

2022 ANNUAL REPORT





Highway 7 Pruitt Bridge



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COMMISSION MEMBERS



Commission Chairman Robert S. Moore, Jr., of Arkansas City, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 22, 2013. Moore is a three-term member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and represented the 12th District. He served as Speaker of the House in 2011. He is the owner/operator of Moore Farms. He had his own private law practice from 1981 to 1985. Governor David Pryor appointed Moore as chairman of the Arkansas Transportation Commission in 1977. He served on the staff of Governor Bill Clinton and served two decades as Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. He is a member of the American Legion, the

Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of the Desha County Historic Preservation Society and Vice Chairman of the John H. Johnson Cultural and Entrepreneurial Center Board. His term on the Arkansas Highway Commission expired in January 2023.



Commission Vice Chairman Dalton A. Farmer, Jr., of Jonesboro, was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson in January 2015. He is operator of Farmer Enterprises, Inc., a family-owned farm and property investment and management company. He is also a licensed attorney in Arkansas. Farmer serves on the boards of Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield, E.C. Barton & Company and Childress Gin and Elevator Co. He has previously served on several State boards including as Chairman on the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, as a special commissioner on the Arkansas State Police Commission and as an original member of the Arkansas Agricultural Board.

He served as past chairman of the Craighead Conservation District, as Finance Committee chair for the Jonesboro City Council, as a board member for Jonesboro City Water & Light (municipal utility district) and the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce. Farmer is an inductee into the AACD Arkansas Conservation Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Arkansas State University Distinguished Alumni Award. He graduated from Arkansas State University receiving his B.S. degree in 1986. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law and served on the Law Review's editorial board. His term on the Commission will expire in January 2025.



Commissioner Philip Taldo, of Springdale, was appointed to the Arkansas Highway Commission by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2017. He lives in Springdale where he is a real estate broker, investor, developer and builder. Philip is a member of the Arkansas Realtors Association, Northwest Arkansas National Airport Authority, Northwest Arkansas Council, UAMS Northwest Advisory Board, Springdale Rotary and St. Raphael Catholic Church. He also serves as an ARVEST Bank Director. His term on the Commission will expire in 2027.



Commissioner Keith Gibson, of Fort Smith, was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson effective January 15 of 2019. Gibson is the former President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lavaca Telephone Company, Inc., an Independent Local Exchange Company serving rural areas in western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma with broadband and landline telephone service. He had been president of Lavaca Telephone Company since 1986. He was also president of Pinnacle Telecom which provides broadband, voice and other telecom and Internet Access Services in Arkansas and Oklahoma. He was co-founder and a member of the Board of Directors of Benefit Bank in Fort Smith where he also served on the Audit Committee. The bank is now Armstrong Bank. He is past president of the Arkansas Telecommunications Association, the Oklahoma Telephone Association and the Lavaca, Arkansas Industrial Development Corporation. Gibson is also licensed to practice law in Arkansas. His term on the Arkansas Highway Commission will expire in January 2029.



Commissioner Marie Holder, of Little Rock, was appointed to the Commission by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2020. She recently concluded her work on the Arkansas Women's Commission, analyzing the role of Arkansas women in the labor market and economy. Prior to joining the Highway Commission, Marie served on the Arkansas State Medical Board where she represented patient interests as the consumer representative. Marie is the former Finance Director for Asa for Governor, AsaPAC and Executive Director of the Republican Party of Arkansas. Early in her career, she worked as Deputy Press Secretary to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. In 2023, Marie was honored to be asked to serve on the Arkansas Inaugural Committee by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders. She was also honored as Member of the Year by WTS International, seeking to promote lifelong careers in transportation—attracting, retaining and advancing women in the industry. In her free time, she enjoys working with organizations that support young women, including local chapters of Delta Gamma Sorority, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Juliet Circle of Girl Scouts. She is active in Second Presbyterian Church where she has been ordained as an elder and deacon. Her term on the Commission will expire in January 2030.

TIP OF THE CAP



31 PROMISES MADE, 31 PROMISES KEPT



Recognizing 31 statewide CAP projects completed or under construction at the El Dorado celebration.

SEPTEMBER 8 AND OCTOBER 26 WERE DAYS OF CELEBRATION FOR ARDOT AS COMMISSIONERS, STAFF, CITIZENS, CONTRACTORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS GATHERED IN EL DORADO AND JONESBORO, RESPECTIVELY, TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE CONNECTING ARKANSAS PROGRAM (CAP).

