



# Springdale Leadership Class XXIX

## State Government Day

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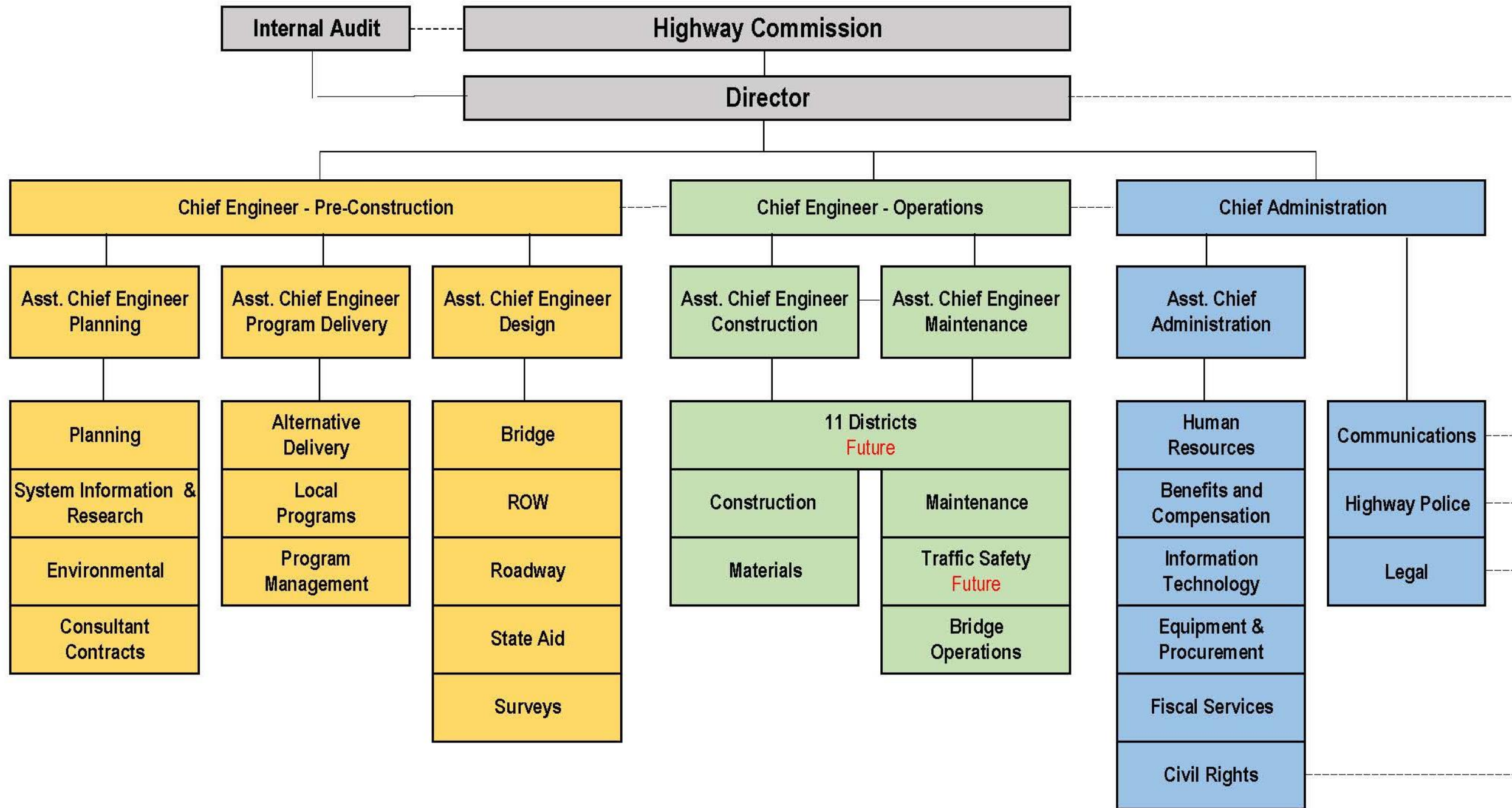
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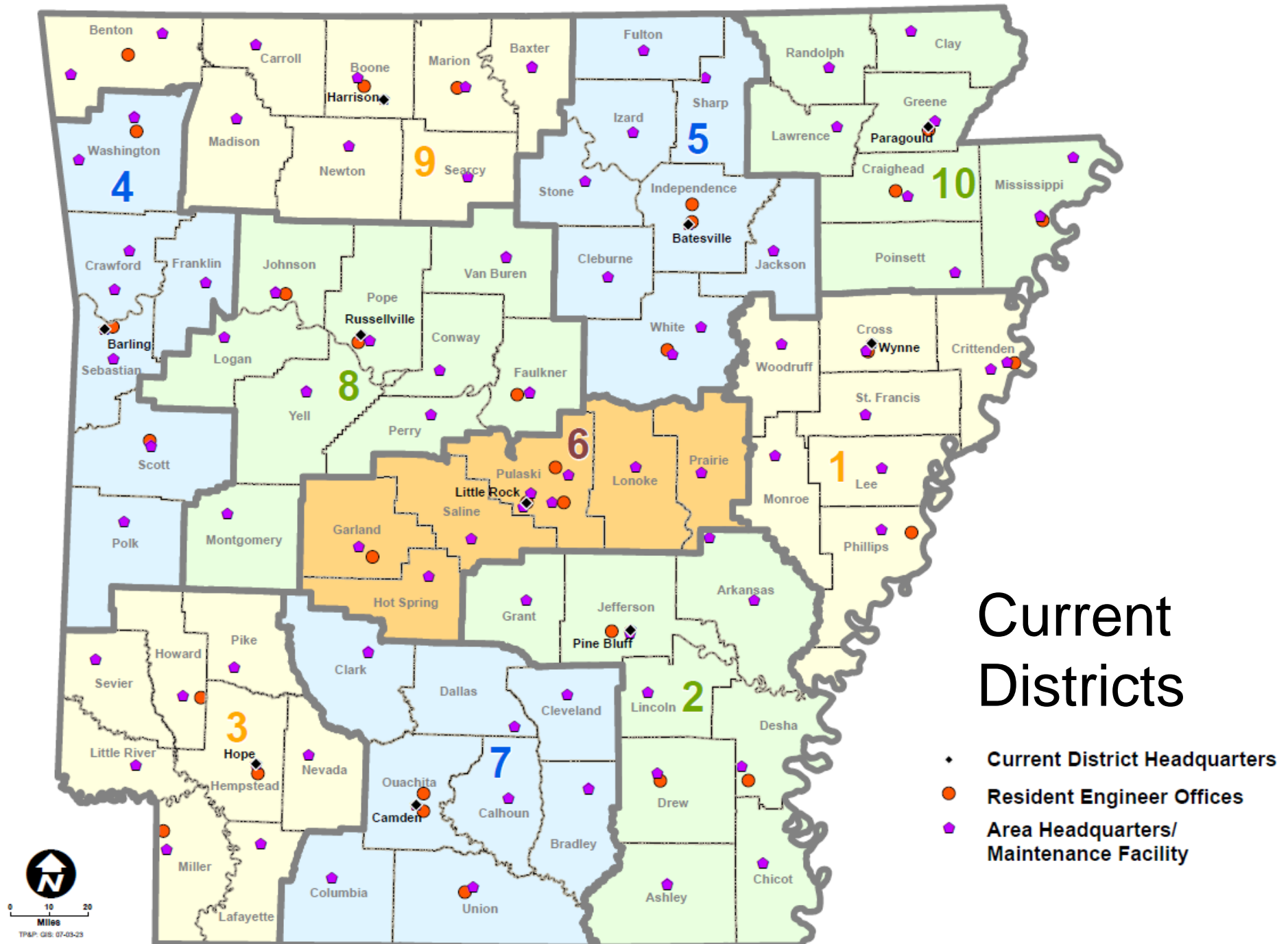


# ARDOT Quick Facts

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest State Agency
- Approximately 3,700 Employees
- 16,450 Highway Miles
- More Than 7,000 Bridges
- Central Offices in Little Rock
- 10 Districts Statewide















