

# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



## Arkansas State Highway Commission



# AHTD Facts:

- 16,416 miles
- 12<sup>th</sup> largest system in the country
- 3,600 employees – 500 fewer than 20 years ago
- 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest administrative cost in country





# AHTD Involvement with Parks & Tourism

- Dates back to 1937
- Signage – our most obvious partnership





# State Park Signs







# 'Attractions' Logo Signs





# Tourist Destination Signs





# Natural State Golf Trail



# Heritage Trail















Arkansas  
THE NATURAL STATE



# AHTD Involvement with AEDC

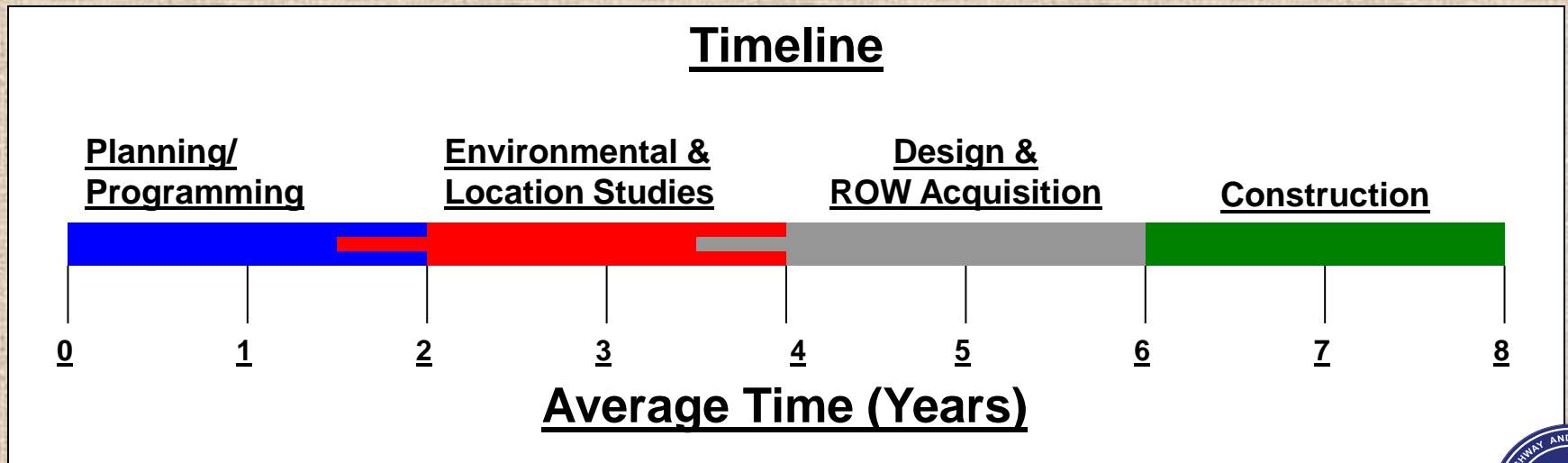
- Partnerships not as obvious
- Timing is often difficult





# Project Development Timeline

- Planning / Programming – 24 Months
- Environmental & Location Studies – 30 Months
- Final Design & ROW Acquisition – 24 Months
- Construction – 24 Months