The CAP is one of the largest highway construction programs ever undertaken by ARDOT. The 31 projects making up the program were made possible by a 2012 voter-approved temporary half-cent cent sales tax with revenue dedicated to road and bridge projects. “With support of the Arkansas State Legislature, the Governor and Arkansas voters, the last 10 years have generated \$1.8

billion, funding 31 projects and 200 miles of road improvements as part of this program,” ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor told a crowd gathered at The Murphy Arts District in El Dorado. “The people I thank the most are the voters that approved the half-cent cent sales tax.” The 31 road projects that are part of the program stretch across the entire State. “It took all of our legislators working together as well as the

wisdom of the voters of Arkansas to pass the half-cent sales tax that provided these improvements,” Highway Commission Chairman Robert S. Moore, Jr. told the crowd.

The events in El Dorado and Jonesboro were a way to recognize every project included in the program. “I have attended many highway dedications, but this one is different,” stated Dan Flowers, President of the Arkansas Good Roads Foundation. “Normally, you dedicate a single highway or bridge completion. Today, we celebrate the completion of multiple projects that will significantly improve safety and mobility for motorists traveling Arkansas.” Representative Matthew Shepherd addressed what a learning experience the sales tax effort was for him as he worked on the constitutional amendment. “I had the opportunity to be engaged in this process in my first term in the House. I learned so much from Commissioners Robert Moore and Madison Murphy, and from Dan Flowers - ARDOT’s Director at the time. When it comes to highway funding and putting together a program of this magnitude, it takes champions who are willing to go to the mat for these issues.”

A SALUTE TO HIGHWAY 167

Also part of the celebration in El Dorado was the completion of the widening of the Highway 167 corridor to four lanes. Motorists now have four lanes extending from the Louisiana state line northward

to the Interstate 530 interchange near Little Rock. “What a pleasure to celebrate completion of so many projects on Highway 167,” former Highway Commissioner Madison Murphy shared. “We can also celebrate the future of Highway 82. As this area of Arkansas grows, Highway 82 will be just as important to vitality, safety and mobility as Highway 167 has become.” Murphy also stressed the importance of people working as partners. “Partnerships are so important. They are how you make things happen. When you look at these highway improvements; the State, our cities and our counties worked together and got things accomplished.” Just prior to a symbolic ribbon cutting for Highway 167, Tudor tipped her cap to all involved.

The CAP event in Jonesboro was held on the campus of Arkansas State University.

“Like every other part of the State, northeast Arkansas has benefited from the CAP program,”

stated Highway Commissioner Alec Farmer of Jonesboro. “We improved three miles on the Highway 18 Monette Bypass, widened two miles of Highway 18 to five lanes east of Manila and widened approximately 14 miles of Highway 412 to four lanes.”

“Infrastructure investment is what propels us and is going to move us even further into the 21st Century,” Congressman Rick Crawford shared in Jonesboro. “Your Congressional representatives from Arkansas work closely with ARDOT to prioritize what projects need to be earmarked. We make sure we are doing what we can to enhance infrastructure investment in Arkansas.”

“Thanks to everyone who put their trust in ARDOT to complete the CAP program,” Tudor shared.

The CAP celebration in El Dorado was sponsored by Murphy USA and the Arkansas Good Roads Foundation. The Foundation also sponsored the Jonesboro event.



ARDOT cut a ribbon at the Northeast Arkansas CAP event in Jonesboro.



The Arkansas Department of Transportation debuted a new anti-litter campaign, Keep It Clean, Arkansas in 2022. ARDOT manages the twelfth largest highway system in the nation with more than 16,000 miles of roadway to maintain and keep litter-free. For every one mile of road, Arkansas averages 2,000 pieces of trash—that adds up to almost 32-million pieces of litter each year.

ARDOT's Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program helps address litter by allowing volunteers such as individuals, groups and organizations to pick up trash along the highway. With more than 900 groups across the State—and more added each day—there is an ongoing effort to keep Arkansas clean.

“Even with that many volunteers, ARDOT still spends an average of \$5 million each year picking up trash,” reported Holly Butler, Executive Assistant for ARDOT's Public Information Office. “One of my duties is to oversee the Adopt-A-Highway program. We absolutely love our volunteers, but it's clear that picking up trash isn't the problem—littering is.”

ARDOT's new Keep It Clean, Arkansas, campaign focuses on educating the public about the long-term damage caused when litter hits the highway.

“Trash doesn't just stay on the side of the road,” Butler explained. “It also gets washed into nearby rivers, lakes and streams, and pollutes waterways and aquatic habitats. Things we consider harmless trash can take hundreds of years to decompose. When you look at the big picture, the litter problem is overwhelming.”

The campaign will provide anti-litter educational resources to classrooms, scout troops, community outreach events and through ARDOT's social media platforms.



