

Benefit Cost Analysis

Executive Summary

This memorandum summarizes the approach used for conducting benefit-cost (BCA) and economic impact (EIA) analyses for the I-30 Corridor in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas. Table 1 summarizes the project matrix for the proposed corridor. The project matrix describes types of impacts and a summary of results.

Table 1 I-30 Corridor - Project Matrix

Type of Impact	Economic Benefit	Summary of Results	
		Discounted at 3%	Discounted at 7%
Increased capacity	Monetized value of reduced travel time	\$957,843,150	\$656,154,034
Improved travel speeds and travel time			
Reduced vehicle operating costs	Monetized value of reduced vehicle operating costs	\$2,759,709	\$1,937,928
Improved accessibility			
Greater safety for users of motorized and non-motorized transportation modes in the vicinity of the project	Monetized value of reduced traffic accidents	\$2,740,368	\$1,924,490
Reduced air emissions generated by motor vehicles	Monetized value of reduced Social Cost of Emissions	\$693,006	\$483,162
Reduced pavement maintenance costs	Monetized value of reduced pavement maintenance costs	\$247,237,507	\$155,040,781
Job creation in the development, construction and maintenance phases of the project	Short-term job-years due to project during development and construction	8,450 Job-Years	

Proposed Alternative Benefit- Cost Analysis

This section describes the method used for estimating benefits and life cycle costs of the I-30 Corridor Project. This analysis emphasizes the importance and full benefits of the project. In conducting the benefit-cost analysis, CS followed Federal guidance regarding evaluation criteria, discount and monetization rates, and evaluation methods prescribed in the 2016 TIGER and FASTLANE Guidance and supporting documents.

Travel Patterns

The estimation of the benefits involved establishing the Baseline and Build Scenario and calculating the differences between the Build and the Baseline in the benchmark years. The project team prepared and analyzed the following four model scenarios using the Arkansas travel demand model (TDM):

- 2020 No Build Baseline
- 2040 No Build Baseline
- 2020 Build -I-30 Corridor Project
- 2040 Build -I-30 Corridor Project
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The model outputs for each of the study scenarios used in the estimation of the benefits included the following:

- Daily vehicle-miles traveled (VMT) by vehicle type (passenger cars and trucks), trip purpose (commute, business and leisure trips), and time period (a.m. peak period, mid-day, p.m. peak period, and night) in 2020 and 2040.
- Daily vehicle-hours traveled (VHT) by vehicle type (passenger cars and trucks), trip purpose (commute, business and leisure trips), and time period (a.m. peak period, mid-day, p.m. peak period, and night) in 2020 and 2040.

Since the project completion date is scheduled for 2020, a straight-line growth pattern was assumed for VMT and VHT from 2020 to 2040 for the No-Build scenario and Build scenario. In this way the intermittent years during the 20-year study period (2020 to 2040) have been estimated. The focus of the travel efficiency portion of the benefit-cost analysis is the difference between the build and no-build scenarios in terms of a reduction in VMT and/or VHT.

Daily VMT and VHT accruing to commute and business trips were annualized by assuming 260 working days a year (i.e., 52 weeks). Daily VMT and VHT for leisure and truck trips were annualized by multiplying daily VMT and VHT by 365 days.

Table 2 provides traffic forecasts for the four model scenarios. As shown in the table, passenger cars and trucks would benefit from the added capacity provided by the project.

Table 2 Daily Traffic in 2010 and 2040

Scenario	Passenger Cars		Trucks	
	2020 VMT	2020 VHT	2020 VMT	2020 VHT
2010 Build (A)	11,224,024	317,188	917,788	21,546
2010 No Build (B)	11,232,694	378,076	918,344	22,362
Changes = (A) - (B)	-8,670	-60,888	-556	-816
Scenario	Passenger Cars		Trucks	
	2040 VMT	2040 VHT	2040 VMT	2040 VHT
2040 Build (C)	15,183,763	598,603	1,471,137	45,615
2040 No Build (D)	15,183,748	603,131	1,471,137	46,037
Changes = (C) - (D)	15	-4,528	0	-422

Source: Output of the model scenarios using the Arkansas TDM

Table 4 reflects changes in VMT and VHT, respectively, over the 20-year analysis period. Overall, the improvements are expected to have a substantial positive impact on corridor users, particularly in hours traveled.