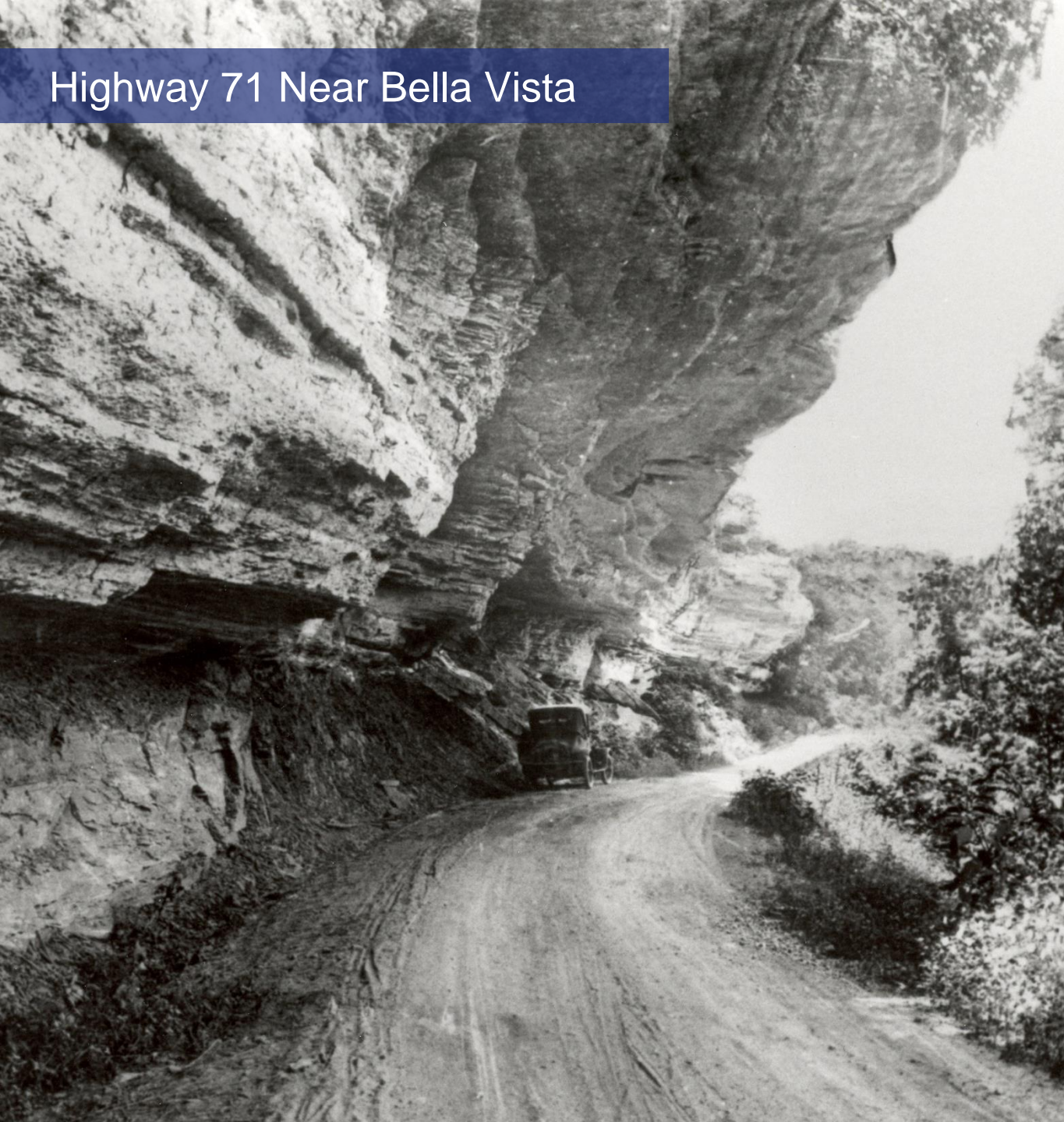


# Arkansas State Highway Commission





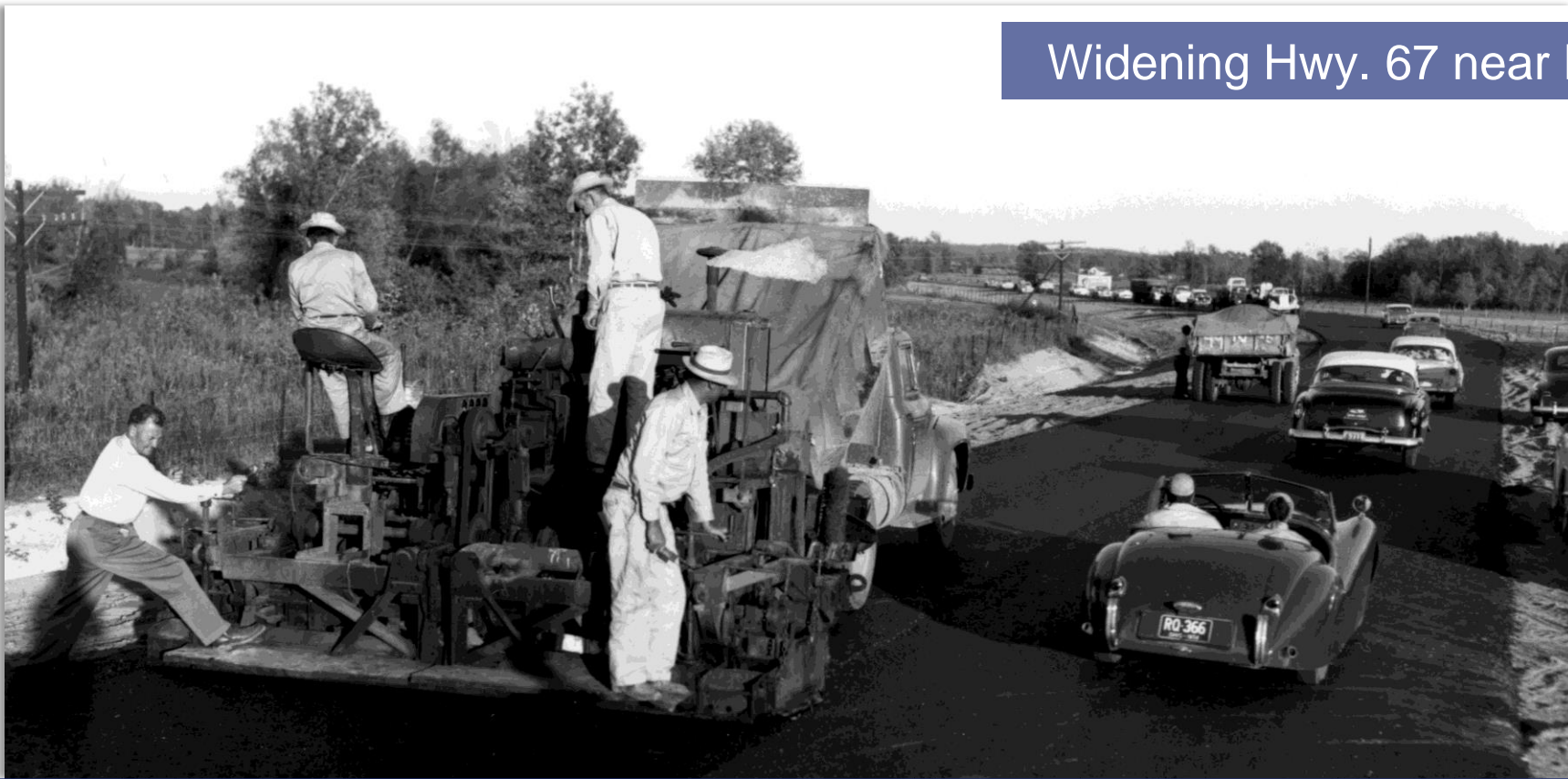
## Highway 71 Near Bella Vista



- First Commission created
  - No Highway Department
  - No Highway System
- 3,600 Vehicles
- 36,000 miles of public roads
- \$72,000 total budget



Widening Hwy. 67 near Malvern, 1956



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*

# Major Milestones

1975

1<sup>st</sup> State to Complete its Interstate System

1985

Rural Road Program – Out of the Mud

1991

Highway Improvement Program

1999

Interstate Rehabilitation Program

2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Interstate Rehabilitation Program

2012

Connecting Arkansas Program

2020

Renew Arkansas Highways Program



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- 2012
- Temporary ½ cent Sales Tax
- 31 Promises Made
- 31 Promises Kept
- \$2 Billion
- 200 Miles
- Ahead of Schedule





## Ten Year Plan

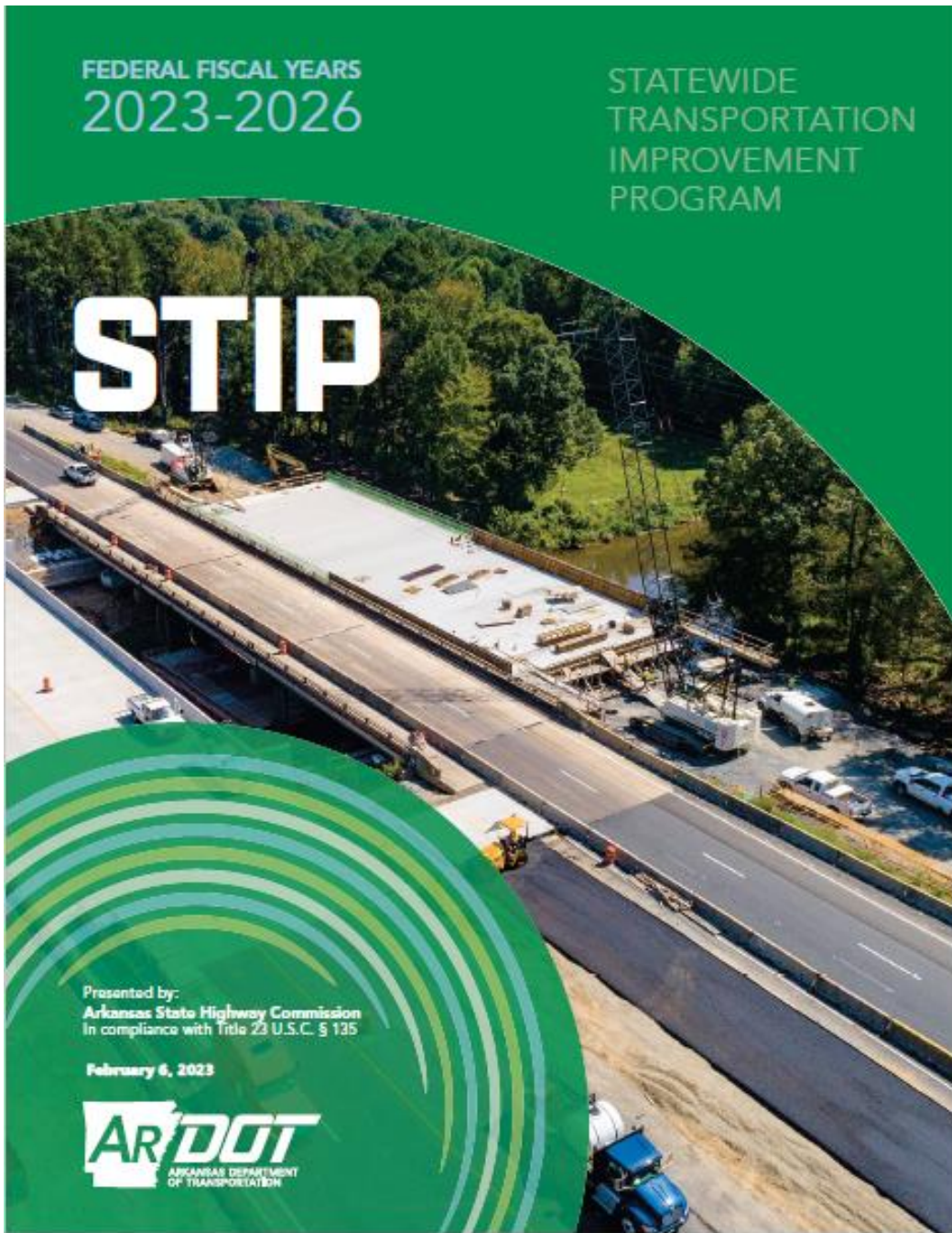
### System Preservation

- 7,000 Miles
- 1,100 Bridges

### Capital and Capacity

\$1.2 Billion





# Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

- Federal Requirement
- Financial Constraint
- Development Supports:
  - ✓ Public Transparency
  - ✓ Consultation with Transportation Planning Partners
  - ✓ Sound Financial Planning