SLOW DOWN PHONE DOWN in work zones

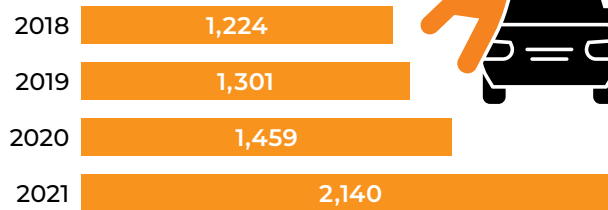
THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TOGETHER WITH ARKANSAS STATE POLICE (ASP) AND ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE (AHP), COLLABORATED ON A NEW SAFETY CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CRACKING DOWN ON RECKLESS AND DISTRACTED DRIVING IN WORK ZONES ACROSS THE STATE.

The Slow Down, Phone Down campaign deployed increased ASP and AHP patrols in work zones to watch for dangerous driving. The goal is to eliminate crashes and save lives.

In February 2022, ASP and AHP will be issuing citations to motorists observed using their phone, following too close or speeding through a work zone – all of which are illegal in Arkansas.

Work zone crashes and injuries are on the rise. Incidents have steadily increased since 2018, when the total number of crashes topped at 1,224; we saw 2,140 crashes in 2021 resulting in 16 fatalities and 54 serious injuries. In four years, work zone crashes in Arkansas have increased by more than 70 percent.

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The Slow Down, Phone Down campaign is taking place statewide and targets all motorists – including both commercial trucks and civilian vehicles.

ARDOT began development of the Slow Down, Phone Down campaign in the fall of 2021. The campaign debuted on February 2, 2022.





Highway 67 Widening in Jacksonville

TOP CONTRACTS

Providing safe and efficient transportation solutions to support Arkansas' economy and enhance the quality of life for future generations is ARDOT's Mission Statement. Crews worked in all 75 counties within our borders in 2022 to provide a highway network that is safe for motorists traveling across the State.

Top Contracts Awarded in 2022 by Amount

| Project | County | Amount |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Highway 67 | Pulaski | \$145,188,901.33 |
| Interstate 69 | Drew | \$61,897,828.06 |
| New/Highway 18S | Craighead | \$61,110,470.78 |
| New/Highway 67 | Clark | \$56,113,029.61 |
| Various | Mississippi | \$48,663,323.76 |
| Interstate 30 | Pulaski & Saline | \$40,548,157.52 |
| Interstate 55 | Mississippi | \$39,212,384.42 |
| Interstate 40 | Lonoke & Prairie | \$27,368,315.27 |
| Interstate 40 | Faulkner & Pulaski | \$22,178,182.01 |
| Highway 230 | Craighead & Lawrence | \$20,571,500.62 |

Total Amount by Year

| Year | Projects | Amount |
|--------|----------|-----------------|
| 2015** | 198 | \$670,032,356 |
| 2016** | 263 | \$1,212,817,331 |
| 2017** | 249 | \$512,101,932 |
| 2018** | 268 | \$878,178,919 |
| 2019** | 201 | \$664,716,322 |
| 2020** | 271 | \$883,184,382 |
| 2021** | 195 | \$487,220,765 |
| 2022** | 231 | \$1,154,751,671 |

** Includes IRP and CAP projects authorized by a half-cent sales tax increase in 2012.

PROGRAMS IN PROGRESS

Interstate Rehabilitation Program

On November 8, 2011, Arkansans voted to allow the Arkansas Highway Commission to issue up to \$575 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds to help finance improvements and repairs to existing Interstates in Arkansas. The Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) underway today is identical to the 1999 IRP, and in combination with existing federal and state revenues, is expected to support more than \$1 billion in construction on our Interstate highways over the life of the program.

The newest program includes 54 road projects. At the close of 2022, all 54 IRP projects were complete, equaling 357 miles of construction at a cost of approximately \$1.3 billion. No additional projects are scheduled under the IRP since it officially concluded at the end of 2022.

Transportation Alternatives Program

The Transportation Alternatives Program is a competitive program that provides funding for a variety of generally smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities; overlooks, community improvements such as historic preservation, and habitat connectivity; recreational trails; safe routes to school projects; and vulnerable road user safety assessments. For 2022, 56 projects were awarded for \$15 million.

Connecting Arkansas Program

In 2012, through a voter-approved constitutional amendment, the people of Arkansas passed a 10-year, half-cent sales tax to improve highway and infrastructure projects throughout the State. The resulting Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP) is one of the largest highway construction programs ever undertaken by ARDOT. Thirty-one projects in 19 corridors have improved Arkansas' transportation system by expanding selected two-lane roadways to four-lane highways and adding new lanes to identified Interstate highways. At year's end, 26 completed projects improved approximately 142 miles of highway at a cost of \$1 billion. The final five projects are under construction to improve 23 miles at \$928.6 million.