## ***Mission Statement:***



***“To provide a safe, efficient, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for the user”***



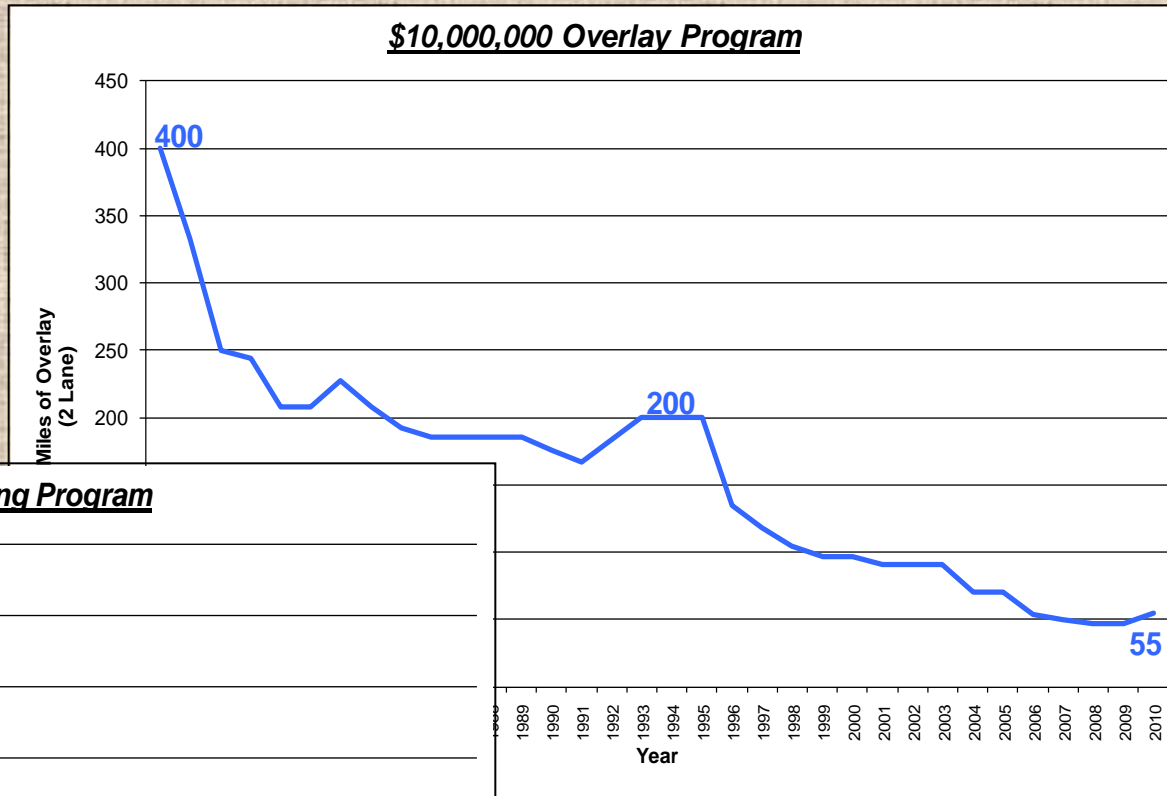
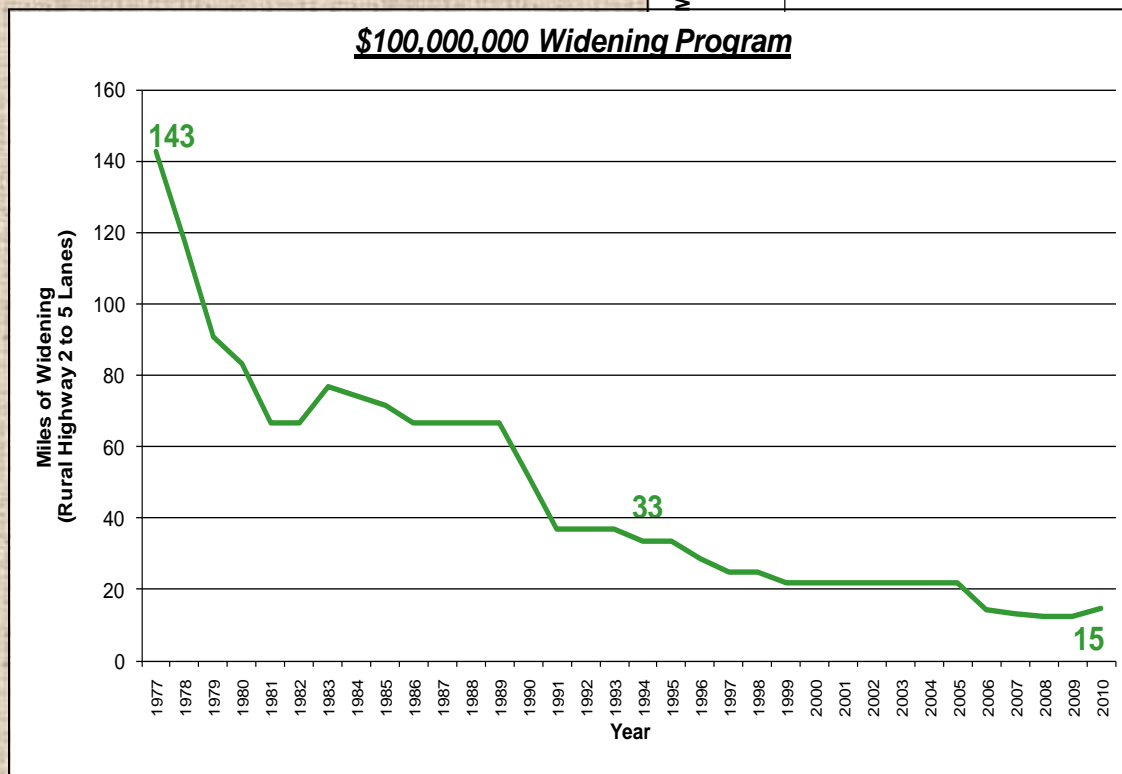
# Challenges

