

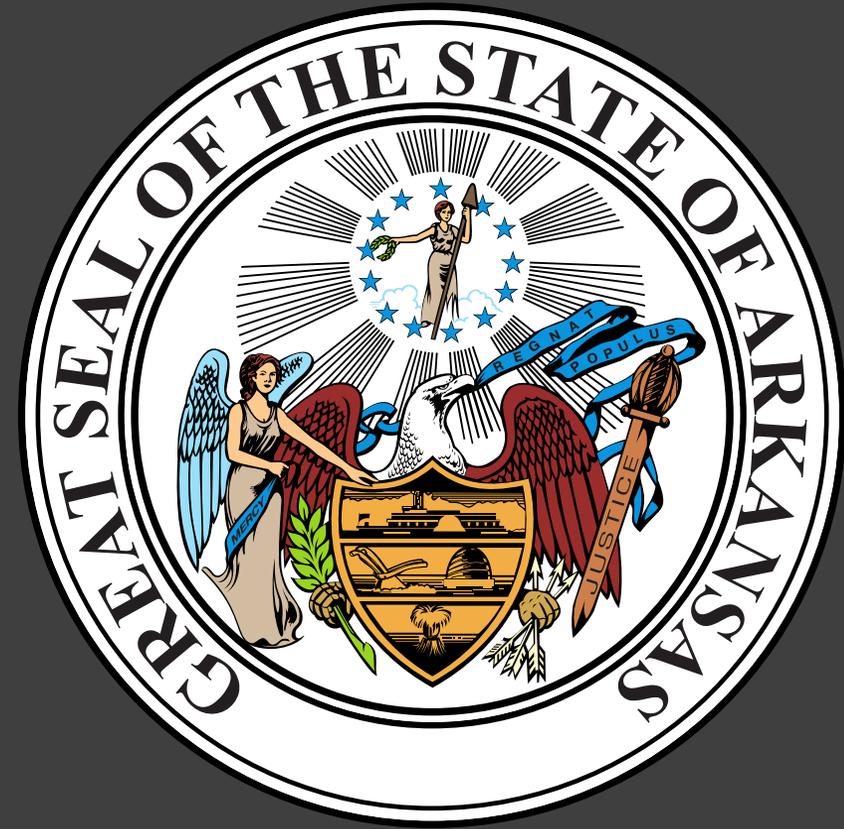
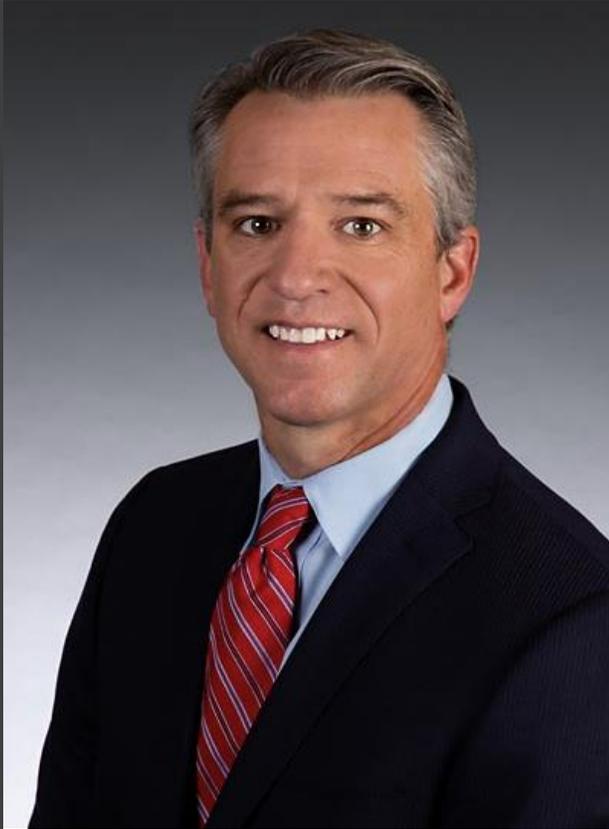
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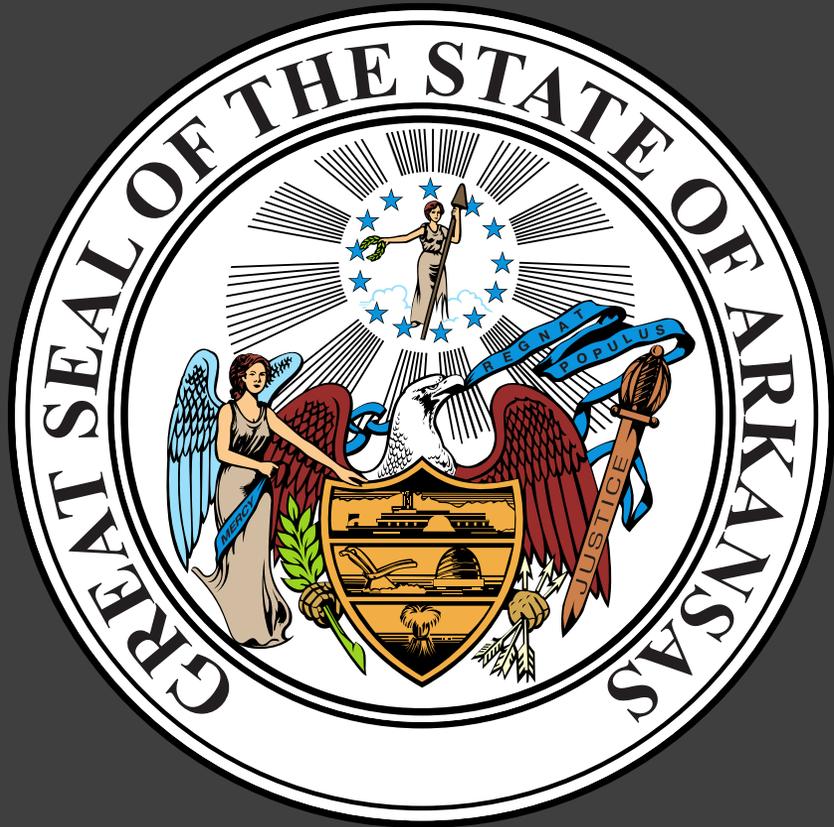
Arkansas
Interstate 49 Corridor