No additional projects are scheduled under the CAP since it officially concluded at the end of 2022.

Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive program that provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. RTP funds benefit recreation, including hiking, bicycling, equestrian use, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles. For 2022, 12 projects were awarded for \$2 million.

CONSTRUCTION HIGHLIGHTS



Commercial Motor Vehicle Parking on Interstate 40 in West Memphis



Railroad Overpass in McGehee

District One

COUNTIES: CRITTENDEN, CROSS, LEE, MONROE, PHILLIPS, ST. FRANCIS, WOODRUFF

Weaver-Bailey Contractors began expanding Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) parking on Interstate 40 in Crittenden County. The \$6,354,200 facility is now open to CMVs traveling on Interstate 40.

APAC-Tennessee completed a 15-mile overlay on Interstate 55 in Crittenden County. The \$16,861,306 contract was substantially complete in August 2022.

District Two

COUNTIES: ARKANSAS, ASHLEY, CHICOT, DESHA, DREW, GRANT, JEFFERSON, LINCOLN

Manhattan Road & Bridge won the \$14,688,400 contract to replace a bridge on Highway 278 in McGehee (Desha County). Work began in January 2022 and is estimated to be complete at the end of 2023.

WL Bass Construction began work in October 2022 to construct eight miles of two-lane roadway with bridges on Highway 569 in Drew County. The \$61,987,828 contract is estimated to be complete in late 2027. Eventually, this will become part of the new Interstate 69 in Southeast Arkansas.



Highway 371 in Blevins



Highway 22 in Paris

District Three

COUNTIES: HEMPSTEAD, HOWARD, LAFAYETTE, LITTLE RIVER, MILLER, NEVADA, PIKE, SEVIER

Two bridges on Highway 82 are being replaced. One is in Miller County over Mill Creek, and the other is located in Lafayette County over Bodcau Creek. Manhattan Road & Bridge won the \$9,999,976 contract. Work began in early 2021 and both sites should be complete by the summer of 2023.

A resurfacing project improved 11 miles of Highway 71 in Miller County. The project was located on several miles of rural highway south of the Texarkana City limits, and included a five-lane section of curb and gutter leading into downtown Texarkana. R.K. Hall LLC was awarded the project for \$7,354,691 in May 2022 and work was completed in November 2022.

Two projects joined in the middle of Blevins, a small town in Hempstead County, and completed resurfacing of Highway 371 from Nashville to Prescott, spanning a total of 29 miles. The project included safety features such as placing new gravel shoulders, edge line rumble strips and new pavement markings. Redstone Construction Group, Inc. won both contracts for a combined cost of \$13,291,080. Both projects were completed by December 2022.

District Four

COUNTIES: CRAWFORD, FRANKLIN, LOGAN, POLK, SCOTT, SEBASTIAN, WASHINGTON

Emery Sapp & Sons completed a \$9,098,189 project in August 2022. Crews replaced four structures on Highway 59 in Crawford County.

Blackstone Construction overlaid 15 miles of Highway 22 in Franklin and Logan Counties. Crews completed the \$9,033,005 project in late December 2022.



White River Bridge in Newport

District Five

COUNTIES: CLEBURNE, FULTON, INDEPENDENCE, IZARD, JACKSON, SHARP, STONE, WHITE

Tanner Construction Company completed work on the White River Bridge in Newport (Jackson County) in late 2022. The \$30 million project replaced the old blue truss bridge originally constructed in the early 1930s.

A \$5 million Pavement Preservation project on Highway 36 was awarded to Rogers Group. The project resurfaced 21 miles of roadway between Highway 5 in Rosebud and Highway 67B in Searcy.



Highway 10 Improvements in Little Rock

District Six

COUNTIES: GARLAND, HOT SPRING, LONOKE, PRAIRIE, PULASKI, SALINE

Kiewit Infrastructure South Company is now finished with this \$87,972,541 Highway 10 project in Little Rock. Cantrell Road (Highway 10) between Pleasant Ridge Road and Pleasant Valley Drive improved an intersection and widened 1.3 miles of highway.

Contractors have now completed 1.7 miles of Albert Pike Road (Highway 270) in Hot Springs between Fleetwood Drive and Highway 227. McGeorge Contracting Company began work on the \$23,273,418 project in 2021 and will be complete by December 2023.



