Conway Area Leadership Institute
Thursday, July 8, 2021
ARDOT Quick Facts

3rd Largest State Agency
(approx. 3,700 Employees)

Maintains
16,418 miles of Highway
7,335 Bridges

Central Offices in Little Rock

10 Districts Statewide
Provide safe and efficient transportation solutions to support Arkansas’ economy and enhance the quality of life for generations to come.
Arkansas has the 3rd Lowest Administrative Cost Per Mile in the Nation

Arkansas = $2,107

Surrounding States Average = $4,334

National Average = $9,224
Employment Levels Efficiency

Year
1979 4,200 Employees
2000 3,800 Employees
2020 3,715 Employees
History
Prior to 1913

“We are always yapping about the ‘Good Old Days’ and how we look away back and enjoy it, but I tell you there is a lot of hooey to it.”

– Will Rogers
• **First Commission Created**
  ✓ No Hwy. Department
  ✓ No Hwy. System

• **3,600 Vehicles** - **$72,000 Total Budget**

• **36,000 Miles of Public Roads**
1951 - Highway Audit Commission Report

✓ “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.”

9 Legislative Acts Restructured Commission since 1913

1952 – Mack Blackwell Amendment

Widening Hwy 67 near Malvern, 1956
Issue 1

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

November 3, 2020 General Election
What Will Issue 1 Do?

- 0.5% Sales Tax Permanent
- Highways, Roads and Bridges
- Not on Food, Motor Fuels, Prescription Meds
- 70% ($206 Million) State Highways
- 15% ($44 Million) County Transportation
- 15% ($44 Million) City Transportation

Every Arkansan Will Benefit!
## Renew Arkansas Highways

### 10-Year Program

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Second Connecting Arkansas Program

North Little Rock to West Memphis (Selected Sections)
$475 Million

Central Arkansas
$350 Million

Operational Improvements
$40 Million

General Samuels Road to Little Rock Air Force Base
$10 Million

North Little Rock to England
$20 Million

Count Massie to Interstate 430
$20 Million

Chenal Parkway – East (Selected Sections)
$25 Million

Interstate 30 to Interstate 40
$30 Million

Highway 183 to Pulaski County Line
$25 Million

Conway Area (Selected Sections)
$50 Million

North Little Rock to England (Selected Sections)
$50 Million

Conway Area (Selected Sections)
$50 Million

TBD

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Faulkner County
Pavement & Bridge Preservation Projects

2024-2033 Draft Program of Preservation Projects (Pavement & Bridges)

47 Projects
153 Miles
27 Bridges
$121 Million
HIGHWAY 65

Conway to Missouri

**Completed**
- Number of Projects: 36
- Miles: 121
- Amount (Millions): $305

**Under Construction**
- Number of Projects: 2
- Miles: 8
- Amount (Millions): $40

**Scheduled**
- Number of Projects: 2
- Miles: 7
- Amount (Millions): Est. $30-50
Dave Ward Dr. (Highways 60 & 65B)

**Completed**
- Interchanges: 9
- Amount (Millions): $0.5

**Scheduled**
- Number of Projects: 2
- Miles: 1
- Amount (Millions): Est $3-5
Harkrider Dr. and Old Morrilton Hwy.  
(Highways 64 & 65B)

Scheduled
Number of Projects:  2  
Miles:  1  
Amount (Millions):  Est $2-5

- Widening (Potential Partnering w/ City)
- Upgrading Traffic Signals
- Roundabout for Hwy 64/Hogan Ln.
Skyline Dr. (Highways 65 & 65B)

- Connecting Signals for Coordination
- $5.6 Million
- Est. Complete Late 2021
East Conway (Connection Study)
Mayflower

- Highway 89
- Union Pacific RailRoad Overpass
- Realignment

Under Construction
Miles: 2
Amount (Millions): $26
Highway 89 Study

- Looking for Direct East-West Connection
- Partnering with Metroplan
Questions?
If Issue 1 Fails

Faulkner County
2023 – $3.8 Million
2024 – $2.7 Million
Loss of Funding – $1,100,000 Per Year

City of Conway
2023 – $4.7 Million
2024 – $3.3 Million
Loss of Funding – $1,400,000 Per Year