Table 4 Changes in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) over the 20-year Analysis Period

t	Year	Change in Miles Traveled (Build - No Build)	Change in Hours Traveled (Build - No Build)
0	2020	-2,018,457	-13,134,517
1	2021	-1,917,295	-12,554,769
2	2022	-1,816,132	-11,975,020
3	2023	-1,714,970	-11,395,272
4	2024	-1,613,807	-10,815,524
5	2025	-1,512,645	-10,235,775
6	2026	-1,411,483	-9,656,027
7	2027	-1,310,320	-9,076,279
8	2028	-1,209,158	-8,496,531
9	2029	-1,107,996	-7,916,782
10	2030	-1,006,833	-7,337,034
11	2031	-905,671	-6,757,286
12	2032	-804,509	-6,177,538
13	2033	-703,346	-5,597,789
14	2034	-602,184	-5,018,041
15	2035	-501,021	-4,438,293
16	2036	-399,859	-3,858,544
17	2037	-298,697	-3,278,796
18	2038	-197,534	-2,699,048
19	2039	-96,372	-2,119,300
20	2040	4,790	-1,539,551
Totals =		-21,143,499	-154,077,715

Source: Output of the model scenarios using the Arkansas TDM

Note: Negative values represent reduced VMT while positive values represent additional VMT

Project Benefits

The primary benefits of the Project are:

- Improved the condition of the corridor by lessening pavement maintenance
- Reduced travel time for passengers cars and trucks
- Reduced vehicle operating costs (fuel and non-fuel costs)
- Reduced air emissions generated by motor vehicles
- Greater safety for users of motorized and non-motorized transportation modes in the vicinity of the project

Consistent with USDOT grant methodology and guidance, the benefits resulting from the I-30 Corridor Project (see Table 8) are broken down into the following major categories: a) State of Good Repair, b) Economic Competitiveness, c) Environmental Sustainability, and d) Safety. The benefits of the I-30 Corridor Project are calculated in 2015 dollars over a time horizon of 20 years, starting in 2020 and ceasing in 2040.

Table 5 Direct Benefits Resulting from the I-30 Corridor Project

Benefit Category	Metrics
A. State of Good Repair	Pavement Maintenance Costs
B. Economic Competitiveness	Travel Time Costs Vehicle Operating Costs (VOC)
C. Environmental Sustainability	Social Cost of Carbon (SCC) Emissions Non-Carbon Emissions Costs
D. Safety	Traffic Accident Costs

State of Good Repair

The expected reduction in VMT will lead to a reduction in pavement wear and tear over the 20-year analysis period.

The method to assess highway system state of good repair (SOGR) benefits involves estimation of the marginal external cost associated with pavement maintenance by vehicle type and highway functional class. This analysis uses the average external marginal costs for urban highways provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (see Table 6) which represent the additional spending (or saving) in all costs of maintaining pavements, including resurfacing and reconstruction, resulting from a unit increase/decrease in VMT borne by public agencies responsible for highway maintenance. The marginal pavement cost is multiplied by the annual changes in VMT over the 20-year analysis period.

In addition to the decreased wear and tear caused by the reduction in miles traveled, the project has the benefit of causing significant operations and maintenance costs to be foregone. The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department estimates these foregone expenses to

come to \$350,078,151 over the period from 2020 through 2040. Table 7 summarizes the SOGR benefits/disbenefits.

Table 6 Marginal External Pavement Cost for Urban Highways

Vehicle Class	Urban Highways (Average)	Urban Highways (Average)
	in 2000\$	in 2015\$
Passenger Cars	0.001	0.0014
Trucks	0.257	0.354

Addendum to the 1997 Federal Highway Cost Allocation Study Final Report, 2000. Table 13

Notes:

1. Marginal pavement cost was inflated from 2000 to 2015 dollars based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
2. Truck costs were calculated as an average of 60 kip 5-axle combo/urban interstate and 80 kip 5-axle combo/urban interstate.