Highway 82 improvements near Magnolia



A new Highway 89 overpass over Interstate 40 at Mayflower

District Seven

COUNTIES: BRADLEY, CALHOUN, CLARK, CLEVELAND, COLUMBIA, DALLAS, OUACHITA, UNION

JB James Construction completed widening six miles in Columbia County on U.S. Highway 82 in June 2022. Drainage improvements on the project included three triple barrel reinforced concrete box culverts and one continuous composite w-beam bridge structure. The total cost of the project was \$42,436,204.

Construction began on the Arkadelphia Bypass in Clark County in late 2022. McGeorge Contracting Company began work on constructing four miles of new highway between Highways 67 and 51 around the south side of Arkadelphia. The \$56,113,029 project is estimated to be complete in mid-2027.

District Eight

COUNTIES: CONWAY, FAULKNER, JOHNSON, MONTGOMERY, PERRY, POPE, VAN BUREN, YELL

Emery Sapp & Sons continued construction on a railroad overpass in Mayflower that also passes over Interstate 40. The \$26,992,172 contract also replaces a bridge structure with a box culvert on Highway 89 in Faulkner County. The project is now substantially complete.



Interstate 49 and Highway 71B interchange improvements



Roundabout at Highways 49 and 34 in Marmaduke

District Nine

COUNTIES: BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY

APAC-Central replaced the Interstate 49 overpass bridge and modified roadway approaches to a Single Point Urban Interchange system at the Interstate 49 intersection with Highway 71B. New signals at the ramps, Moberley Lane and N. 46th Street were a part of the project. Highway 71B was widened from four to six lanes through the area as part of the project.

District Ten

COUNTIES: CLAY, CRAIGHEAD, GREENE, LAWRENCE, MISSISSIPPI, POINSETT, RANDOLPH

Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Incorporated, is working to rubblize and overlay the last remaining original concrete in a section of Interstate 55 south of Blytheville. The \$39,314,409 project is expected to be complete by early 2024.

The intersection of Highways 49 and 34 in Marmaduke was improved to a roundabout. R. L. Persons Construction completed the \$1.7 million project.

Highway 63 near the Lawrence and Greene County line is received improvements by Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Incorporated. Eleven miles of the highway were resurfaced with hot-in-place recycled asphalt with micro-surfacing and several ramp overlays. This \$6,580,201 project was completed December 2022.

EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS



New Satellite Office | Bentonville

ARDOT took a big step in preparing for the future by opening a satellite office in Northwest Arkansas. The Department's new 5,560-square foot second home is located in the Lakeside Center at 1801 Phyllis Street in Bentonville and represents a proactive step in attracting engineering graduates from the University of Arkansas and the surrounding region. Staffing for the new office

started small with five to 10 employees from the Roadway Design and Bridge divisions. The Department is monitoring how this works and will make beneficial adjustments. A few Design staff members will be relocating to Northwest Arkansas as part of this effort. In addition to full-time staff, ARDOT employees from around the State who are working in the area and need office space for a few hours will now have a place to get work done.



United States Bike Route | First National Bike Route in Arkansas

ARDOT is proud to share the official designation of United States Bike Route (USBRS) 80 through Arkansas, marking the State's first nationally recognized bicycle route. USBR 80 begins in Little Rock, where the Big Dam Bridge crosses the Arkansas River, and ends in West Memphis, on the Mississippi River at the Tennessee border. Along the way, it passes through rural areas and historical downtowns of the Arkansas Delta.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



ramps stand near the southern end of the Delta Heritage Trail, a rail-to-trail conversion that was acquired by Arkansas State Parks in 1993. R.L. Persons Construction served as contractor on the boat ramp and scenic overlook project.

Scenic Overlook and Boat Ramps | Arkansas City

Governor Asa Hutchinson and former Governor Mike Beebe joined forces on the shore of the Mississippi River for the dedication of the Governor Mike Beebe Scenic Overlook and Board Ramps. The new boat ramps provide the only direct access to the Mississippi River on the Arkansas side between Helena and the Louisiana state line. Construction of the overlook and boat ramps was a joint project between the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and ARDOT. The scenic overlook and boat



COUNTY ROAD 1785 | Siloam Springs

Locals celebrated a new bridge over Osage Creek on County Road 1785 near Siloam Springs. Arkansas Department of Transportation leadership and Highway Commissioner Philip Taldo joined Benton County Justice of the Peace Kurt Moore and Benton County Judge Barry Moehring on June 20 to celebrate the new structure. The 502-foot long bridge officially opened to traffic at the beginning of June. Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc. completed the \$2.3 million contract.



FIRST TRAFFIC SIGNAL | Ward

The intersection of Highway 367 and Highway 319 in Ward carries 4,900 vehicles every day. There is also a railroad track that passes through the area. A September 30 ribbon cutting celebrated the installation of Ward's first traffic signal at the location. Hardrock Construction recently completed work on the \$1 million project. The intersection of the two highways is unique in that a railroad crossing is located just twenty yards away that crosses Highway 319. The new traffic signal will be synchronized with the railroad-crossing signal to help traffic safely make its way through the area.