- **12<sup>th</sup> in system size / 43<sup>rd</sup> in revenue**
- **Flawed funding system**
- **Impact of inflation**





# Purchasing Power Collapse





# Challenges

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- Flawed funding system
- Impact of inflation
- Lack of 4-lane grid system
- Meeting expectations





***“Difficulties mastered are  
opportunities won”***

**- Winston Churchill**





# 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program





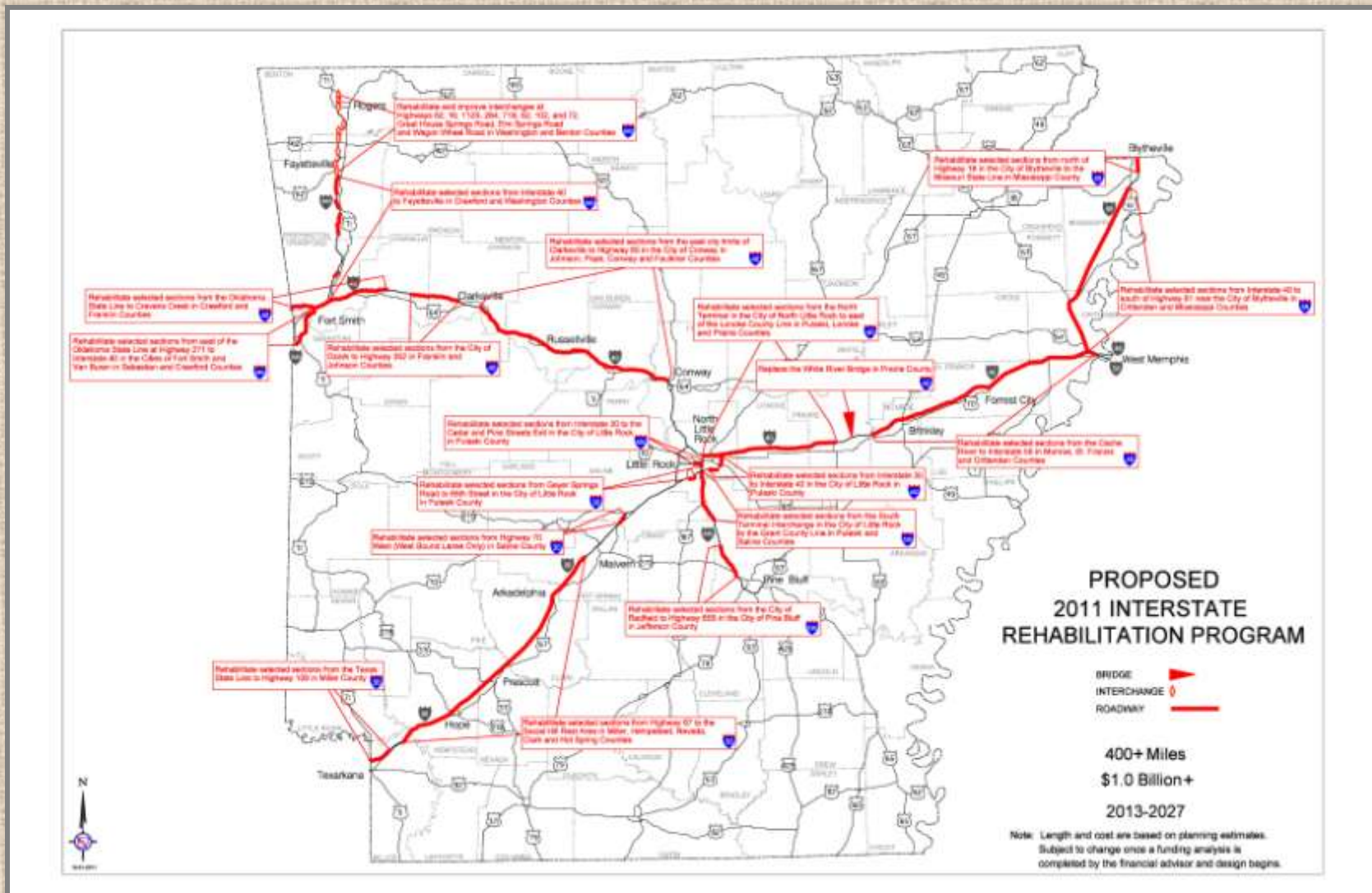
# Timeline

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|-----------------------|--|
| April 2011            | RFPs for design consultants            |
| November 2011         | Proposal approved by voters            |
| November 2011         | Contract signed with Financial Advisor |
| December 2011         | Agreements signed with 10 design firms |
| Late 2012 (tentative) | Issue bonds and let first contracts    |