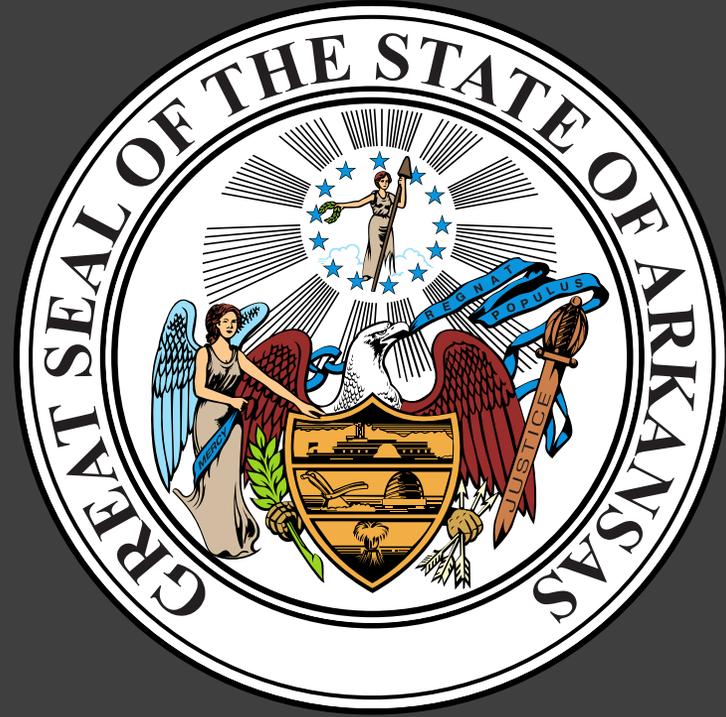
Representative Lee Johnson

“Adequate infrastructure is a key element of economic development. Finishing the I-49 Corridor in Western Arkansas is essential to providing the conduits for workforce migration, population growth, and the transportation of resources needed to allow our community to reach its maximum economic potential.”