# ARDOT Annual Funding

**01**

½ Cent Sales  
Tax Funds

**02**

Regular State  
Funds

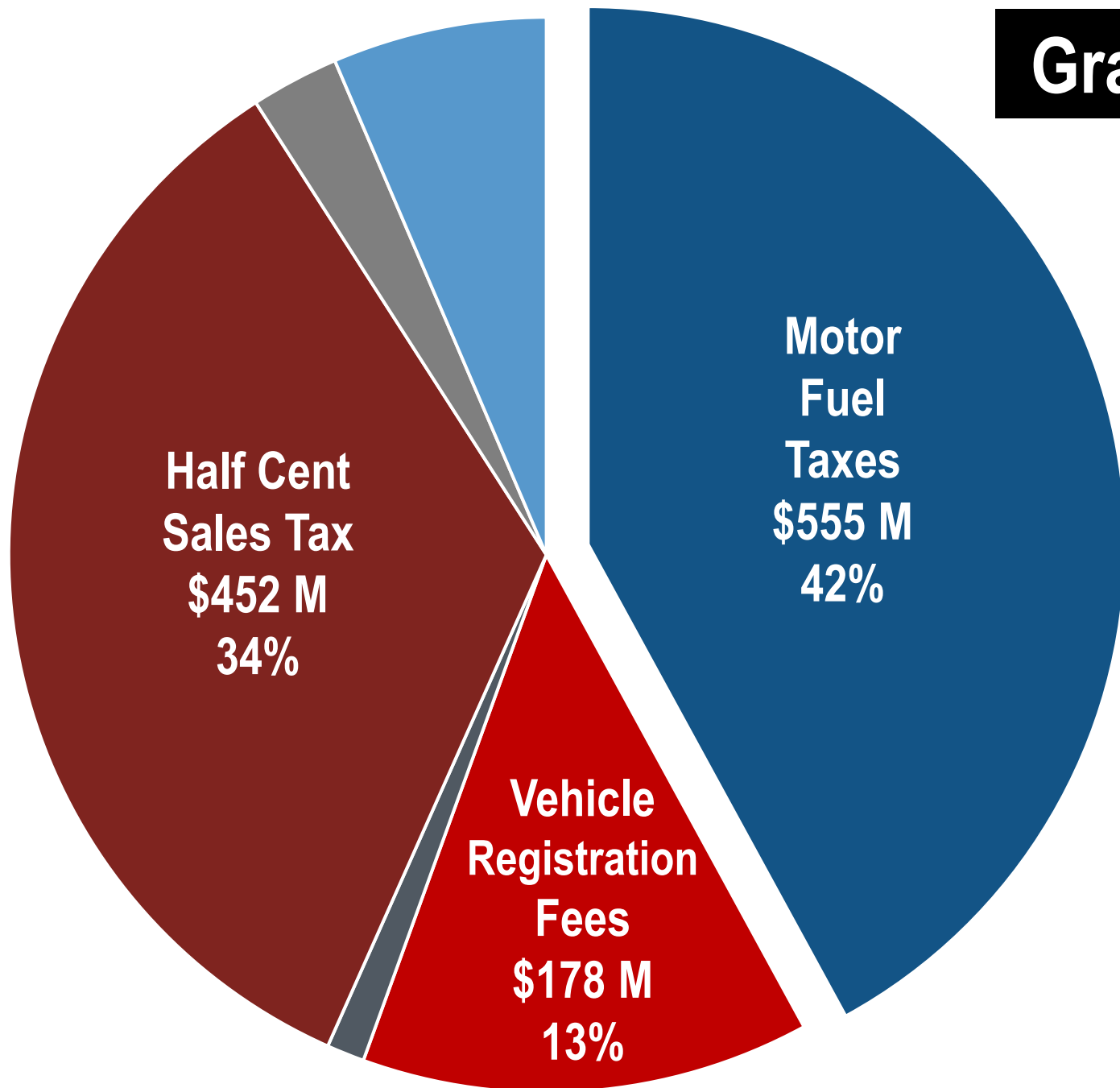
**03**

Federal Funds



# Regular State Transportation Funds

## Average for State Fiscal Years 2027-2028



**Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion**

**Natural Gas**  
\$14 M - 1%

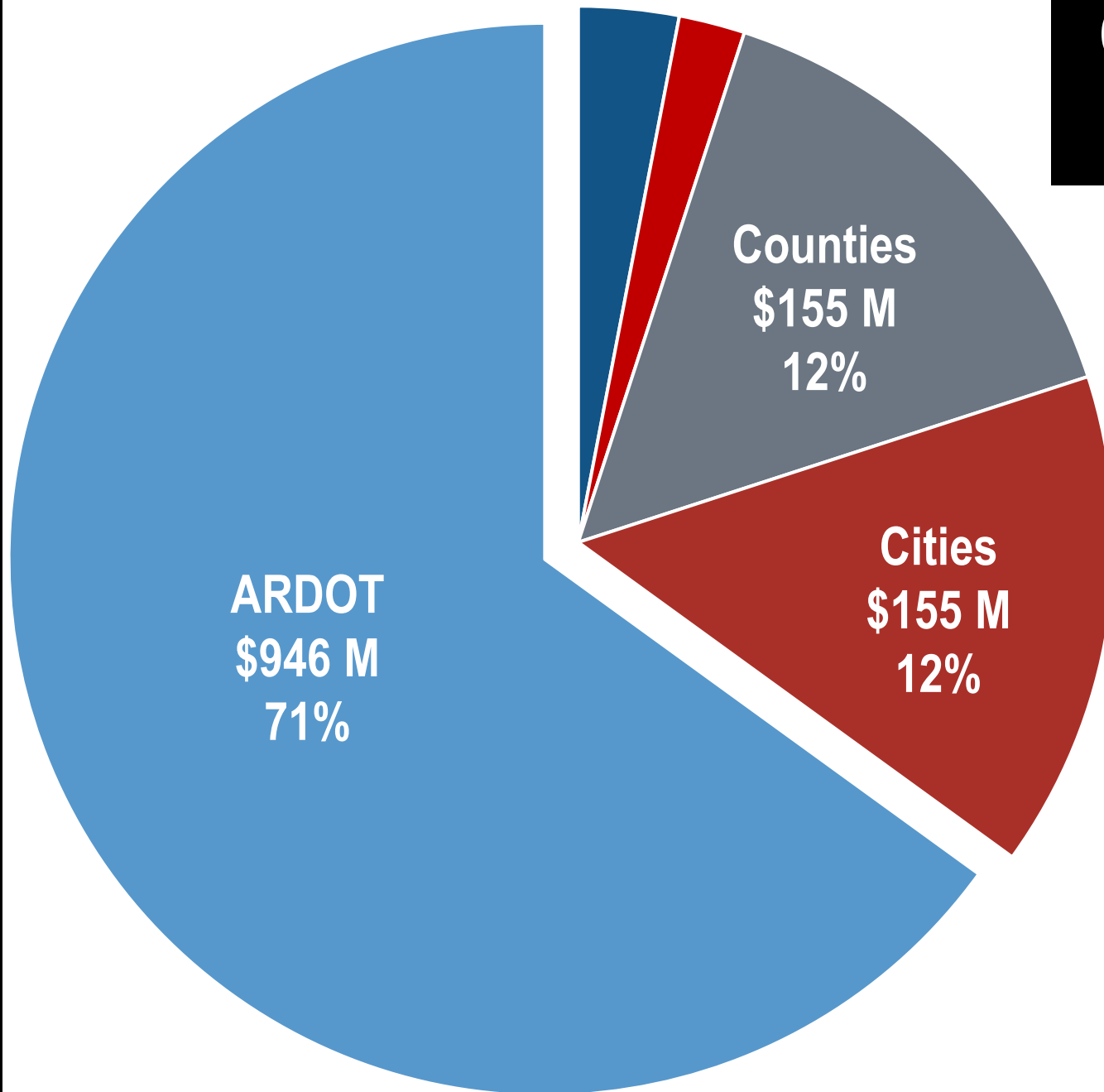
**Casino Revenue**  
\$35 M - 3%

**Other**  
\$85 M - 7%



# Regular State Transportation Funds

## Average for State Fiscal Years 2027-2028



**Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion**  
**ARDOT = \$946 Million**

**Constitutional and Fiscal  
Agencies**  
\$37 M - 3%

**Other**  
\$27 M - 2%

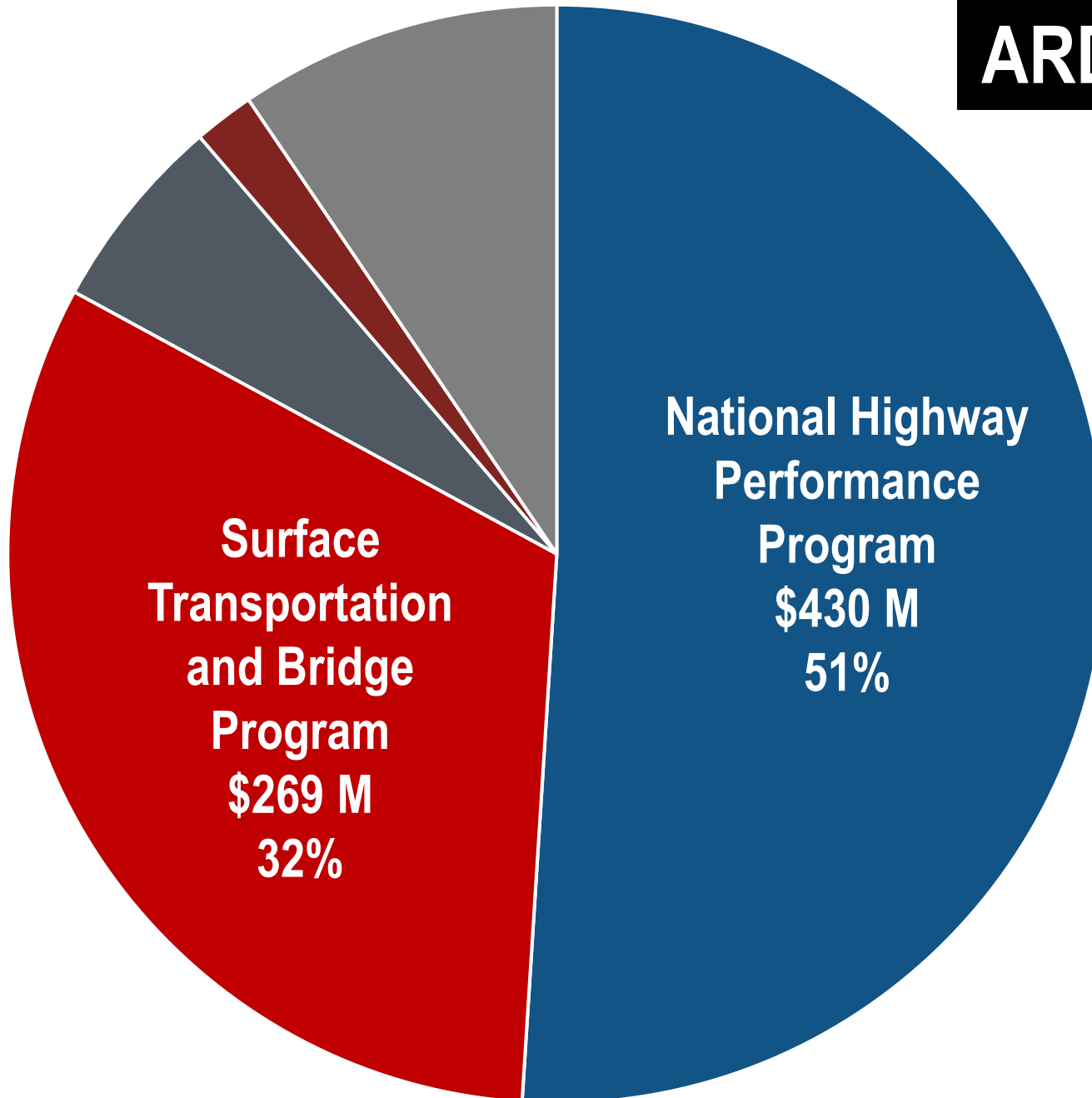
# Public Road Mileage and Traffic

System	Miles	Percentage Miles	Percentage of Traffic
State Highways	16,451	17%	73%
County Roads	65,616	66%	10%
City Streets	17,265	17%	17%
Total	99,332		



# Federal Highway Funds

Average for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028



**ARDOT Total = \$843 Million**

Highway Safety  
Improvement Program  
\$49 M - 6%

Congestion Mitigation and  
Air Quality  
\$15 M - 2%

Other  
\$80 M - 9%



# Estimated Average Annual Construction Funds Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028

Federal Funds (Est. Average Annual Revenue from IIJA) ..... \$ 843 million

State Highway Funds (Est. Annual Revenue 2027 & 2028)..... \$ 946 million

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Total Federal and State Highway Funds..... \$ 1,789 million

**Less Federal Funds for:**

Fixed Budgeted Expenditures (Maintenance, Administration and Operations) ..... \$57.8 million (1)

Non-ARDOT Projects (Transportation Alternatives, Counties, Cities,  
Urban Attributable, Metro Planning, Electric Vehicle) ..... \$84.0 million (2)

**Non-Construction Programs**

(Statewide Planning & Research) ..... \$14.4 million

Right-of-Way, Utilities ..... \$50.0 million (3)

Obligation Limitation ..... \$50.0 million (4)

**Total Reduction - Federal Funds (\$ 256) million**

**Less State Funds for:**

Fixed Budgeted Expenditures (Maintenance, Administration and Operations) ..... \$491.5 million

State Match for Non-Construction Programs (State Planning & Research) ..... \$1.0 million

**Total Reduction - State Funds (\$ 493) million**

**Less Federal and State Funds for IRP Commitment:**

National Highway Performance Program Funds..... \$0.0 million

4¢ Diesel Fuel Tax..... \$6.0 million

**Total Reduction - Federal and State Funds for IRP Commitment (\$ 6) million**

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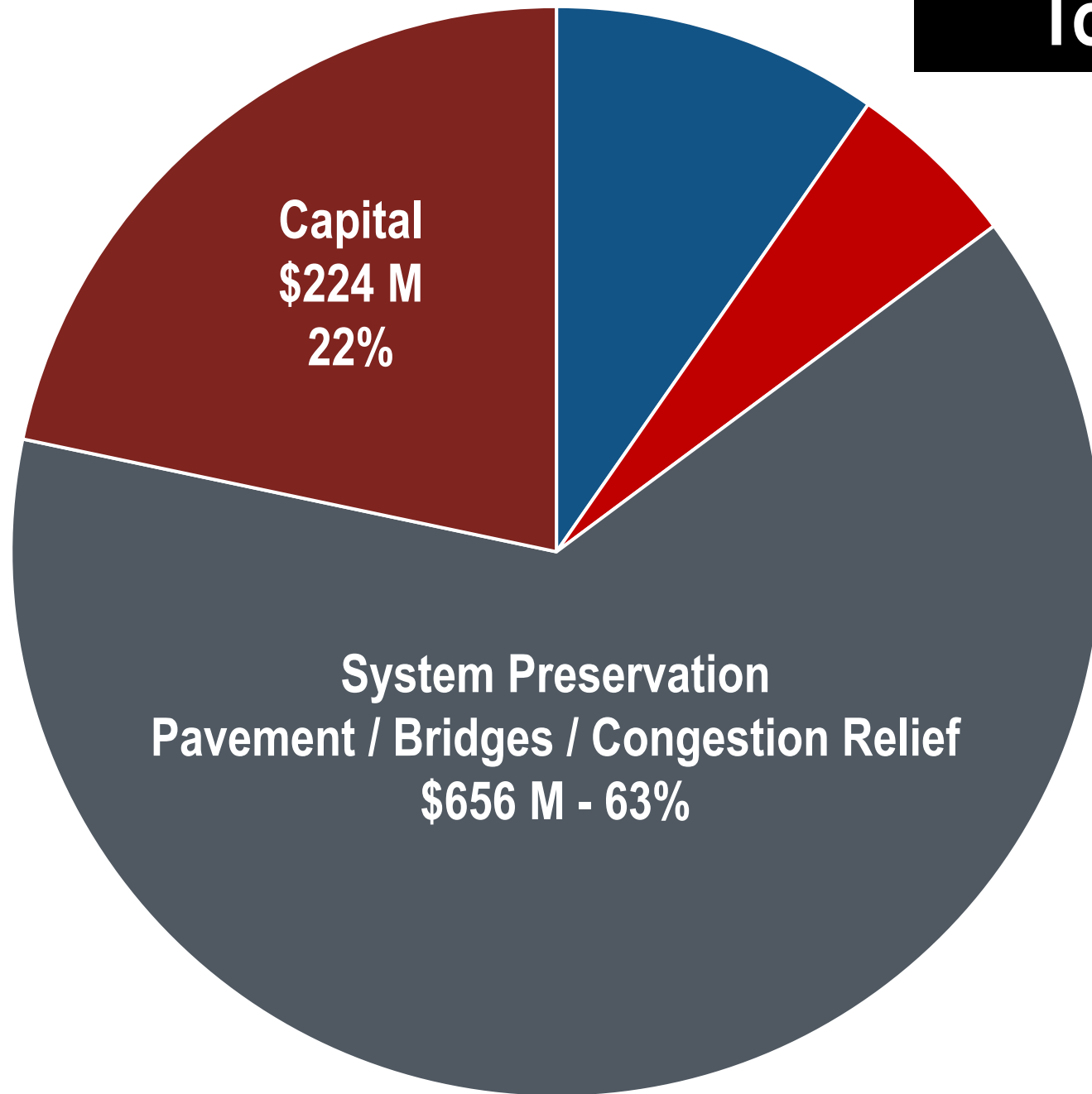
**Total Federal and State Funds Available for Highway Construction..... \$ 1,033 million**