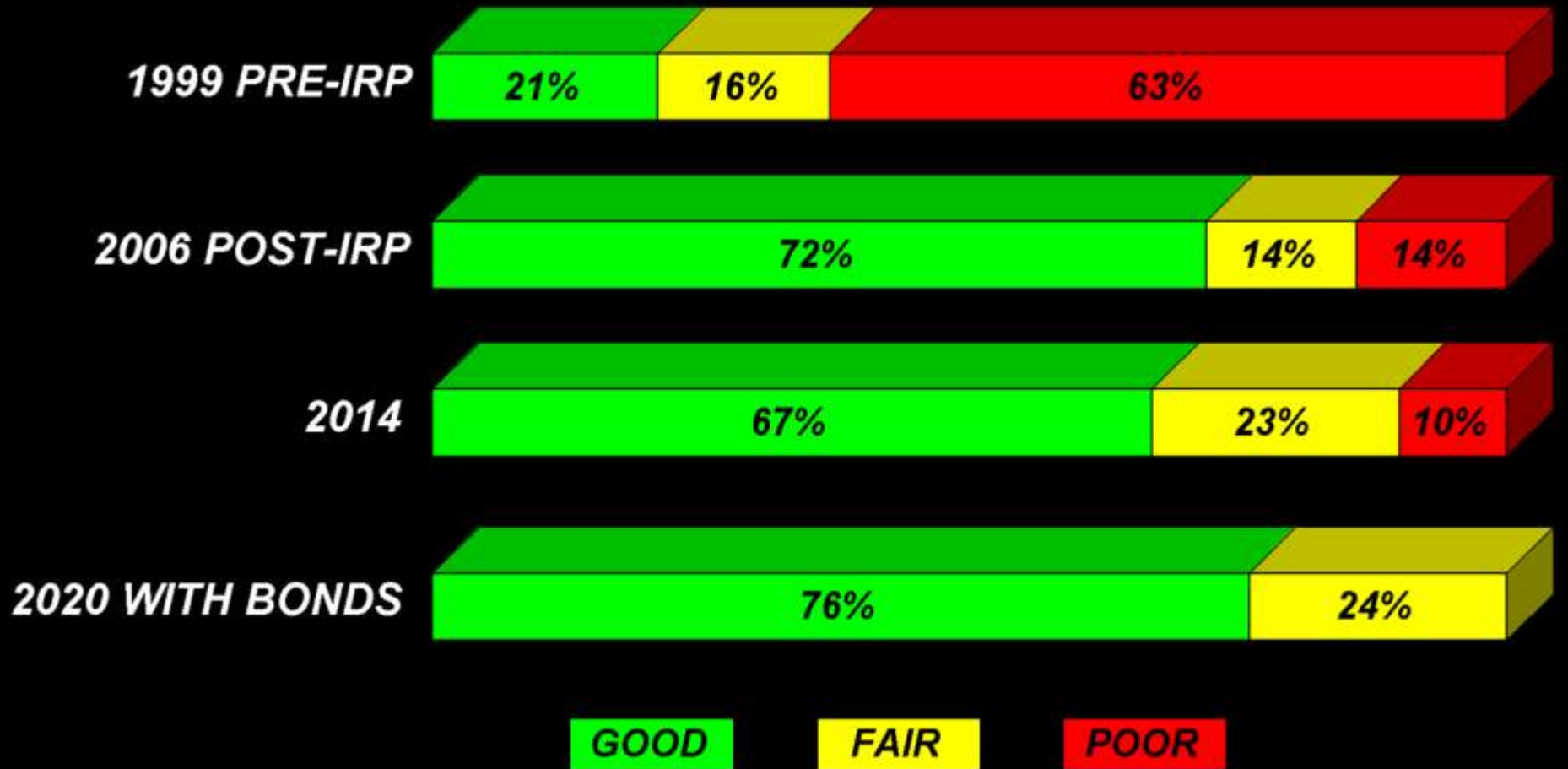


# 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program Map





# INTERSTATE CONDITION





# Temporary One-half Percent Sales Tax Increase for Four-lane Highways





# Temporary 0.5% Sales Tax (Issue #1)

- November 6, 2012 election ballot
- Temporary Increase
- \$230m annually (\$160m/\$35m/\$35m)
- State Aid Street Fund for City Streets



