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Renew Arkansas Highways Program
Pavement & Bridge Preservation Projects

- 2024-2033
Second Connecting Arkansas Program

- Capital and congestion relief
- $3.6 billion – 20 years
- July 2023
Springdale Bypass

- 4-lane Freeway Facility
- Proposal to convert from State Highway to Interstate designation

**Completed**
- 1 Project
- 4 Miles
- $101 Million

**Scheduled**
- 2 Projects
- 10 Miles
- $150-200 Million

**Programmed**
- 1 Project
- 7 Miles
- $75-100 Million
XNA Connector

• A new 4-lane fully-controlled access roadway
• Connecting XNA access to Springdale Bypass, Project Development ongoing
• Funding for Project Development in 2021-2024 STIP
Bella Vista Bypass

**Completed**
- 6 Projects
- 14 Miles
- $218 Million

**MODOT**
- 1 Project
- 5 Miles
- $70.3 Million
Highway 59

- Sulphur Springs – Decatur (Passing Lanes)
- Wolf Creek & Decatur Branch Bridges
- Hwys. 12/59 Signal & Inters. Impts. (Gentry)
- Illinois River Bridge
- Hwys. 16 & 59 (Resurfacing)
- Hwy. 62 – Hwy. 45 (Resurfacing)
- Washington County Line – South Bridges
- Cedarville – Van Buren (Resurfacing)
- I-40/Hwy. 59 Interchange Impvts. (Van Buren)
Highway 412

- Spring 2022
- Pavement Preservation
- 8.8 miles
- Estimated Cost: $3-5 million
U.S. Hwy. 412 Designated Future Interstate
May 20, 2021

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

We, the undersigned organizations, support the designation of as U.S. Highway 412 corridor as a future interstate from I-35 to I-44 in Noble County, Oklahoma to I-49 in Springdale, Arkansas. The multi-state regions of Northeast Oklahoma and Northwest Arkansas share historic, geographic, and economic interests and a future interstate designation will improve economic development opportunities for both regions while providing the State DOTs with sufficient time to fully upgrade the corridor to Interstate standards.

As you know, an interstate highway corridor attracts new businesses, improve safety along the corridor, enhance freight mobility, reduce travel times, and connect rural and urban communities. A significant portion of this route was designed and constructed to Interstate standards, and this proposal would directly connect three key Interstate freight corridors in the heartland of America: I-35, I-44, and I-49.

The existing US-412 route directly serves major inland ports, including the Tulsa Port of Catoosa and Inola and Oakley’s Port 33 on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. An interstate designation on this route also improves access to the Tulsa International Airport and Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, and will improve supply chain connectivity for major retail and industrial employers in the region, including Walmart, and numerous energy and aerospace companies.

Most major metropolitan areas across the Nation typically have two or three Interstate highways connecting their region. However, both the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area and the Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Statistical Area are only currently served by one Interstate highway, I-44 and I-49, respectively. Of the 60 largest metropolitan statistical areas in the Nation, Tulsa, a region with one million residents, remains virtually alone as a non-coastal metropolitan region of its size with only one current or future Interstate highway connection. Additionally, the Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Area, with over 500,000 in population, is among the Nation’s most rapidly growing regions as well.

We look forward to working with you to improve transportation access and mobility in our region, and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim J. Gatz
Secretary of Transportation
Oklahoma Department of Transportation

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Director
Arkansas Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Tom Carper. Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member, Committee on Environment and Public Works

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Total Estimated Cost
Arkansas’ Portion
$500 M - $700 M
Anti-Litter Campaign
On $5M mill

Water control
highway miles.

Annual cost of litter along Arkansas’ 16,000
46,854 Cubic Yards collected by ARDOT litter crews in 2020
Work Zone Safety
WORK ZONE INCIDENTS & INJURIES ARE ON THE RISE:

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Kurt Johnathan Cottier
JULY 17, 1993 - DECEMBER 19, 2021

Construction Aide
RE 82 Office
3 Months of Service
• Launching February 2, 2022
• Highway Police and State Police
  Increased Presence in Work Zones
• Drivers will be cited for:
  – Handheld Use of Phone
  – Speeding
  – Following Too Close
  – Other Instances of Distracted and
    Reckless Driving