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**\$ 1,033,000,000**

**Construction Funding Distribution  
Average for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028**



**Total = \$1,033 Million**

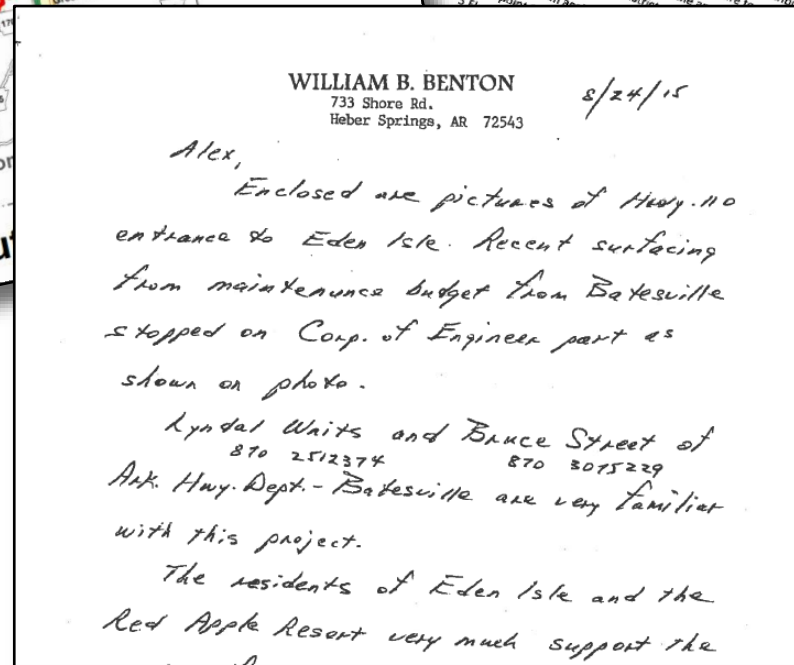
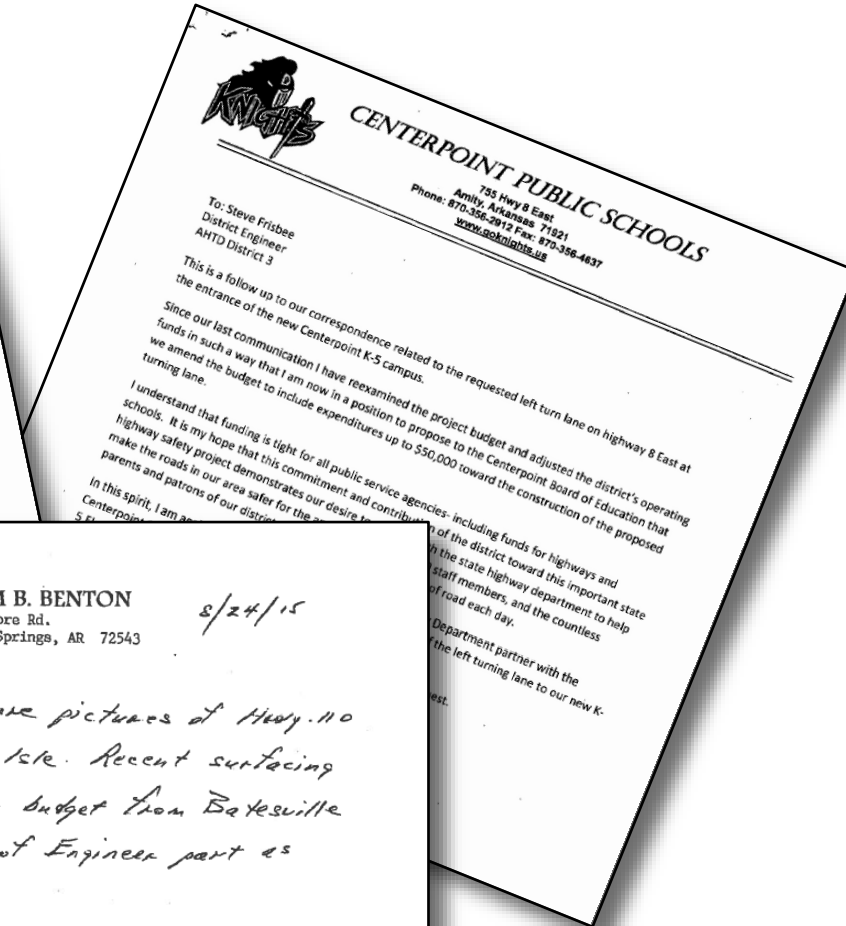
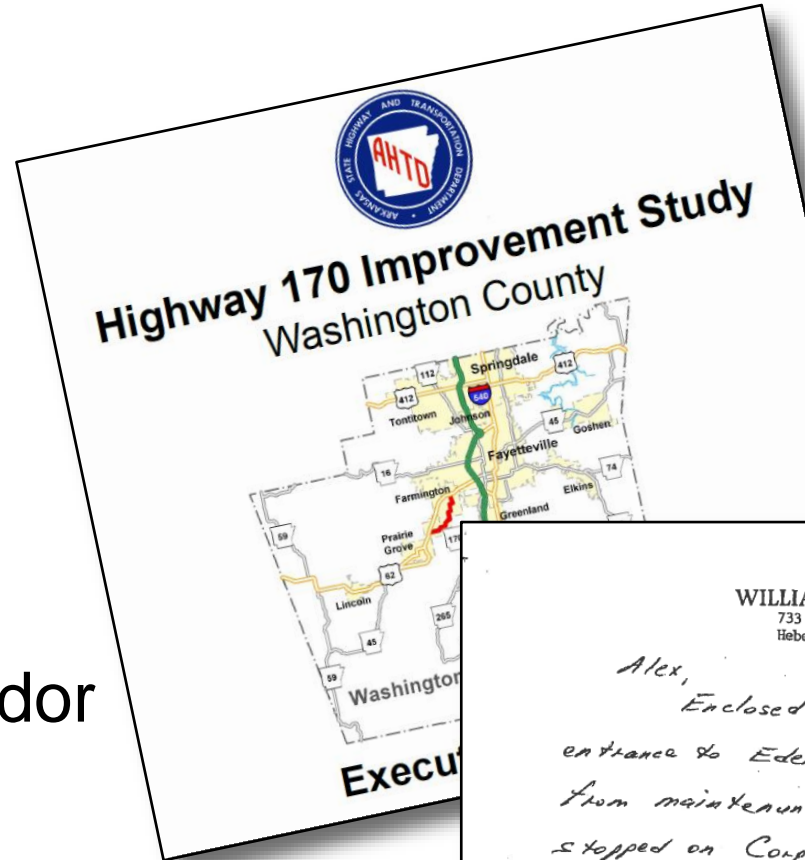
**Interstate**  
**\$100 M - 10%**

**Safety**  
**\$53 M – 5%**

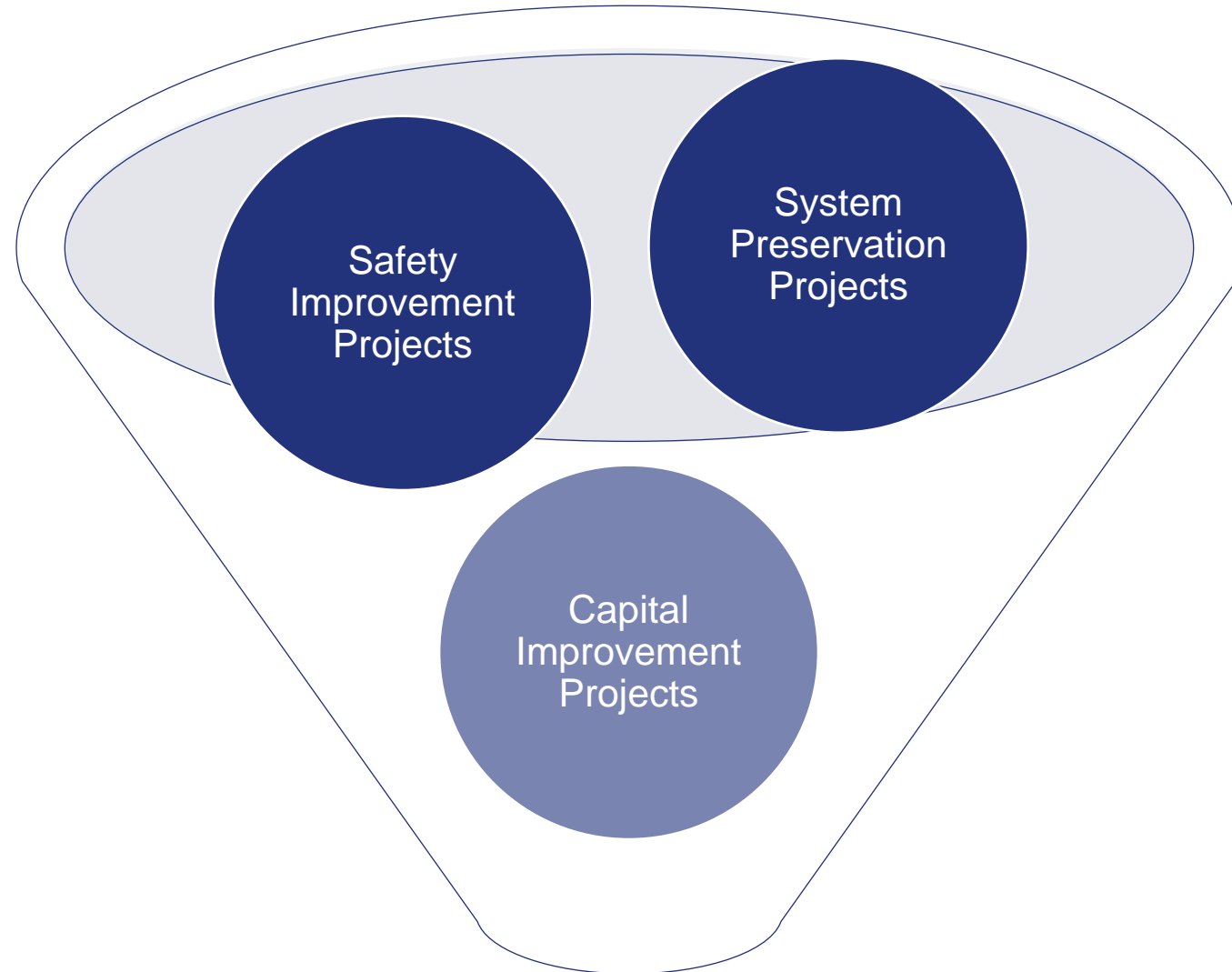


# Universe of Projects

- Letters
  - Safety
  - Planning or Corridor
- E-mails
- Studies
- Pavement Needs
- Bridge Needs