HIGHWAY 14 SCHOOL ZONE | Dyess

Rivercrest School administration asked ARDOT District 10 if they thought they could construct a new turn lane and have it completed before school opened for the fall semester of 2022. All parties involved knew the turn lane was needed and was definitely wanted by the community. As a result, ARDOT's "can do" work ethic kicked in. Work was underway and going well until Mother Nature entered the equation—deadly tornadoes left a trail of devastation in Trumann destroying more

than 70 homes and leaving a debris field in the middle of town. ARDOT was one of many agencies to assist in debris removal. Even with the many obstacles, District 10 crews were successful in getting the turn lane completed and striped in time for school to open on August 16. In fact, Department crews were so committed to completing the project, work wrapped up several weeks before school began.

GROUNDBREAKINGS



FUTURE INTERSTATE 49 | Barling

Governor Asa Hutchinson joined members of the Arkansas Highway Commission and Congressman Steve Womack October 13 to turn dirt on what will be the Interstate 49/Highway 22 Interchange in Barling. When complete, this new section of Interstate 49 will be 13.6 miles long and include a new bridge over the Arkansas River. The work will take place in multiple phases over the next several years. ARDOT awarded Taylor-Hendrix, LLC of Hope, Arkansas, the \$891,453 contract to

clear vegetation and debris around the site that will become the interchange. An estimated \$270 million from the recently passed Issue 1 will fund the future 13.6 miles of new Interstate between Barling and Alma.



HIGHWAY 51 | Arkadelphia

Local dignitaries, ARDOT staff and Highway Commissioners came together at the Clark County Courthouse on October 14 to break ground on a new Arkadelphia Bypass. The new bypass will begin just east of Interstate 30, extend eastward around the south side of town, and extend north to tie into Highway 51—just east of 10th Street. It will be approximately four miles in length. McGeorge Contracting Company, Inc. was awarded the contract for \$56.1 million. Completion of the bypass is expected in the spring of 2027.

RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS



A section of Highway 9 in Stone County won ARDOT the Perpetual Pavement Award for Performance.

PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARDS

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) recognized ARDOT with three Perpetual Pavement Awards. A section of Highway 9 in Stone County was recognized in the Performance category. This award honors projects that are at least 35 years old, have not suffered a structural failure and have an average interval between resurfacing of no less than 13 years. For the category of Design, recognition was given to a section of Interstate 49 in Benton County. The award is presented for new roads that meet perpetual design requirements. And in the

Conversion category, pavement rehabilitation efforts on Interstate 530 were recognized. This award goes to roads that have been converted to meet perpetual pavement design criteria. For all three prestigious awards, the projects met strict criteria and demonstrated the characteristics expected from long-life asphalt pavements: excellence in design, quality in construction and value for the traveling public. The APA is a coalition of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute and the State Asphalt Pavement Associations.



FUNDING AWARDED FOR A PORTION OF INTERSTATE 49

ARDOT has received funding for a portion of Interstate 49 in western Arkansas. In 2022, a total of \$18 million has been secured through the efforts of Senator John Boozman and Third District Representative Steve Womack of Rogers. The funding will be utilized to construct a 13.6-mile section of Interstate 49 stretching from Highway 22, near Barling, northward to the interchange of Interstate 40 and Interstate 49 at Alma.



Marie Holder,
Arkansas Highway Commission Member

FUNDING AWARDED FROM THE STATE AGENCY FLEET EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM (SAFER)

This national program is a one-time competitive funding opportunity for State agencies across the country seeking to repower or replace eligible medium trucks, heavy trucks or buses with new lower-emitting technologies. The SAFER program's goal is to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions from agency fleets. Arkansas was allocated \$14,647,709 to be used toward projects

that reduce emissions from motor vehicles as a result of two partial consent decrees in a case filed against Volkswagen of America, Inc. for alleged violations of the Federal Clean Air Act. The Division of Environmental Quality was named the lead agency to develop and implement a plan to utilize the Environmental Mitigation Trust funds allocated to Arkansas.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE OFFICER NAMED OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge hosted an event to share her appreciation for Arkansas' first responders. AHP First Lieutenant Fraley was one of the most active Highway Police Officers in his 29 years of drug interdiction enforcement. From 1993 to 2000, Fraley was responsible for seizing over 14,000 pounds of illegal drugs. One seizure alone netted 2,660 pounds of marijuana and over 123 grams of cocaine and methamphetamine with a street value of over \$3 million. He led the agency in the highest number of felony and drug arrests on more than one occasion. Because of his superb technical and professional knowledge in concealment techniques and diligence to detect illegal drugs, Fraley also received many AHP Certificates of Recognition for drug seizures and related arrests and has been nationally recognized for his outstanding contributions. Fraley was presented the Distinguished Service Award for his drug interdiction efforts in his career. He is one of only six officers to have received this award from the Arkansas Highway Police.





ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM GOING STRONG!

Since 1987, more than 2,500 organizations have adopted stretches of Arkansas highways across the State. The Adopt-A-Highway program has increased public awareness of what it takes to maintain the highway right-of-way while providing an opportunity for volunteers to become personally involved in

keeping Arkansas beautiful. Volunteers help maintain more than 100,000 acres of right-of-way across nearly 16,500 miles of highways. March and November were the months that saw the most trash cleaned up: 594 and 591 bags respectively.



Top 3 Districts

Volunteers

1. District 6: 917
2. District 9: 599
3. District 4: 541

Bags collected

1. District 6: 1,282
2. District 8: 863
3. District 9: 694.5

Cleanup hours

1. District 8: 1,194
2. District 4: 366
3. District 2: 285

Groups by District

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| District 1: 22 | District 6: 96 |
| District 2: 40 | District 7: 52 |
| District 3: 59 | District 8: 200 |
| District 4: 85 | District 9: 159 |
| District 5: 51 | District 10: 84 |

Total: 848 groups

Program Totals

Volunteers: **3,030**
 Bags removed: **4,513**
 Cleanup hours: **2,691**
 Bags of Aluminum: **65.25**
 Bags of Plastic: **135**
 Bags of Paper: **59.5**

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Public Involvement (PI) Section of the Environmental Division facilitates intradepartmental and interdepartmental meetings, public involvement meetings and hearings, and virtual public involvement meetings and hearings as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Section also addresses and documents the impacts of highway projects as they relate to the social environment, Environmental Justice, and Title VI concerns.

PI staff addresses citizens' inquiries and ensures ARDOT's compliance with all federal and state regulations and guidelines. News releases, local newspapers, changeable message signs, television or radio public service announcements, website postings, social media platforms and flyers distributed in the project area inform the public about the meeting's time, location and nature of the proposed project. All meeting facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.



25

Number of on-location public meetings

2,359

Attended in-person meetings

15

Additional meetings presented utilizing virtual public involvement

2,781

Website Visits

ORGANIZATION & WORKFORCE



Beginning with the Mack-Blackwell Amendment of 1953, the goal of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and the Arkansas Department of Transportation has been to provide Arkansans with the best transportation system possible.

Under that amendment, each of the five Arkansas Highway Commissioners serves a 10-year, staggered term with a new commissioner appointed by the Governor every two years.

The Commission holds all powers necessary to administer Arkansas laws and regulations related to ARDOT operations. The Commission also appoints the Director to develop a professional staff and to manage the day-to-day operations needed to oversee maintenance on Arkansas' highway network.