Table 7. Sate of Good Repair Cost Benefits/Disbenefits

t	Calendar Year	Present Value of Sate of Good Repair Benefits		
		No Discounting	3% Discount Rate	7% Discount Rate
		Change in (VMT)*(Marginal Pavement Cost)	NPV = [Value/(1+3%)^t]	NPV = [Value/(1+7%)^t]
4	2020	\$17,543,750	\$15,587,395	\$13,384,043
5	2021	\$17,541,756	\$15,131,673	\$12,507,030
6	2022	\$17,539,763	\$14,689,275	\$11,687,485
7	2023	\$17,537,769	\$14,259,811	\$10,921,641
8	2024	\$17,535,775	\$13,842,903	\$10,205,981
9	2025	\$17,533,782	\$13,438,184	\$9,537,215
10	2026	\$17,531,788	\$13,045,297	\$8,912,272
11	2027	\$17,529,794	\$12,663,896	\$8,328,279
12	2028	\$17,527,801	\$12,293,647	\$7,782,553
13	2029	\$17,525,807	\$11,934,222	\$7,272,587
14	2030	\$17,523,813	\$11,585,305	\$6,796,037
15	2031	\$17,521,819	\$11,246,589	\$6,350,714
16	2032	\$17,519,826	\$10,917,776	\$5,934,571
17	2033	\$17,517,832	\$10,598,576	\$5,545,697
18	2034	\$17,515,838	\$10,288,709	\$5,182,305
19	2035	\$17,513,845	\$9,987,901	\$4,842,724
20	2036	\$17,511,851	\$9,695,887	\$4,525,395
21	2037	\$17,509,857	\$9,412,411	\$4,228,860
22	2038	\$17,507,863	\$9,137,223	\$3,951,755
23	2039	\$17,505,870	\$8,870,080	\$3,692,809
24	2040	\$17,503,876	\$8,610,747	\$3,450,830
Totals =		\$368,000,075	\$247,237,507	\$155,040,781

Note Positive values represent savings and negative values represent losses

Travel Time Cost Benefits/Disbenefits

The expected reduction in VMT along the corridor will result in higher travel speeds and reduced travel time for highway users. In contrast, increased VMT will result in lower travel speeds and added travel time for highway users.

Annual changes in VHT by trip purpose over the 20-year analysis period are multiplied by the corresponding Average Vehicle Occupancy (AVO) and Value of Time (VOT). Travel time cost benefits/disbenefits resulting from the project are summarized in Table 9. The cost of time for leisure trips is assumed to only be opportunity cost and is therefore given no economic value. Time commuting is given 50% of the full value of time.

Table 8. Average Vehicle Occupancy and Value of Time by Vehicle Type/Trip Purpose

Trip Purpose	Average Vehicle Occupancy (AVO)	Value of Time (VOT) in 2015\$
Auto - Leisure	2.0	\$0
Auto -Commute	1.2	\$9.75
Auto - Business	1.5	\$19.49
Truck	1	\$26.63

Source of AVO: Estimated based on the occupancy rates provided by the Arkansas Travel Demand Model

Source of VOT: The 2016 TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide. Available at <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/BCA%20Resource%20Guide%202016.pdf>

Table 9. Travel Time Cost Benefits/Disbenefits

t	Calendar Year	Monetary Value of Travel Time Cost Saved/Wasted (in 2015\$)	PV of Travel Time Cost Saved/Wasted	
			3%	7%
			NPV = [Value/(1+3%)^t]	NPV = [Value/(1+7%)^t]
4	2020	\$110,252,006	\$97,957,479	\$84,110,728
5	2021	\$105,505,529	\$91,009,996	\$75,223,984
6	2022	\$100,759,051	\$84,384,119	\$67,140,010
7	2023	\$96,012,574	\$78,067,009	\$59,791,806
8	2024	\$91,266,097	\$72,046,300	\$53,117,699
9	2025	\$86,519,620	\$66,310,084	\$47,060,941
10	2026	\$81,773,142	\$60,846,898	\$41,569,319
11	2027	\$77,026,665	\$55,645,702	\$36,594,814
12	2028	\$72,280,188	\$50,695,869	\$32,093,268
13	2029	\$67,533,711	\$45,987,171	\$28,024,089
14	2030	\$62,787,233	\$41,509,758	\$24,349,972
15	2031	\$58,040,756	\$37,254,153	\$21,036,641
16	2032	\$53,294,279	\$33,211,233	\$18,052,616
17	2033	\$48,547,801	\$29,372,218	\$15,368,991
18	2034	\$43,801,324	\$25,728,662	\$12,959,231
19	2035	\$39,054,847	\$22,272,433	\$10,798,991
20	2036	\$34,308,370	\$18,995,712	\$8,865,935
21	2037	\$29,561,892	\$15,890,974	\$7,139,584
22	2038	\$24,815,415	\$12,950,979	\$5,601,166
23	2039	\$20,068,938	\$10,168,765	\$4,233,480
24	2040	\$15,322,461	\$7,537,635	\$3,020,771
Totals =		\$1,318,531,899	\$957,843,150	\$656,154,034