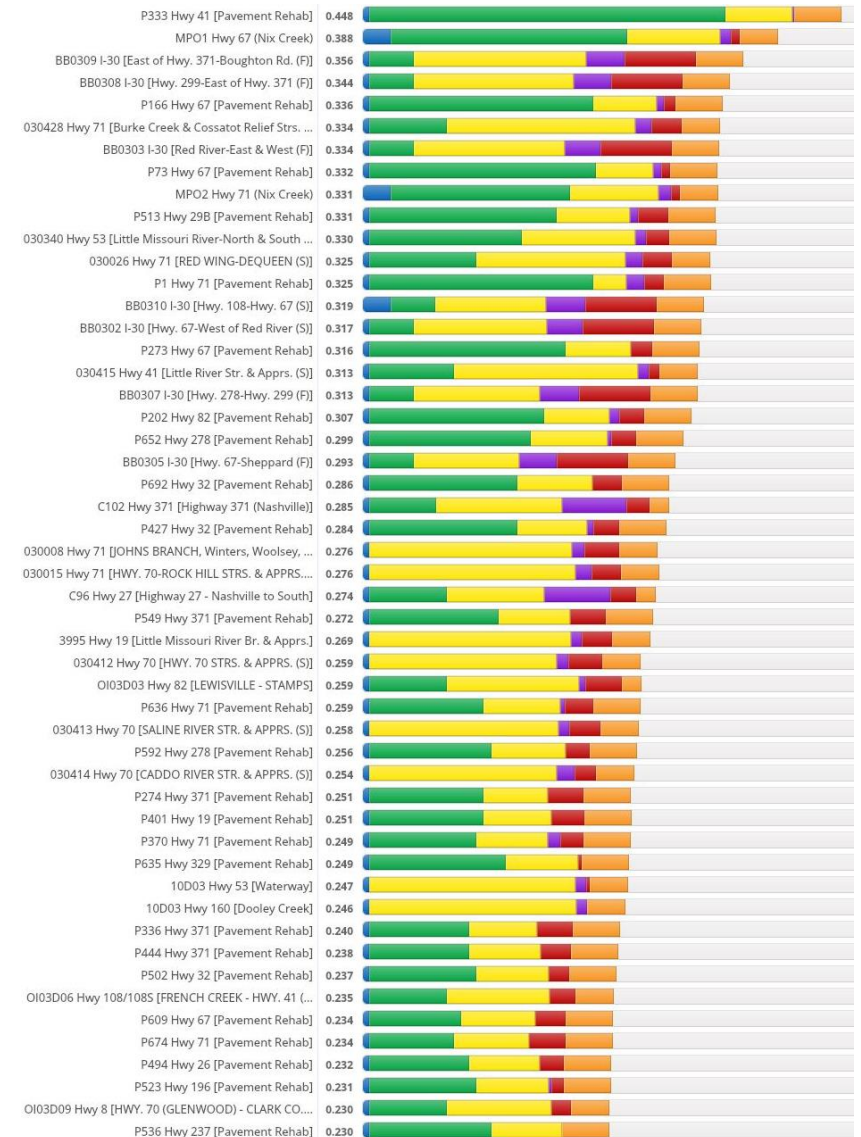
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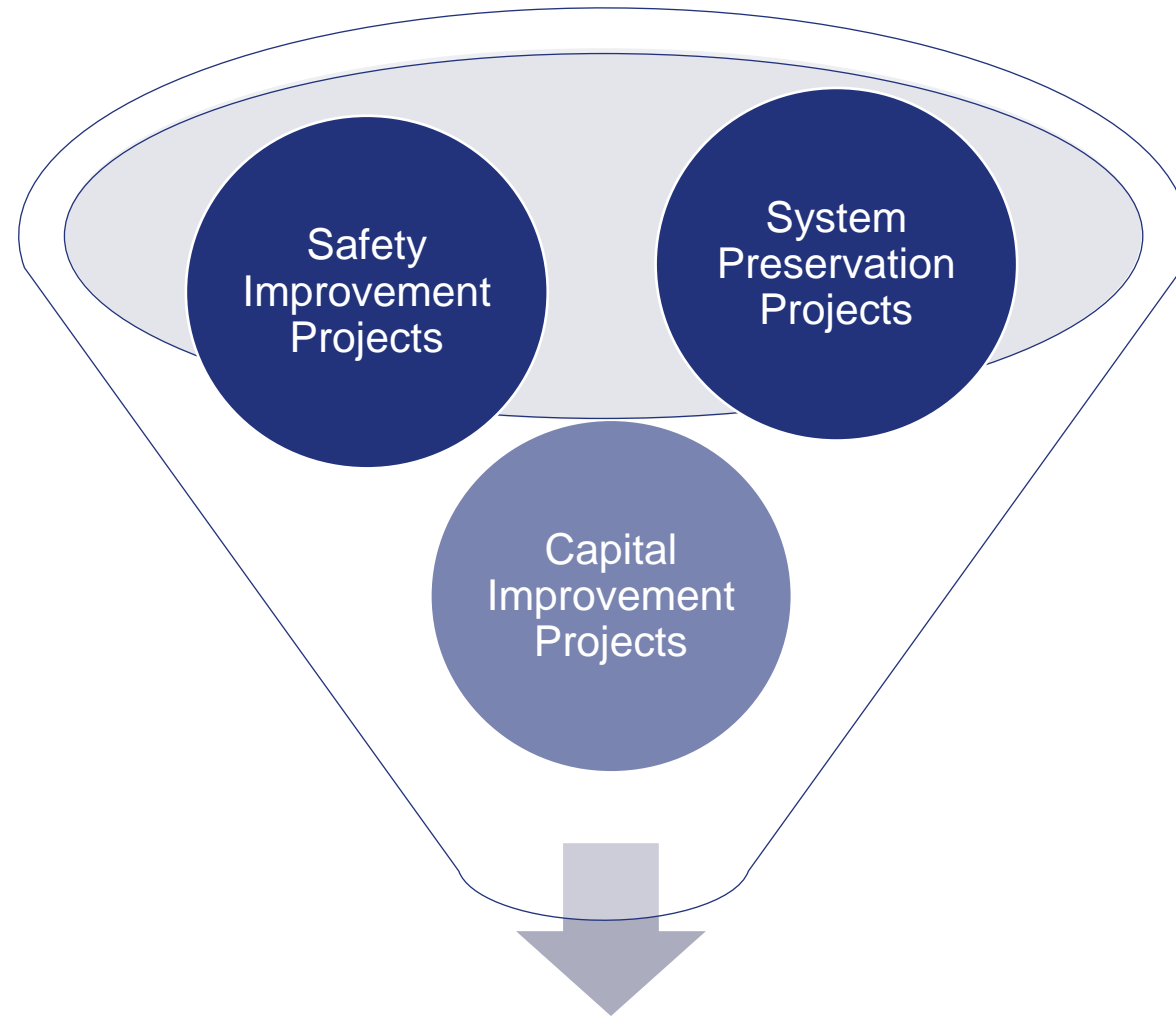




# Project Evaluation

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





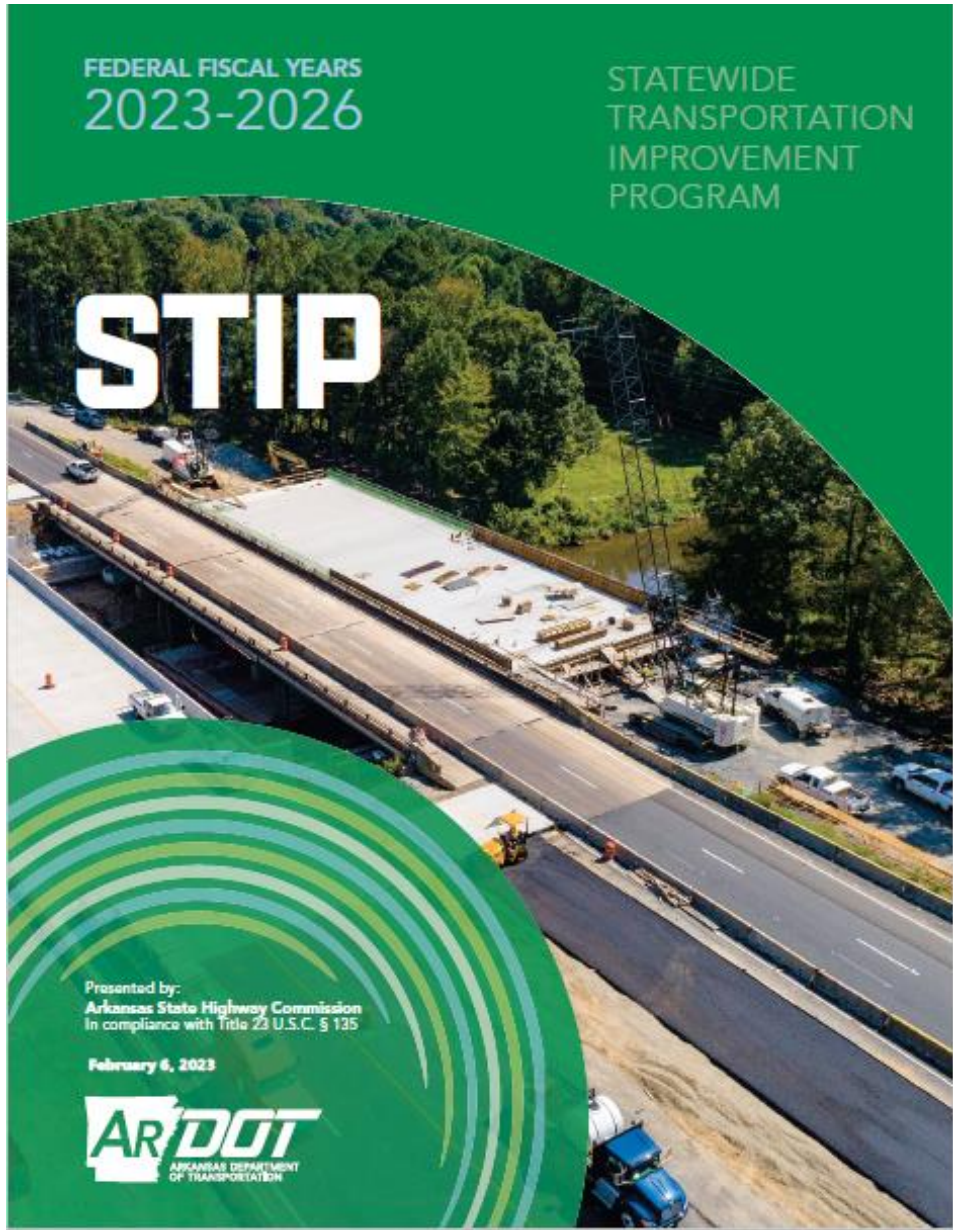
**Prioritized within the Funding Available**



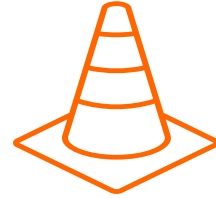
# Recommended Projects

- Draft STIP for Commission Review and Approval
- Draft STIP Prepared for Release for Public Comments

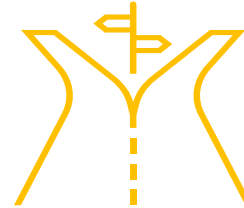




# STIP 2023 - 2026



814 Projects



4,100 Miles



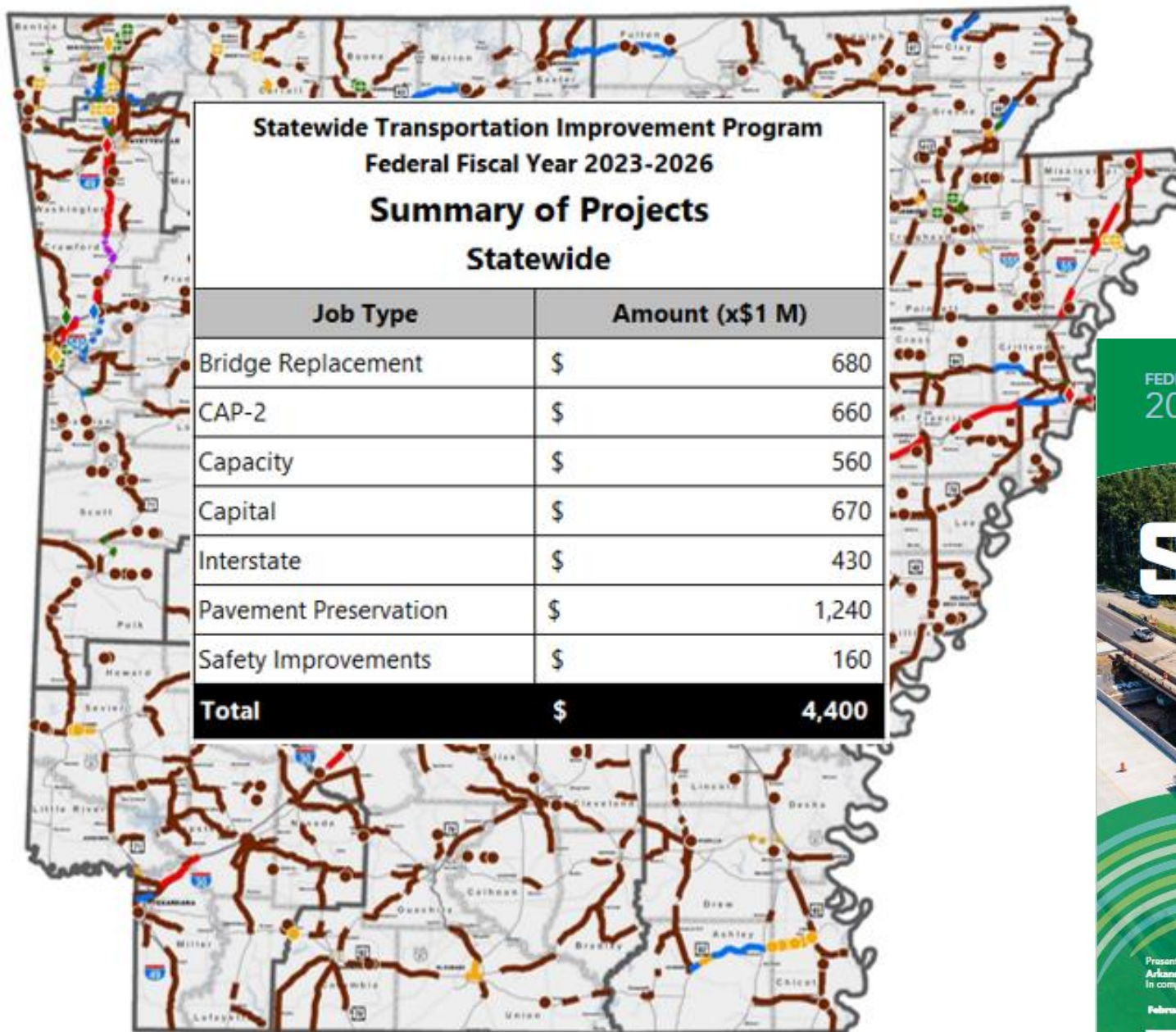
271 Bridges



\$4.4 Billion



# 2023 – 2026 STIP



**814 Projects**  
**4,100 Miles**  
**271 Bridges**  
**\$4.4 Billion**

FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS  
**2023-2026**

STATEWIDE  
TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM

**STIP**

Presented by:  
Arkansas State Highway Commission  
In compliance with Title 23 U.S.C. § 135