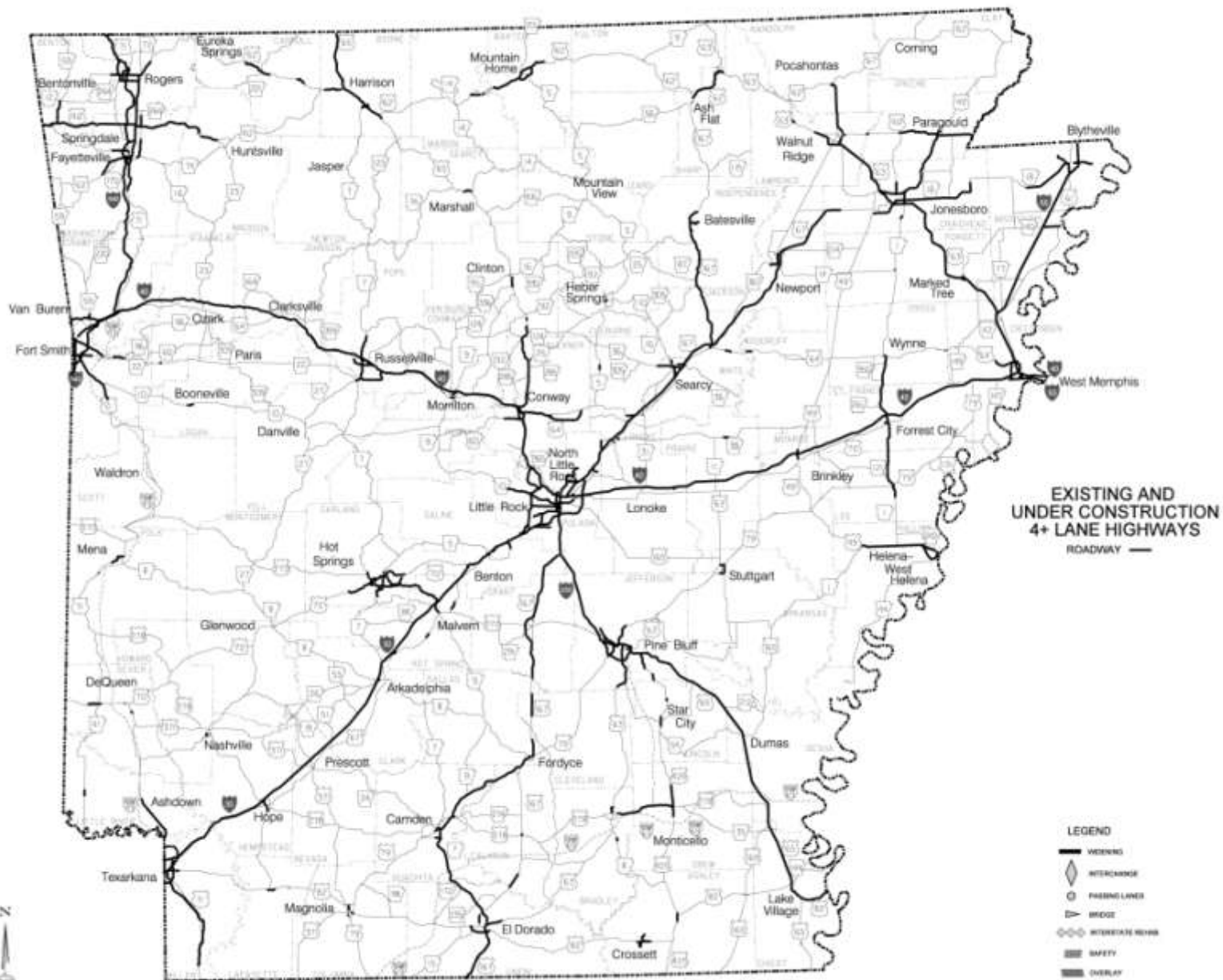


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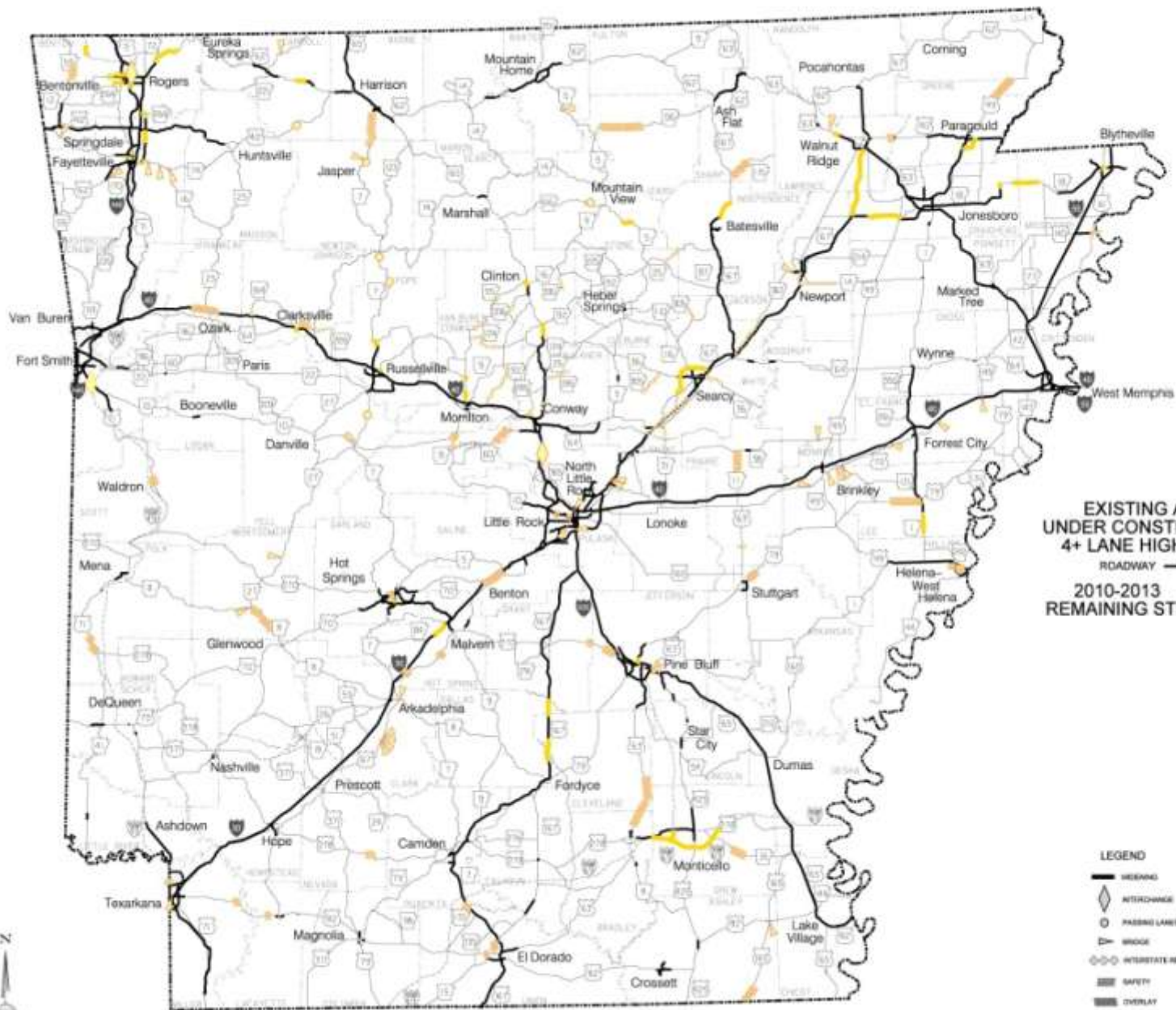
- **Bond debt retired over 10 years**
- **\$1.3 Billion in general obligation bonds**
- **Tax expires when the bonds are retired**
- **Four-lane highways**
- **\$1.8 Billion total program**









