18

Retirement Board Meeting

Director Tudor
1:00 PM | Little Rock

NOVEMBER 20

Good Roads Annual Meeting

Chairman Farmer & Director Tudor
11:00 AM | Little Rock

NOVEMBER 28-29

Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 4

Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

Commission & Director Tudor
10:00 AM | Little Rock

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**Other Business and
Discussion**

Vivien Hoang
Division Administrator
Arkansas Division
Federal Highway Administration

**FHWA 2024 Environmental
Excellence Awards**



Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

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