February 6, 2023



# STIP 2025 – 2028 Timeline

**January/February  
2024**

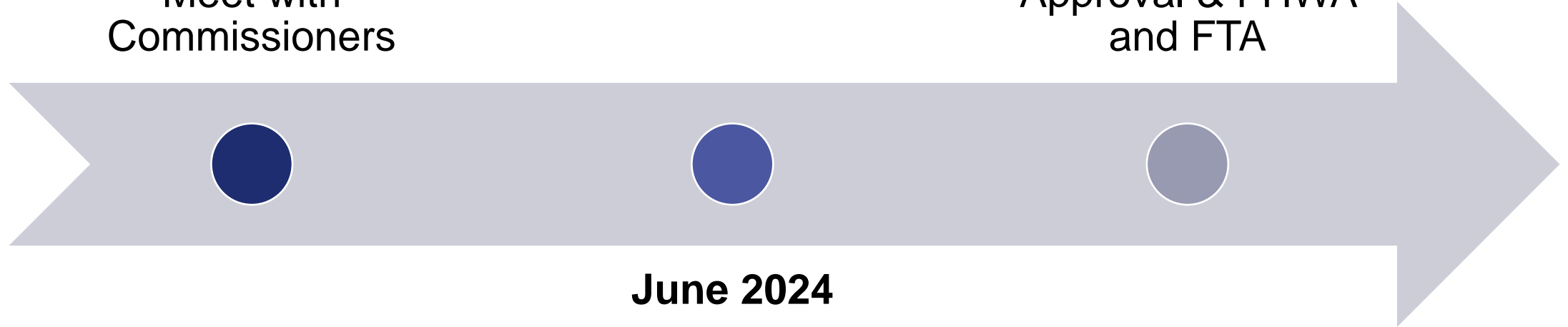
Meet with  
Commissioners

**October 2024**

Final STIP to  
Commission for  
Approval & FHWA  
and FTA

**June 2024**

Draft STIP to  
Commission for  
Approval & Release  
for Public Comment

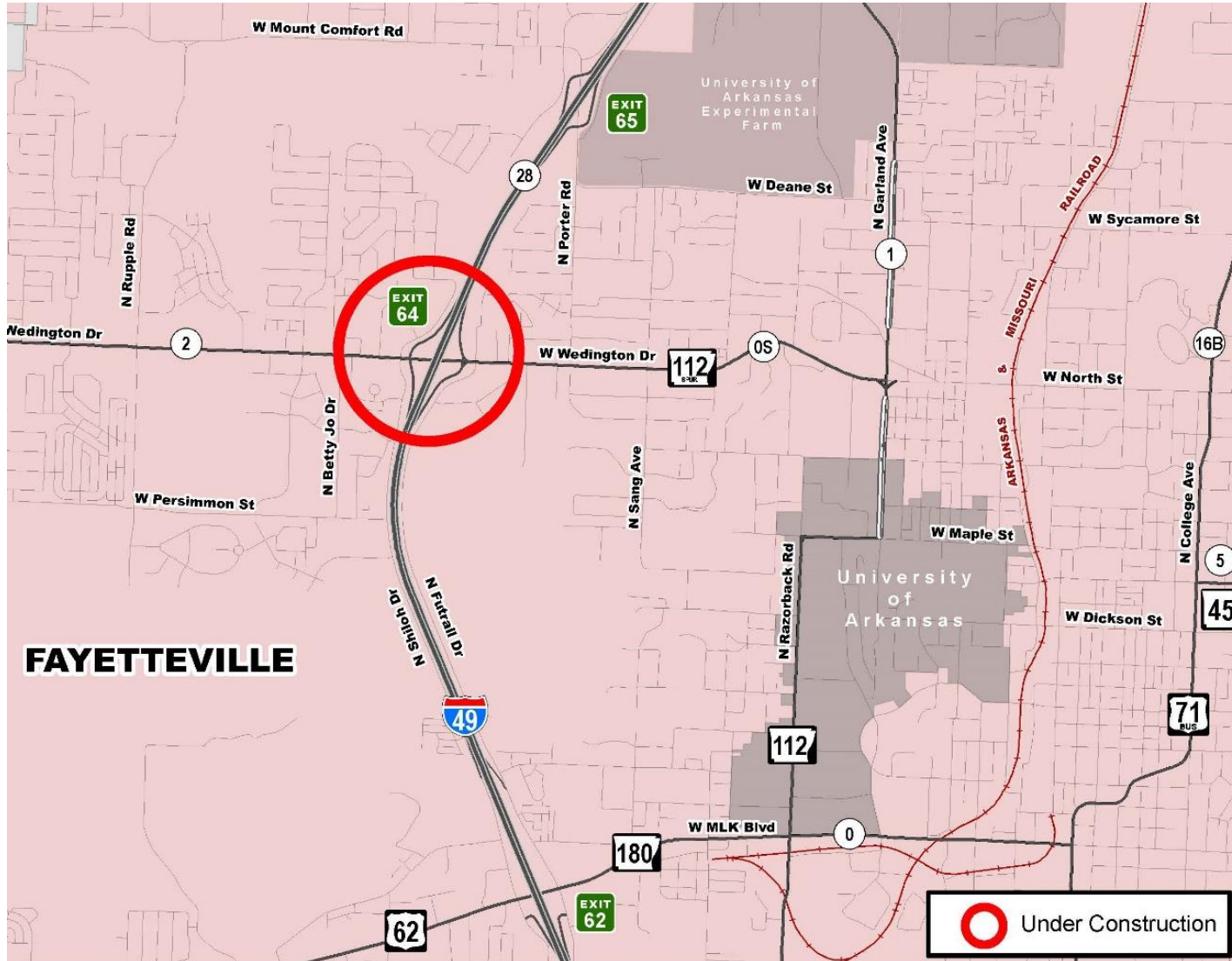






# Interstate 49/Wedington Dr.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY



**Under Construction**

**Job Type: Interchange  
Improvements**

**Awarded: \$37.6 Million**

**Est. Completion: Late 2024**

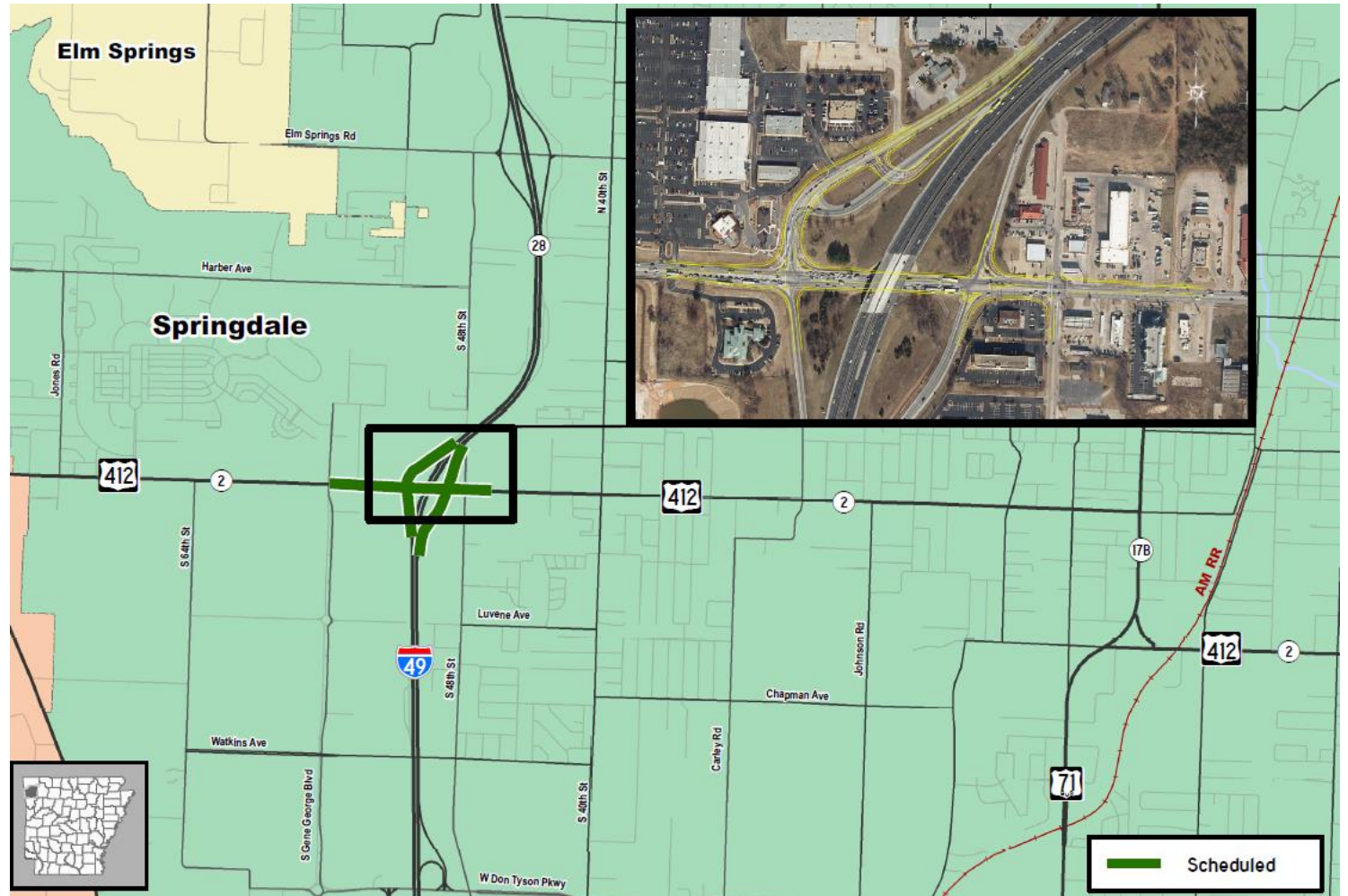


# Highway 412

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

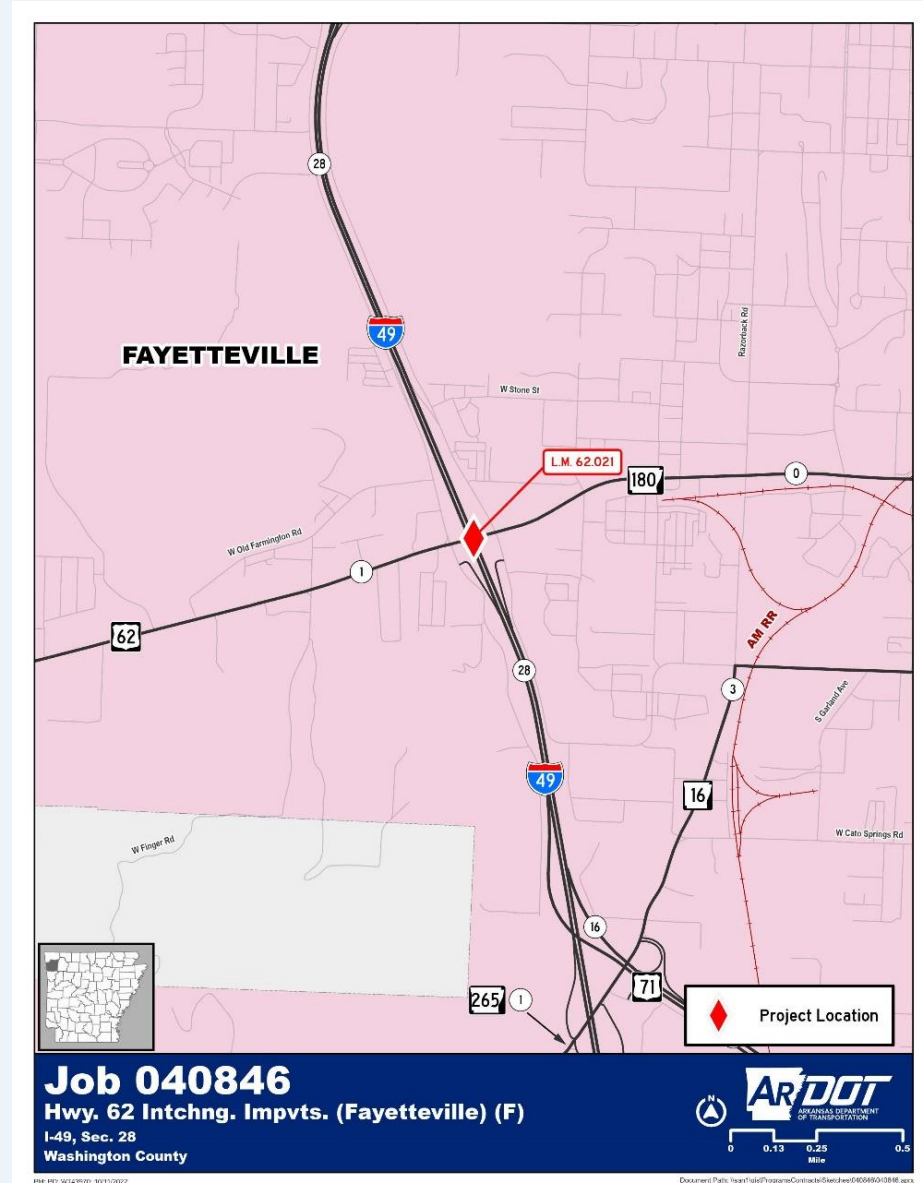
## Scheduled

**Job Type: Widening & Intersection Improvements**  
**Miles: 0.6**  
**Cost Est.: \$10-15 Million**  
**Scheduled: Late 2025**