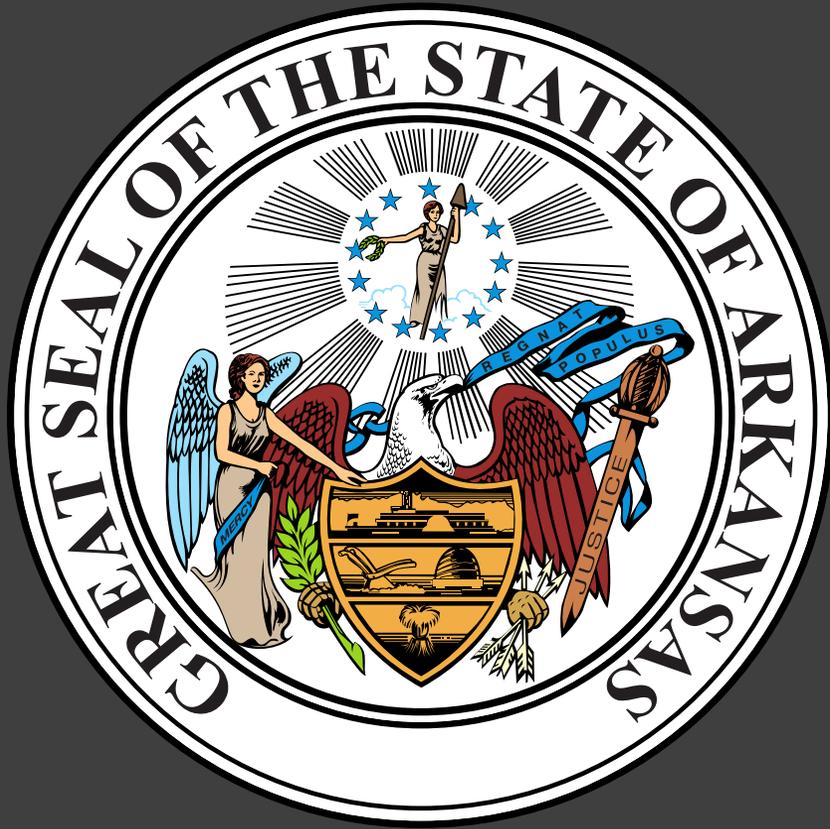
Representative Justin Boyd

“The completion of I-49 is vital for our community, state and nation to facilitate distribution of goods and travel from north and south of our country through middle America. It will boost the hub of commerce in Western Arkansas and be a great economic boon to our region and accelerate our growth.”



State Senator Mat Pitsch

“Throughout history there has been only one true way to affect positive economic development (job creation), and that is to build transportation corridors. I-49, when completed, will be a dynamic economic development tool, and a job creator for the State of Arkansas on the same magnitude of I-40. For too long people have traveled north and south outside of Arkansas. We need the economic engine that I-49 will be to correct that wrong and bring that traffic and stimulus to the economy of our state.”



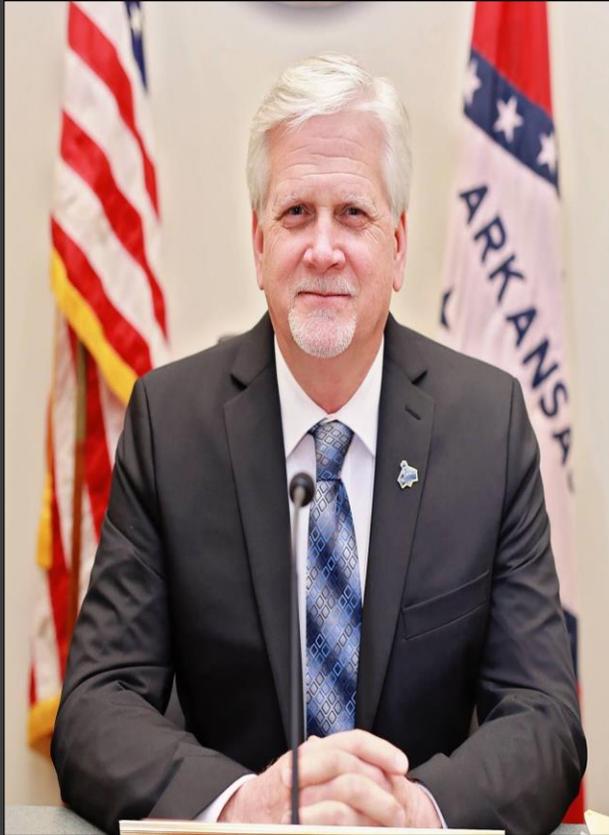
Carl Geffken
Fort Smith
City Administrator