Note: Positive values represent savings and negative values represent losses

Vehicle Operating Costs Benefits/Disbenefits

The reduction in VMT also generates savings in the cost associated with the operation and maintenance of passenger cars and trucks. In contrast, increased VMT would lead to increased vehicle operating costs (VOC). VOC include fuel and non-fuel costs. The non-fuel component is comprised of all the necessary replacement items on the vehicle and regular maintenance (e.g., oil and fluid changes, tire rotations, tire replacements, and wiper replacement) as well as truck/trailer lease or purchase payments, permits and licenses, and other related costs to owners of commercial vehicles.

The method to assess VOC benefits/disbenefits involves estimation of the VOC per vehicle type. Average per-mile VOC for passenger vehicles is estimated based on the VOC for three size categories of sedans (i.e., small, medium and large sedans), four wheel-drive sport utility vehicles (SUV) and minivans provided by the American Automobile Association (AAA) (see Table 13). This analysis uses the average auto VOC resulting from 15,000 miles traveled per year. Average per-mile VOC for trucks is estimated using published analyses of the operational costs for trucking based on information provided directly by motor carriers to the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) (see Table 14). The VOC for autos and trucks are inflated from 2014 to 2015 dollars using the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Table 2. Average Marginal Vehicle Operating Cost for Passenger Vehicles

Auto Type	VOC (in cents/mile) in 2014		
	Miles per Year		
	10,000	15,000	20,000
Small Sedan	58.2	44.9	38.0
Medium Sedan	75.9	58.1	49.0
Large Sedan	93.3	71.0	59.5
Sedan (Composite Average)	75.8	58.0	48.8
4WD Sport Utility Vehicle	92.6	70.8	59.7
Minivan	81.2	62.5	52.9
Average =	83.2	63.8	53.8

Source: Your Driving Costs, 2015 Edition (AAA)

Notes: (1) VOC per mile derived from a popular model of each type listed assuming ownership of more than 5 years or 75,000 miles before replacement. (2) VOC per mile includes costs for fuel, maintenance, tires, full-coverage insurance, fees (license, registration and taxes), depreciation, and financing.

Table 3. Average Marginal Vehicle Operating Cost for Trucks for the Southeast Region (\$/mile)

Operating Cost	VOC (in \$/mile) in 2015 Dollars
Truck/Trailer Lease or Purchase Payments	\$0.21
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.19
Truck Insurance Premiums	\$0.06
Permits and Licenses	\$0.009
Tires	\$0.04
Total =	\$0.51

Source: An Analysis of the Operational Costs of Trucking: 2015 Update (ATRI, September 2015), Table 15, p. 27.

Fuel operating cost are calculated by multiplying the price of fuel per gallon by the average fuel efficiency, to come up with a fuel cost per mile. This is then applied to the change in vehicle miles traveled to produce the change in fuel cost. Fuel prices (\$2.26 per gallon for gasoline, all grades and \$2.58 for diesel, all types) were taken from the US Energy Information Administration, using the 2015 annual average for the Gulf Coast. Fuel efficiency numbers (autos: 0.05 gallons per mile and trucks: 0.159 gallons per mile) are taken from the Environmental Protection Agency, and The Department of Energy.

VOC benefits/disbenefits are estimated by multiplying the average marginal VOC by vehicle type by its corresponding annual changes in VMT over the 20-year analysis period. The results from this estimation are shown in Table 11.