# Interstate 49/MLK Jr. Blvd. Interchange

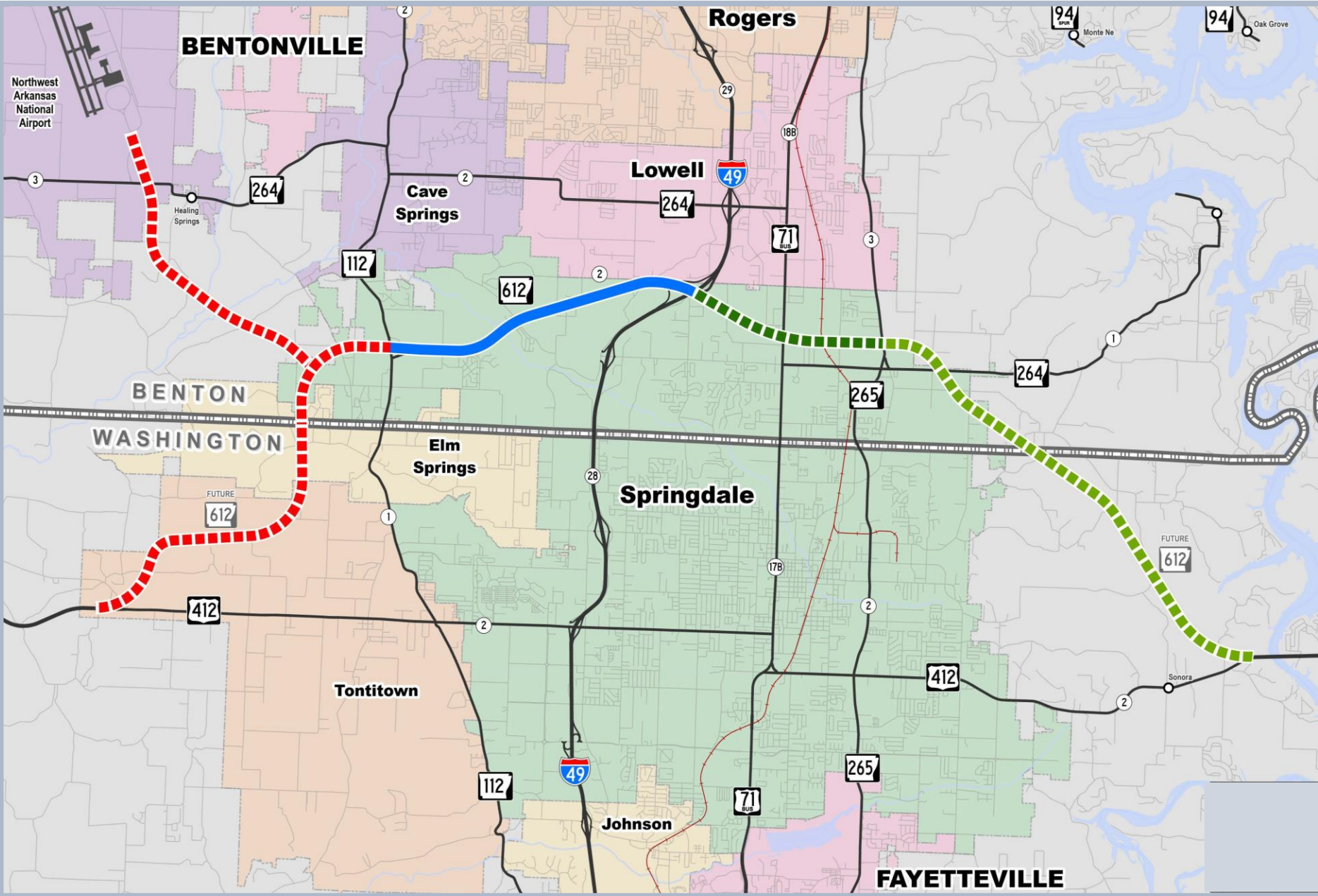
- Interchange improvements at I-49 and Highway 62 (MLK Jr. Blvd.)
- \$75 million - \$100 million
- Late 2024
- Construction Manager-General Contractor