“The completion of Interstate 49 from the junction with Interstate 40 in Alma to the portion of I-49 already completed in Fort Smith, including the bridge over the Arkansas River, will foster business and housing growth in Fort Smith and Sebastian County. I expect the completion of I-49 to have the same impact in the River Valley as did the Completion of I-49 in Northwest Arkansas.”



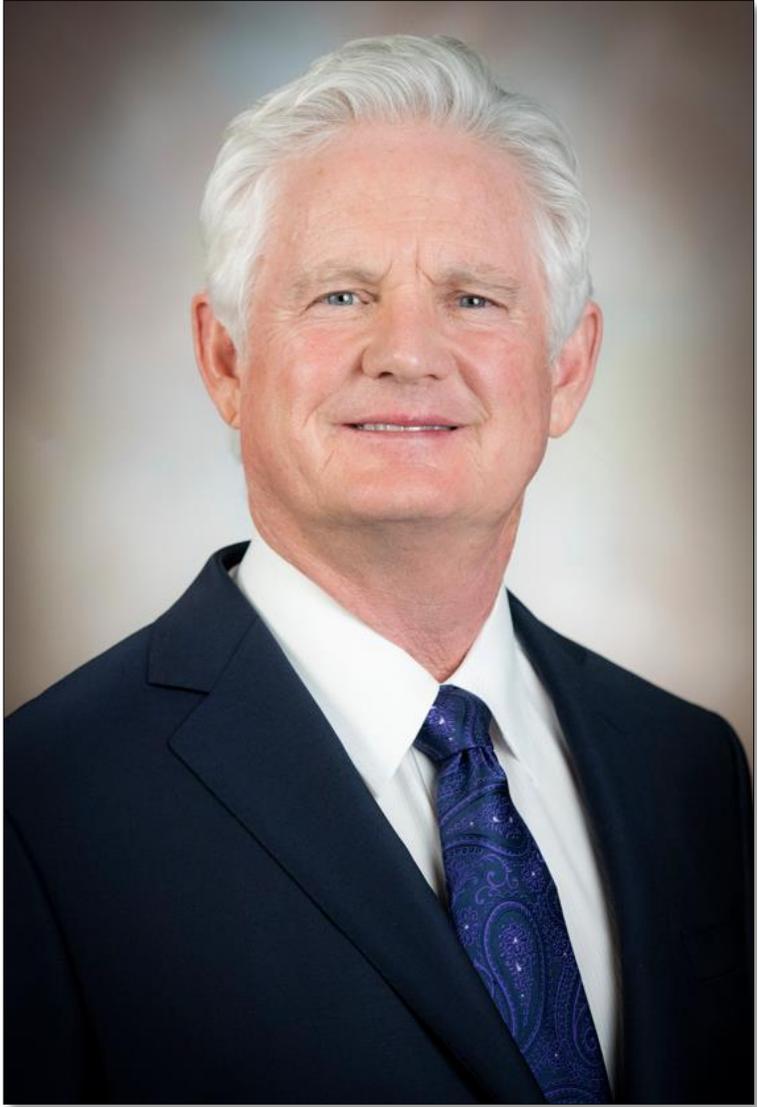
Reese Brewer
Frontier MPO

“This investment will prove transformative to the River Valley and the State of Arkansas. It not only improves traveling time for the public and freight, but also serves as the cornerstone to added industrial, commercial, and employment growth and development. In other words, I-49 is a game changer. It will offer a safe corridor for goods, save people time, make it safer and easier for people to reach jobs, attract retail and industry, and enhance incomes for a region suffering from some of the highest historic and enduring poverty rates in the nation.”



Doug Kinslow
Greenwood Mayor

“I-49 will not only drive Greenwood’s economic development but will be a shot in the arm to all our local communities. Our city’s bypass project will connect our citizens and businesses to this major transportation vein, which will pump commerce and opportunities into the heart of our region.”



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