Table 4. Vehicle Operating Cost Benefits/Disbenefits

t	Calendar Year	Non-Fuel VOC Savings	Fuel VOC Savings	Total Vehicle Operating Cost Savings	PV of VOC Savings (3%) [C/(1+3%)^t]	PV of VOC Savings (7%) [C/(1+7%)^t]
0	2016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1	2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	2020	\$146,150	\$207,647	\$353,797	\$314,344	\$269,910
5	2021	\$138,828	\$197,242	\$336,071	\$289,898	\$239,614
6	2022	\$131,507	\$186,838	\$318,345	\$266,609	\$212,127
7	2023	\$124,186	\$176,433	\$300,619	\$244,431	\$187,211
8	2024	\$116,865	\$166,028	\$282,894	\$223,319	\$164,647
9	2025	\$109,544	\$155,624	\$265,168	\$203,229	\$144,234
10	2026	\$102,223	\$145,219	\$247,442	\$184,120	\$125,787
11	2027	\$94,902	\$134,814	\$229,716	\$165,952	\$109,137
12	2028	\$87,581	\$124,409	\$211,990	\$148,686	\$94,126
13	2029	\$80,260	\$114,005	\$194,265	\$132,285	\$80,613
14	2030	\$72,939	\$103,600	\$176,539	\$116,713	\$68,465
15	2031	\$65,618	\$93,195	\$158,813	\$101,936	\$57,561
16	2032	\$58,297	\$82,790	\$141,087	\$87,921	\$47,791
17	2033	\$50,976	\$72,386	\$123,361	\$74,636	\$39,053
18	2034	\$43,655	\$61,981	\$105,636	\$62,050	\$31,254
19	2035	\$36,334	\$51,576	\$87,910	\$50,134	\$24,308
20	2036	\$29,013	\$41,171	\$70,184	\$38,859	\$18,137
21	2037	\$21,692	\$30,767	\$52,458	\$28,199	\$12,669
22	2038	\$14,371	\$20,362	\$34,732	\$18,127	\$7,840
23	2039	\$7,050	\$9,957	\$17,007	\$8,617	\$3,588
24	2040	-\$271	-\$448	-\$719	-\$354	-\$142
	Total Value of Time Savings	\$1,531,720	\$2,175,595	\$3,707,315	\$2,759,709	\$1,937,928

Note: Positive values represent savings and negative values represent losses.

Emission Cost Benefits/Disbenefits

This category of project benefits (disbenefits) captures the savings (or additional expenditures) in emission damage costs resulting from reduced (increased) VMT under the Build Scenario (compared to the No Build).

This analysis applies the running emission rates pertain to Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), Volatile Organic Compound (VOC), Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), Particular Matter (PM) and Sulfur Dioxide (SO_x) for passenger cars and trucks on urban restricted access roads estimated by Cambridge Systematics (CS) using data from the Environmental Protection Agency, and The Department of Energy.

The emissions rates (in grams per mile) of non-carbon emissions (VOC, NO_x, PM and SO_x) are multiplied by the annual changes in VMT resulting from the implementation of the I-30 Corridor Project, converted to metric tons and then, multiplied by the emission cost metric ton depicted in Table 12. The CO₂ emissions rates (in grams per mile) are multiplied by the annual changes in VMT resulting from the implementation of the Project, converted to metric tons and then, multiplied by the emission cost per metric ton depicted in Table 13. It should be noted that the social cost of carbon (SCC) dioxide emissions increases annually and values for these emissions are to be discounted at a value of 3 percent rather than the 7 percent recommendation for all other non-carbon benefits or costs. The expected emission cost benefits/disbenefits are shown in Table 14.

Table 5. Emission Damage Costs

Emission Type	Emission Damage Cost (\$/metric ton) in 2015\$
	gram/mile
VOCs	\$2,032
NO _x	\$8,010
PM	\$366,414
SO _x	\$47,341

Source: 2016 TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide; Corporate Average Fuel Economy for MY2017-MY2025 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (August 2012), page 922, Table VIII-16, "Economic Values Used for Benefits Computations (2010 dollars)."

Note: The 2016 Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide converts the emission damage cost value into 2015 dollars.