2022 WORKFORCE

3,659

Full-time regular employees



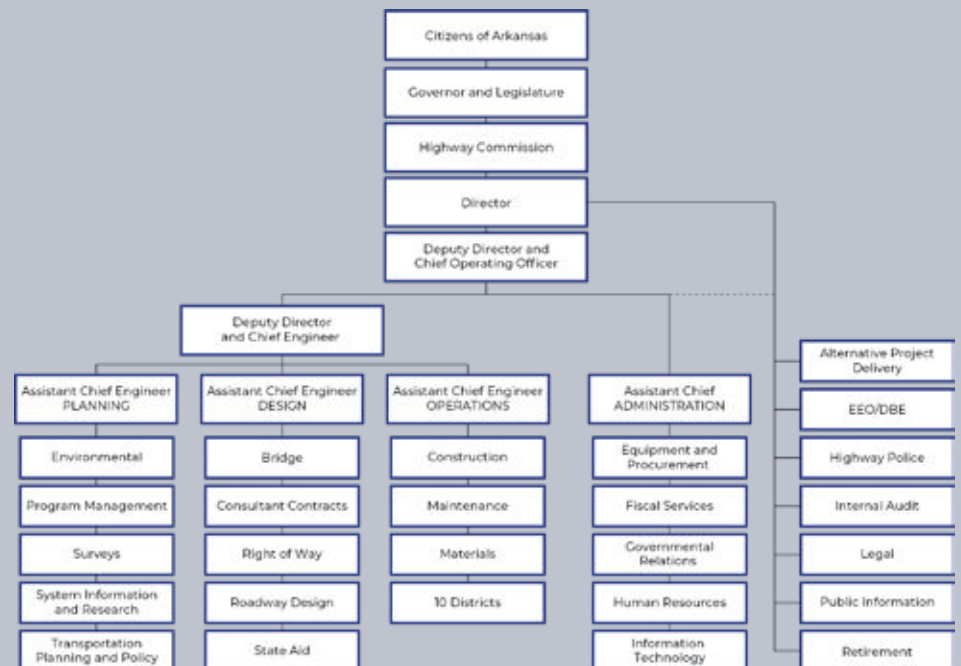
695 Females

2,964 Males



676 Minority

2,983 Non-Minority



DIGITAL MEDIA

IDrive Arkansas



2,187,658
Audience



29%
Percentage of first time visits



13,909,013
Number of pages viewed



10,529,073
Number of sessions



11.1
Average session length in minutes

Facebook



13,400
Audience



133,152
Post Clicks



2,300,000
Impressions



354
Number of Posts



31,619
Number of Likes

Instagram



393
Audience



121
Number of Posts



2,026
Number of Likes

Twitter

@myARDOT



56,741
Audience



3,634
New followers



12,500,000
Impressions



516
Number of Tweets



10,305
Number of Tweets liked by users

@IDriveArkansas



5,959
Audience



2,095
New followers



12,200,000
Impressions

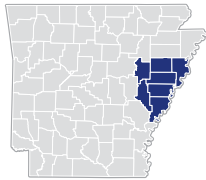


23,927
Number of Tweets



5,315
Number of Tweets liked by users

DISTRICT INFORMATION



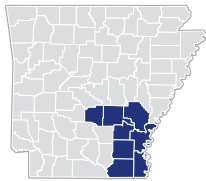
DISTRICT ONE

Counties: Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis and Woodruff

Engineer: Cannon Callicott · Email: stephen.callicott@ardot.gov

2701 Highway 64 · P.O. Box 278, Wynne, AR 72396-0278

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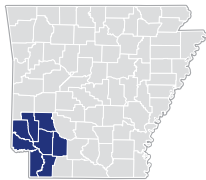
DISTRICT TWO

Counties: Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson and Lincoln

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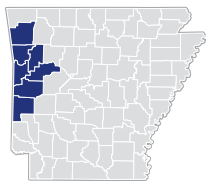
DISTRICT THREE

Counties: Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Pike and Sevier

Engineer: William Cheatham · Email: william.cheatham@ardot.gov

2911 Highway 29 North · P.O. Box 490, Hope, AR 71802-0490

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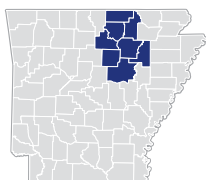
DISTRICT FOUR

Counties: Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, Sebastian and Washington

Engineer: Jason Hughey · Email: jason.hughey@ardot.gov

808 Frontier Road, Barling · P.O. Box 11170, Fort Smith, AR 72917-1170

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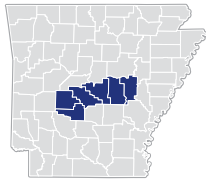
DISTRICT FIVE

Counties: Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone and White

Engineer: Bruce Street · Email: bruce.street@ardot.gov

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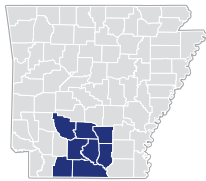
DISTRICT SIX

Counties: Garland, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski and Saline

Engineer: Tony Evans · Email: tony.evans@ardot.gov

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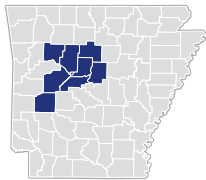
DISTRICT SEVEN

Counties: Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita and Union

Engineer: David Archer · Email: david.archer@ardot.gov

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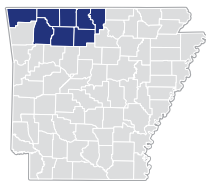
DISTRICT EIGHT

Counties: Conway, Faulkner, Johnson, Montgomery, Perry, Pope, Van Buren and Yell

Engineer: David Ross

372 Aspen Lane · P.O. Box 70, Russellville, AR 72811-0070

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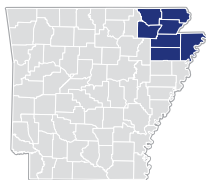
DISTRICT NINE

Counties: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton and Searcy

Engineer: Steve Lawrence · Email: steve.lawrence@ardot.gov

4590 Highway 65 · P.O. Box 610, Harrison, AR 72602-0610

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DISTRICT TEN

Counties: Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett and Randolph

Engineer: Brad Smithee · Email: mark.smithee@ardot.gov

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