# Springdale Bypass

## BENTON & WASHINGTON COUNTIES



### Completed

1 Project  
4 Miles  
\$101 Million

### Under Construction

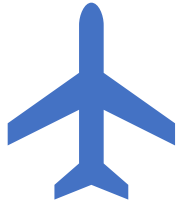
1 Project  
7 Miles  
\$181 Million

### Scheduled

1 Project  
3 Miles  
\$200-250 Million

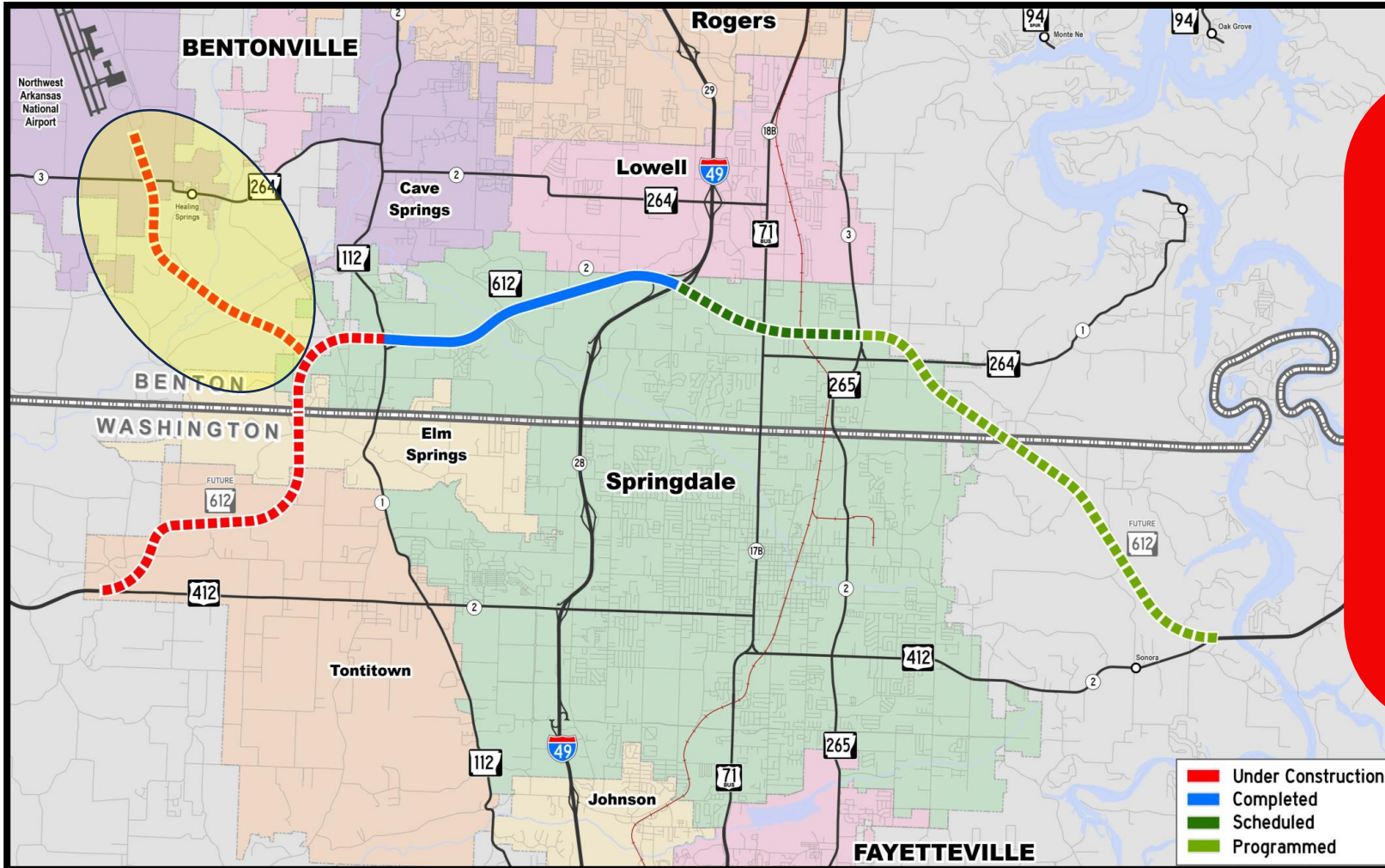
### Programmed

1 Project  
7 Miles  
\$200-250 Million



# XNA Connector

## BENTON COUNTY



**Under Construction**

**Job Type: New Location**

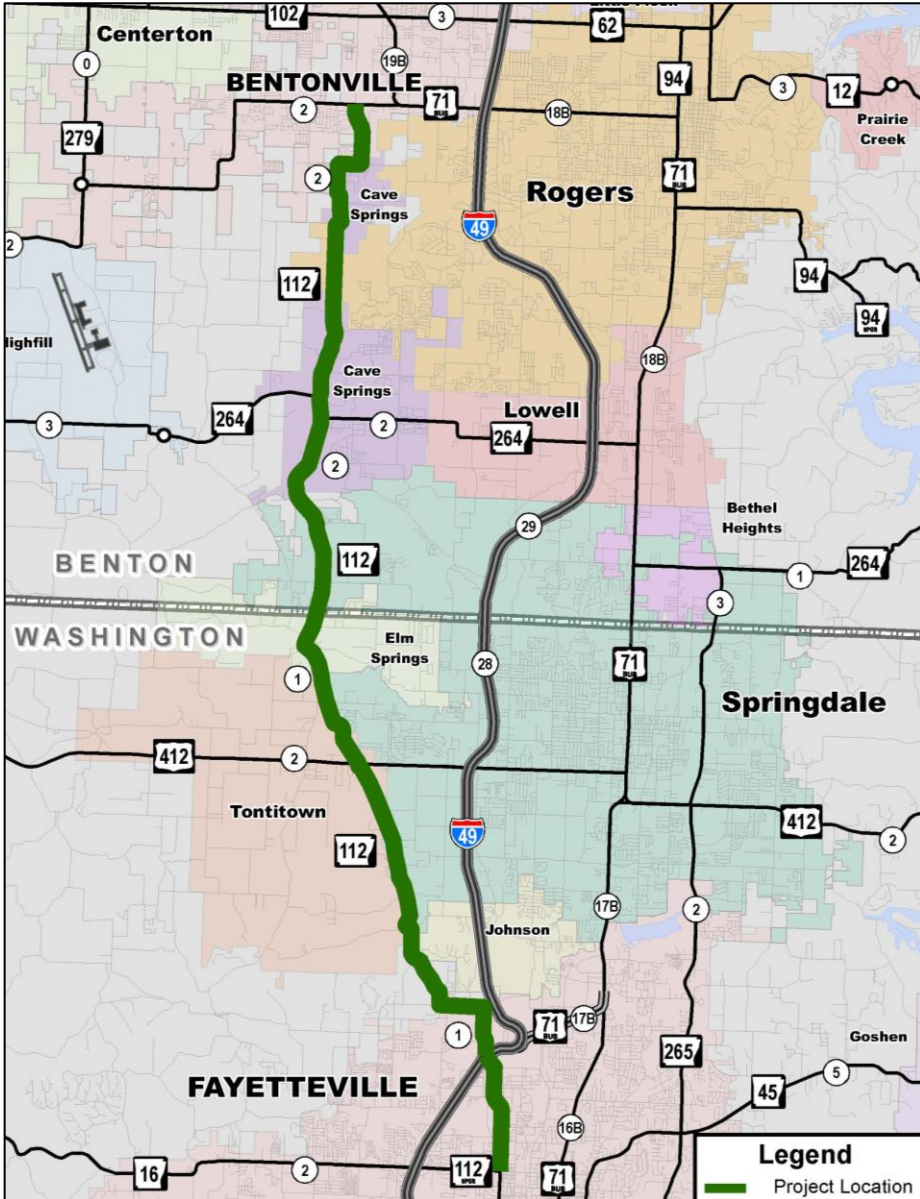
**Length: 4 Miles**

**Awarded: \$128 Million**

**Let to Contract: 1/17/2024**

**Contractor: Crossland  
Construction Co.**



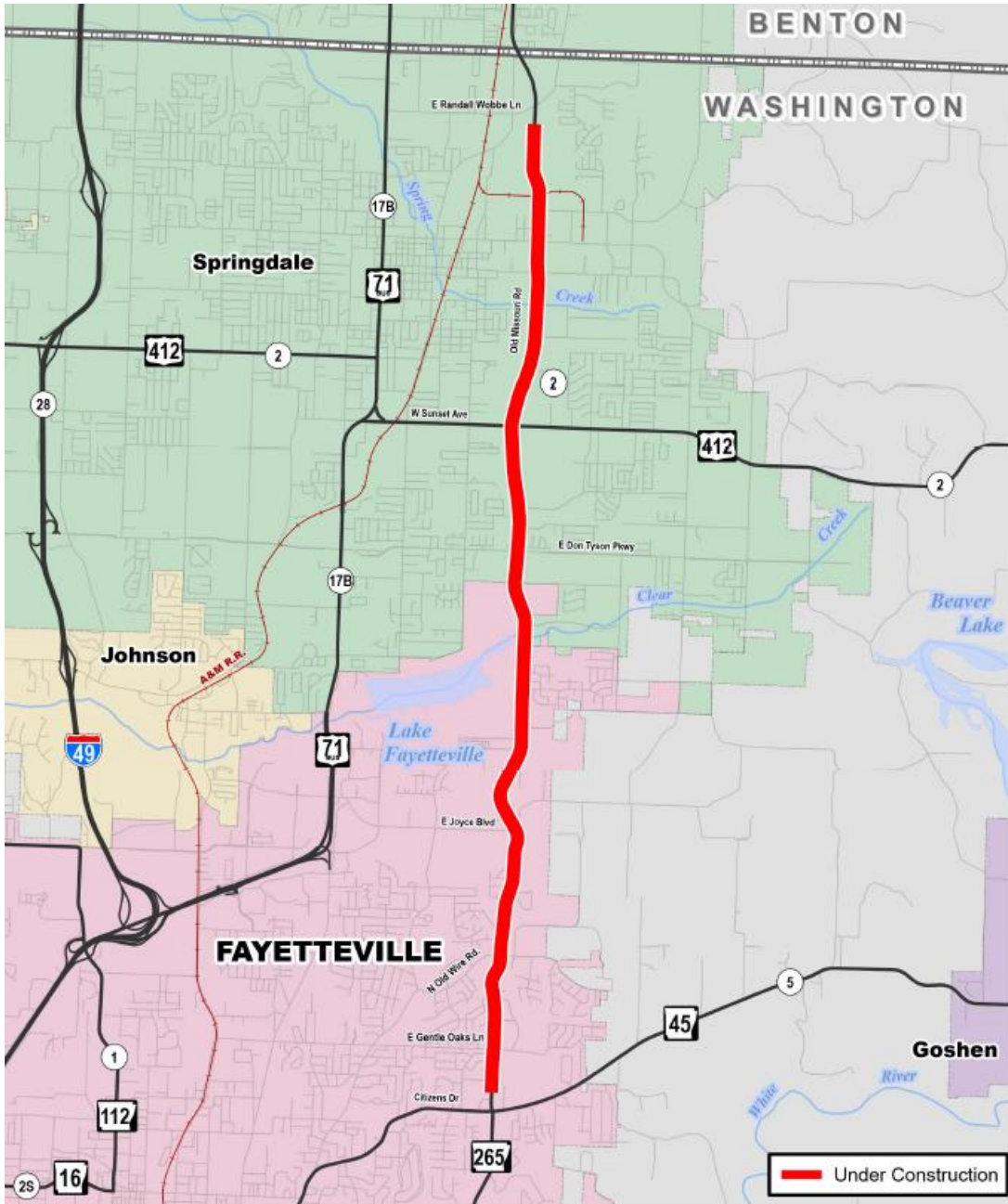


# Highway 112 Corridor

## BENTON & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

- 18 Miles between Fayetteville & Bentonville
- Planning Study Approved in July 2015
- Est. \$250-300 Million
- Select Projects Scheduled 2025-2026





# Highway 265

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

### Under Construction

**Job Type: Pavement Preservation**

**Length: 8 Miles**

**Awarded: \$2.8 Million**

**Let to Contract: November 2023**

**Contractor: Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.**



**SLOW DOWN**  
**PHONE DOWN**  
in work zones



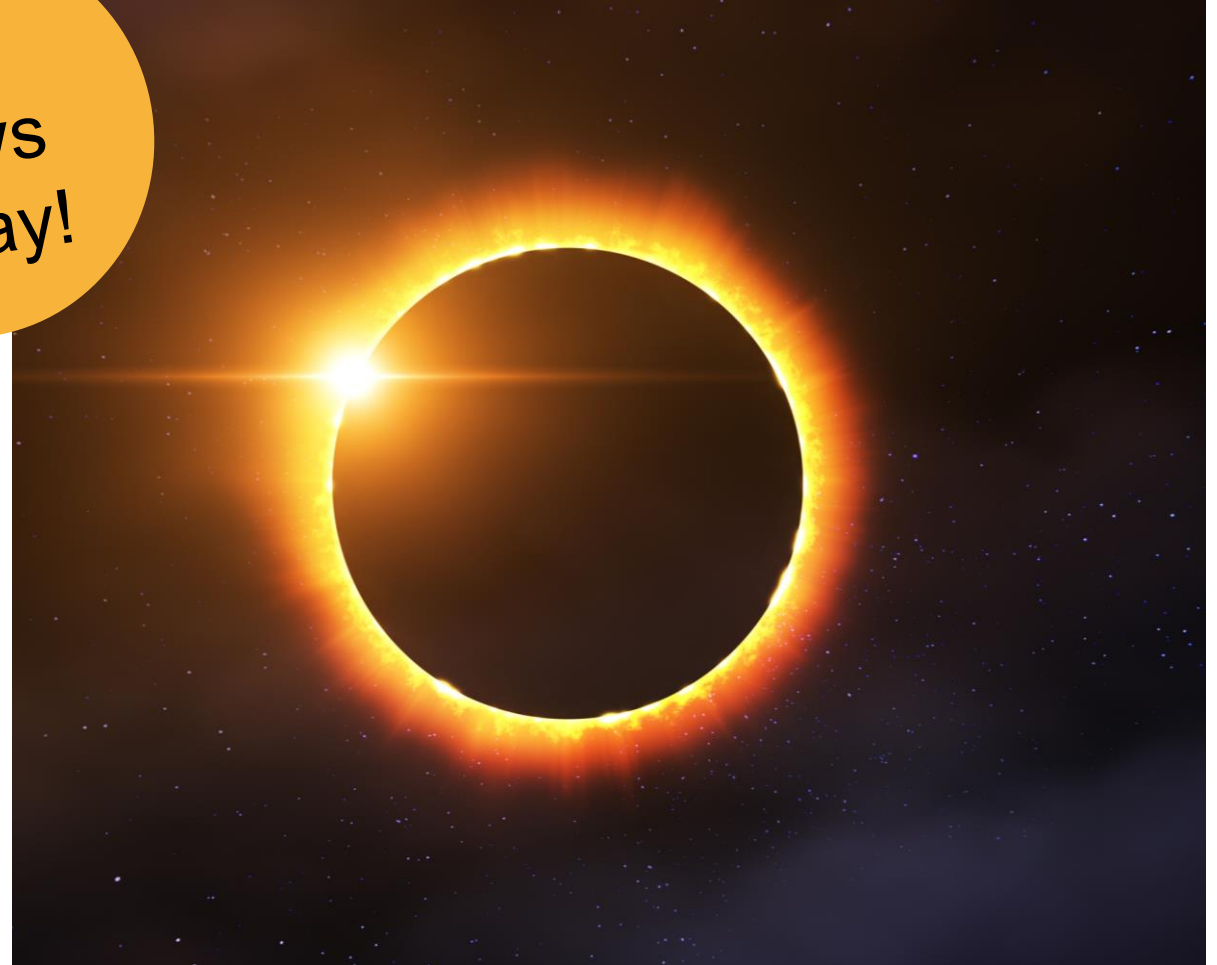




# The Great North American Eclipse

- April 8, 2024
- 1.5 Million Out-of-State Visitors
- Safe and Efficient Traffic Management

62  
Days  
Away!



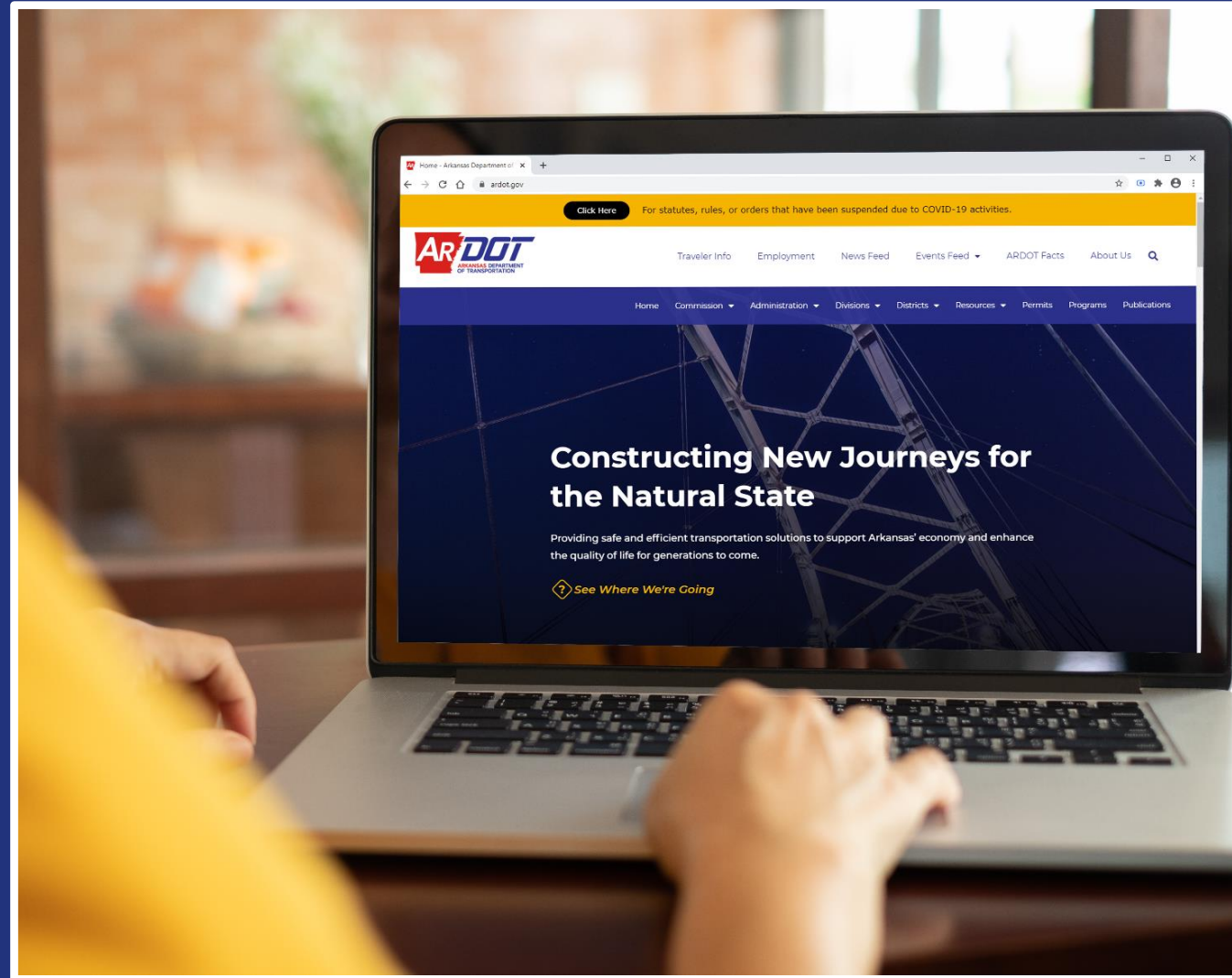


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# FULL STEAM AHEAD



## 2023-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

### PURPOSE

To deliver a modern transportation system to enhance safety and quality of life in Arkansas

### CORE VALUES



**Safety**  
Committed to  
Arkansans' wellbeing



**Trust**  
Dependable  
public service



**Excellence**  
Quality in everything  
we do



**Accountability**  
Responsible and  
transparent



**Modern**  
Innovating for  
the future

*Safety first, working as a TEAM*

### GOALS & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

#### SYSTEM

Provide innovative transportation solutions to improve safety and mobility

- Plan, develop, operate, and maintain an efficient, reliable, and resilient highway system
- Focus on all aspects of safety
- Continue to emphasize system preservation
- Excel at project delivery
- Manage assets in a transparent, data-driven, and cost-effective manner
- Ensure environmental stewardship

#### SERVICE

Deliver reliable and efficient customer service

- Strive to exceed customer expectations
- Provide timely and courteous customer service in all communications
- Be transparent
- Ensure compliance with all relevant regulations

#### EMPLOYEES

Ensure ARDOT is a great place to work

- Recruit and retain quality employees
- Encourage and empower decision making at all levels
- Invest in employee career development
- Promote teamwork and accountability
- Encourage innovation and risk-based decision making
- Strengthen knowledge management

#### PARTNERS

Collaborate and strengthen partnerships

- Listen to Arkansas residents and community leaders
- Engage with federal, state, and local governments
- Partner with industry to improve efficiency
- Learn from peer states' best practices





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