Table 6. Social Cost of Carbon (3%)

Year	3% SCC (\$/metric tons) in 2015\$
2025	\$47
2021	\$47
2022	\$48
2023	\$50
2024	\$51
2025	\$52
2026	\$53
2027	\$54
2028	\$55
2029	\$55
2030	\$56
2031	\$58
2032	\$59
2033	\$60
2034	\$61
2035	\$62
2036	\$63
2037	\$64
2038	\$65
2039	\$67
2045	\$68

Source: 2016 TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide; Technical Support Document: Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis under Executive Order 12866 (May 2013; revised July 2015), page 17, Table A1 “Annual SCC Values: 2010-2050 (2007\$/metric ton CO₂).

Note: The 2016 Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide converts the social cost of carbon (SCC) into 2015 dollars.

Table 14. Emissions Cost Benefits/Disbenefits

t	Calendar Year	Emissions Reduction Savings	PV of Emissions Reduction Savings (3%) [C/(1+3%)^t]	PV of Emissions Reduction Savings (7%) [C/(1+7%)^t]
0	2016	\$0	\$0	\$0
1	2017	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	2018	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	2019	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	2020	\$84,433	\$75,017	\$64,413
5	2021	\$80,204	\$69,184	\$57,184
6	2022	\$76,710	\$64,244	\$51,115
7	2023	\$73,830	\$60,031	\$45,978
8	2024	\$70,132	\$55,363	\$40,818
9	2025	\$66,352	\$50,853	\$36,091
10	2026	\$62,490	\$46,498	\$31,767
11	2027	\$58,546	\$42,295	\$27,815
12	2028	\$54,520	\$38,239	\$24,207
13	2029	\$49,962	\$34,022	\$20,733
14	2030	\$45,813	\$30,288	\$17,767
15	2031	\$41,949	\$26,926	\$15,204
16	2032	\$37,595	\$23,428	\$12,735
17	2033	\$33,159	\$20,062	\$10,497
18	2034	\$28,641	\$16,824	\$8,474
19	2035	\$24,041	\$13,710	\$6,648
20	2036	\$19,359	\$10,719	\$5,003
21	2037	\$14,595	\$7,846	\$3,525
22	2038	\$9,749	\$5,088	\$2,200
23	2039	\$4,860	\$2,463	\$1,025
24	2040	-\$191	-\$94	-\$38
Total Emissions Reduction Savings		\$936,751	\$693,006	\$483,162

Note: Positive values represent savings and positive values represent losses..

Traffic Safety Benefits/Disbenefits

The reduction (or increase) of traffic accidents depends on the reduction (or increase) of vehicle-miles traveled by passenger cars and trucks under the Build Scenario (compared to the No Build). The method to assess safety benefits/disbenefits resulting from the implementation of the I-30 Corridor involves applying the regional fatality, injury and property damage only (PDO) crash rates to the annual changes in VMT and then, estimating the dollar value by using comprehensive cost of motor vehicle crashes by injury level.

This analysis uses the average fatality, injury and PDO crash rates in the state of Arkansas, estimated based on the reported crash statistics for 2013, and the average monetized value of fatalities, injuries and PDO crashes prescribed in the 2016 Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide (see Table 16). The results from this estimation are shown in Table 17.

Table 15. Traffic Fatality and Injury Rates in Arkansas, 2013

	Count	Rate per 1 Million VMT
Million VMT	340.24	
Fatal Crashes	461	1.35
Injury Crashes	17,336	50.95
PDO Crashes	40,652	119.48

Crash counts: Arkansas State Police, Highway Safety Office, "Arkansas 2013 Traffic Crash Statistic"

Arkansas VMT: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, "Highway Statistics, 2013", Table VM-2

Table 16. Average Comprehensive Cost of Motor Vehicle Crashes

Average Monetized Value of Accidents	Value (in 2015\$)	Unit
- Fatal Accident Cost	\$9,600,000	\$/crash
- Accident Cost (Injured Severity Unknown)	\$174,030	\$/crash
- Property Damage Only (PDO) Crash Cost	\$4,198	\$/crash

Source of Fatal Accident Cost: 2016 TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide supplement to the 2016 Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Grant Applicants. *Guidance on Treatment of the Economic Value of a Statistical Life in U.S. Department of Transportation Analyses* (2016).

Source of Injury Accident Cost: estimated based on the KABCO/Unknown - AIS Data Conversion Matrix developed by the NHTSA (July 2011) and provided in the 2016 TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide, page 13 of 20.

