Highway 71 near Bella Vista

- First Commission created
  - No Highway Department
  - No Highway System
- 3,600 Vehicles
- $72,000 total budget
- 36,000 miles of public roads
• Nine Legislative Acts restructured Commission since 1913
• No stability or continuity
• Mack Blackwell Amendment in 1952 — 75% FOR 25% AGAINST

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
• 1975 – 1st State to Complete its Interstate System
• 1985 – Rural Road Program | Out of the mud
• 1991 – Highway Improvement Program
• 1999 – Interstate Rehabilitation Program
  First Highway Bond Issue in 50 years
• 2011 – 2nd Interstate Rehabilitation Program
• 2012 – Connecting Arkansas Program
• 2020 – Renew Arkansas Highways Program
ARDOT Quick Facts

• 3rd Largest State Agency
• Approximately 3,700 Employees
• Maintain 16,418 miles of Highway and 7,335 Bridges
• Central Offices in Little Rock
• 10 Districts Statewide
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2012 Connecting Arkansas Program

**COMPLETED**
- 19 Projects
- 94 Miles
- $770 Million

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**
- 11 Projects
- 69 Miles
- $1,061 Million

**SCHEDULED**
- 1 Project
- 5 Miles
- $175-200 Million
Regular State Transportation Funds
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021

Motor Fuel Taxes • $570M
Vehicle Registration Fees • $152M
Act 1 • $42M
Other • $40M
Casino Revenue • $35M
Natural Gas • $17M

Total = $856 Million
Federal Highway Funds

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021

- National Highway Performance Program • $339M
- Surface Transportation Program • $169M
- Highway Safety Improvement Program • $37M
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality • $13M
- Other • $53M

Total = $856 Million
• **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
Universe of Projects

- Safety Improvement Projects
- System Preservation Projects
- Capital Improvement Projects
Project Prioritization

- Decision Lens software package
  - Data-Driven Decision Process
  - Increased Confidence
  - Transparent Evaluation
  - Ranks Projects Based on Criteria

- Ranked nearly 2,000 projects for current STIP
Prioritized within the Funding Available
$626 Million
• **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program**

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Future Investment

- Highways, Roads, and Bridges
- 70% ($206M) State Highways
- 15% ($44M) County Roads
- 15% ($44M) City Streets
System Preservation

- $5.1 Billion – 10 Years
- 7,000 Miles
- 1,100 Bridges
- July 2023
Second Connecting Arkansas Program

- Capital and congestion relief
- $3.6 Billion – 20 years
- July 2023
THANK YOU!