Source of PDO Crash Cost: *The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2010*

Table 17. Traffic Accident Cost Benefits/Disbenefits

t	Calendar Year	Crash Reduction Savings	PV of Crash Reduction Savings (3%) [C/(1+3%)^t]	PV of Crash Reduction Savings (7%) [C/(1+7%)^t]
0	2016	\$0	\$0	\$0
1	2017	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	2018	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	2019	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	2020	\$351,427	\$312,238	\$268,102
5	2021	\$333,813	\$287,950	\$238,004
6	2022	\$316,199	\$264,812	\$210,697
7	2023	\$298,585	\$242,777	\$185,944
8	2024	\$280,971	\$221,801	\$163,528
9	2025	\$263,358	\$201,842	\$143,249
10	2026	\$245,744	\$182,856	\$124,924
11	2027	\$228,130	\$164,806	\$108,383
12	2028	\$210,516	\$147,652	\$93,472
13	2029	\$192,902	\$131,357	\$80,048
14	2030	\$175,288	\$115,886	\$67,980
15	2031	\$157,674	\$101,205	\$57,148
16	2032	\$140,061	\$87,281	\$47,443
17	2033	\$122,447	\$74,082	\$38,764
18	2034	\$104,833	\$61,578	\$31,016
19	2035	\$87,219	\$49,740	\$24,117
20	2036	\$69,605	\$38,539	\$17,987
21	2037	\$51,991	\$27,948	\$12,557
22	2038	\$34,377	\$17,941	\$7,759
23	2039	\$16,764	\$8,494	\$3,536
24	2040	-\$850	-\$418	-\$168
	Total Crash Reduction Savings	\$3,681,055	\$2,740,368	\$1,924,490

Note: Positive values represent savings and negative values represent losses

Total Monetized Benefits

Table 18 summarizes the monetized benefits (undiscounted and discounted) for each benefit category.

Table 18. Total Monetized Benefits by Benefit Category

Benefit Category	Savings	In 2015\$	Discounted at 3%	Discounted at 7%
A. State of Good Repair (SOGR)	Pavement Maintenance Cost	\$368,000,075	\$247,237,507	\$155,040,781
B. Economic Competitiveness	Travel Time Costs	\$1,318,531,899	\$957,843,150	\$656,154,034
	Vehicle Operating Costs	\$3,707,315	\$2,759,709	\$1,937,928
C. Sustainability	Social Cost of Emissions	\$936,751	\$693,006	\$483,162
D. Safety	Motor Vehicle Crashes	\$3,681,055	\$2,740,368	\$1,924,490
Total Benefits (B)		\$1,694,857,096	\$1,221,273,739	\$815,540,395

Project Life Cycle Cost Analysis

The cost of the I-30 Project consist of capital expenditures, including design, land acquisition and construction, as well as operation and maintenance (O&M). The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) provided capital cost estimates (in 2015 dollars). The project is expected to require \$650 million (in 2015 dollars) in capital expenditures, over four years with expected completion in 2021.

The cost of average cost maintenance for Arkansas (based on FHWA Highway Statistics) is around \$3,614 per lane-mile annually. This analysis uses this value to estimate the annual O&M cost of net increase of 89 lane miles. Annual O&M expenditures are estimated assuming O&M costs start in 2022.

Table 19 presents the life cycle cost of the project.

Table 19. I-30 Corridor Project - Life Cycle Cost Analysis

Calendar Year	Initial Capital Cost	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Total Life Cycle Costs	PV of Life Cycle Costs (3%) [E/(1+3%)^A]	PV of Life Cycle Costs (7%) [E/(1+7%)^A]
2016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018	\$162,500,000	\$0	\$162,500,000	\$153,171,835	\$141,933,793
2019	\$162,500,000	\$0	\$162,500,000	\$148,710,520	\$132,648,405
2020	\$162,500,000	\$0	\$162,500,000	\$144,379,145	\$123,970,472
2021	\$162,500,000	\$0	\$162,500,000	\$140,173,927	\$115,860,254
2022	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$269,395	\$214,343
2023	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$261,548	\$200,321
2024	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$253,930	\$187,216
2025	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$246,534	\$174,968
2026	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$239,354	\$163,521
2027	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$232,382	\$152,824
2028	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$225,614	\$142,826
2029	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$219,043	\$133,482
2030	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$212,663	\$124,750
2031	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$206,469	\$116,589
2032	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$200,455	\$108,961
2033	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$194,617	\$101,833
2034	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$188,948	\$95,171
2035	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$183,445	\$88,945
2036	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$178,102	\$83,126
2037	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$172,914	\$77,688
2038	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$167,878	\$72,605
2039	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$162,988	\$67,856
2040	\$0	\$321,672	\$321,672	\$158,241	\$63,416
Total State of Good Repair Savings	\$650,000,000	\$6,111,759	\$656,111,759	\$590,409,948	\$516,783,366

Summary of Benefit-Cost Results

This memorandum describes the methodology used for conducting benefit-costs analysis (BCA) for the proposed I-30 Corridor. The analysis quantifies the economic benefits of the project in terms of reduced pavement maintenance costs, savings in travel time costs and vehicle operating costs, and avoided noise pollution, emission damages and traffic accident costs.

Table 20 summarizes the BCA findings. Annual costs and benefits are computed over the lifecycle of the project (20 years). As stated earlier, construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2021 and benefits to be accrued during the full operation of the project. The project

has a benefit-cost ratio of 2.1 at a real discount rate of 3 percent and 1.6 at a real discount rate of 7 percent. The Net Present Value (NPV) of the project is \$620.9 million at 3 percent and \$298.8 million at 7 percent over the assumed 20-year project life, from 2020 to 2040. These findings demonstrate that there are significant long-term economic benefits associated with the Project, and is regionally an important project.

Table 20. Summary of Benefit-Cost Analysis of I-30 Corridor Project

	Discount rate	
	7%	3%
Benefits		
Reduction in Value of Time Costs	\$ 656,154,034	\$ 957,843,150
Reduction in Non-Fuel Vehicle Operating Costs	\$ 800,623	\$ 1,140,167
Reduction in Fuel Vehicle Operating Costs	\$ 1,137,305	\$ 1,619,543
Reduction in Safety Costs	\$ 1,924,490	\$ 2,740,368
Reduction in Emissions Costs	\$ 483,162	\$ 693,006
Reduction in Logistics Costs	\$ (2,846)	\$ (4,200)
Reduction in Repair Costs	\$ 155,040,781	\$ 247,237,507
Total Benefits	\$ 815,537,548	\$ 1,211,269,539
Costs		
Construction Costs	\$ 514,412,924	\$ 586,435,428
Maintenance and Operations Costs	\$ 2,370,441	\$ 3,974,520
Total Costs	\$ 516,783,366	\$ 590,409,948
Benefits vs. Costs		
Net Present Value of Benefits	\$ 298,754,182	\$ 620,859,591
Benefit-Cost Ratio	1.6	2.1

Economic Impact Analysis

The transportation costs savings and increased public expenditures are expected to have a positive impact on the regional and state economies in terms of increases in the number of jobs, income and overall gross state product.

The expenditure of public sector dollars is expected to create short-term jobs in the development and construction phases and maintenance of the I-30 Corridor Project (see Table

21). The benefit of increase in the job-years as a result of the Project during development and construction was computed as a product of the undiscounted project cost and the value on government dollars spent to create a single job-year (i.e., \$76,900 in 2015\$).

In terms of long-term impacts, the "out-of-pocket" travel time changes for business trips and truck trips and the vehicle operating costs changes for all trips were entered in a regional IMPLAN economic model. The model estimates the direct, indirect and induced impacts arising from changes in regional transportation costs. The results of this analysis are displayed in Table 22. It is estimated that the improvements in the I-30 corridor will support significant long-term economic impacts, averaging 369 jobs, \$17.1 million in income and \$51 million in GSP annually. These benefits are not counted in the B/C calculation.

Table 71. Construction Spending Job Creation Benefits

Job Creation	Value
Increase in Short-Term Job-Years due to Project during Development and Construction	8,540 Job-Years

Table 22. Long-term Economic Impact, Average Annual Impacts

Impact Type	Employment	Labor Income	GSP
Direct Effect	93	\$4,803,834	\$13,124,970
Indirect Effect	31	\$1,505,549	\$4,456,011
Induced Effect	245	\$10,788,988	\$33,369,551
Total Effect	369	\$17,098,371	\$50,950,532

Source: CS calculations using IMPLAN