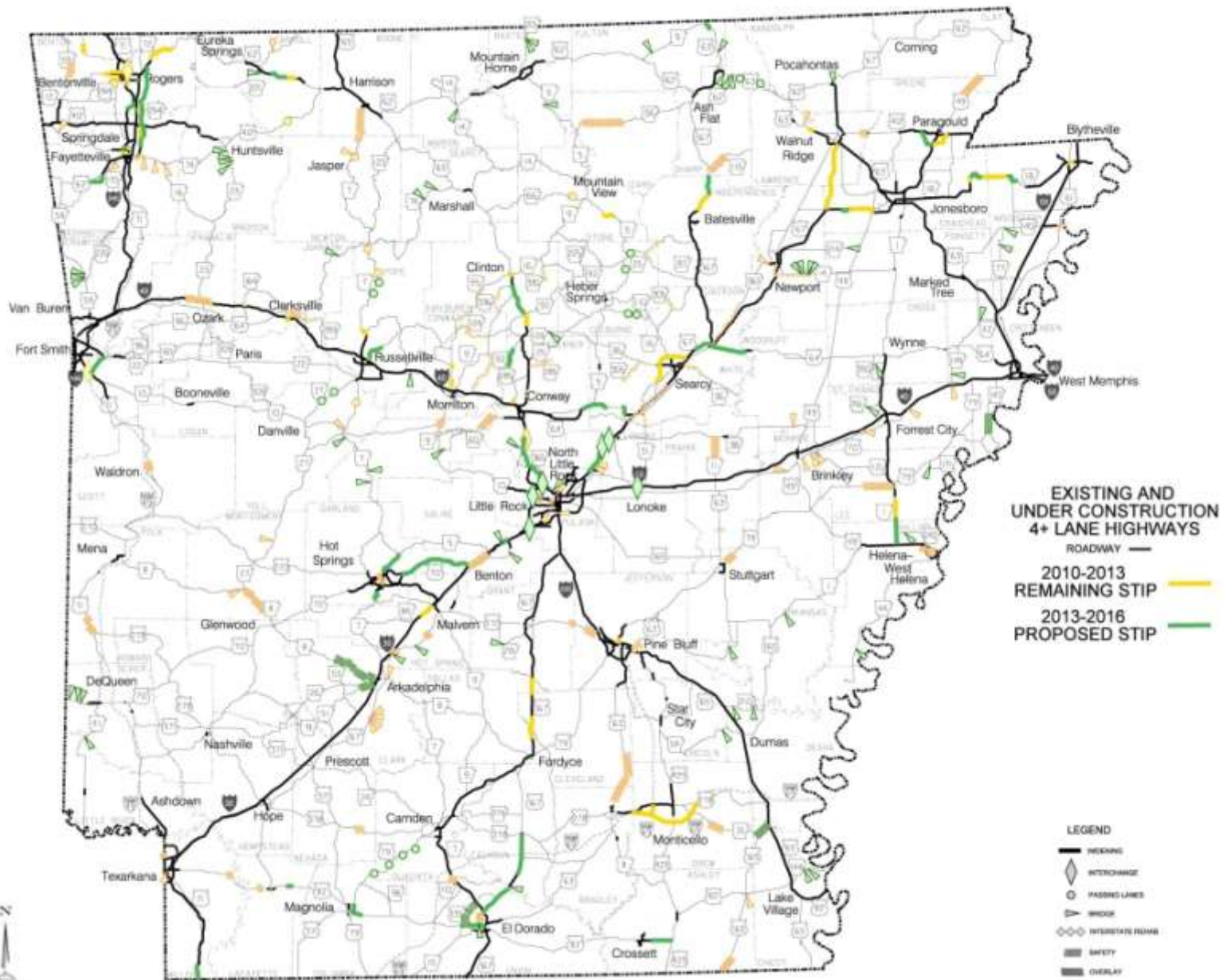


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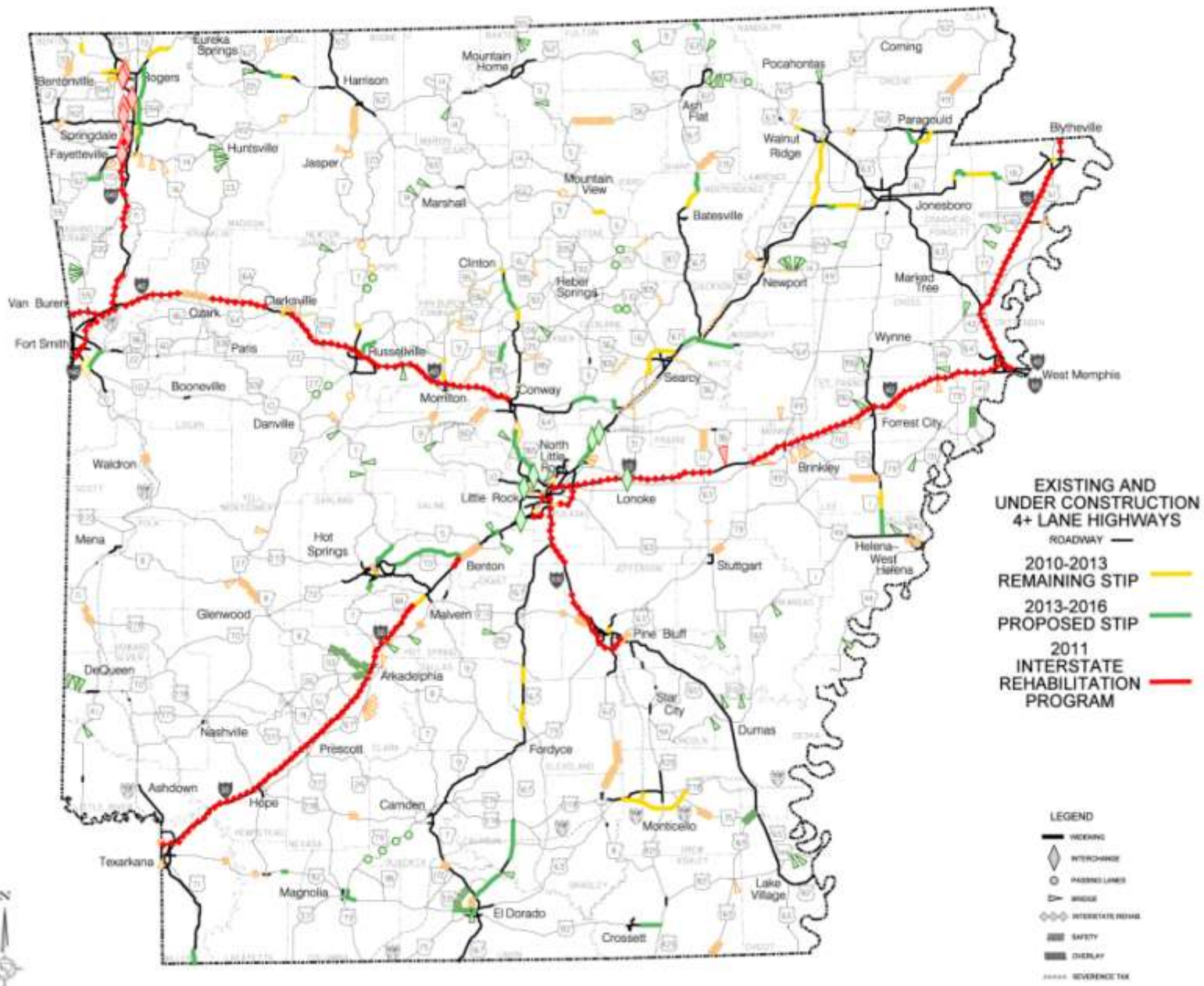
**LEGEND**

- ROADWAY
- ◇ INTERCHANGE
- PASSING LANE
- ▴ BRIDGE
- INTERSTATE ROUTE
- ▨ SAFETY
- ▨ OVERLAY
- SEVERANCE TAX

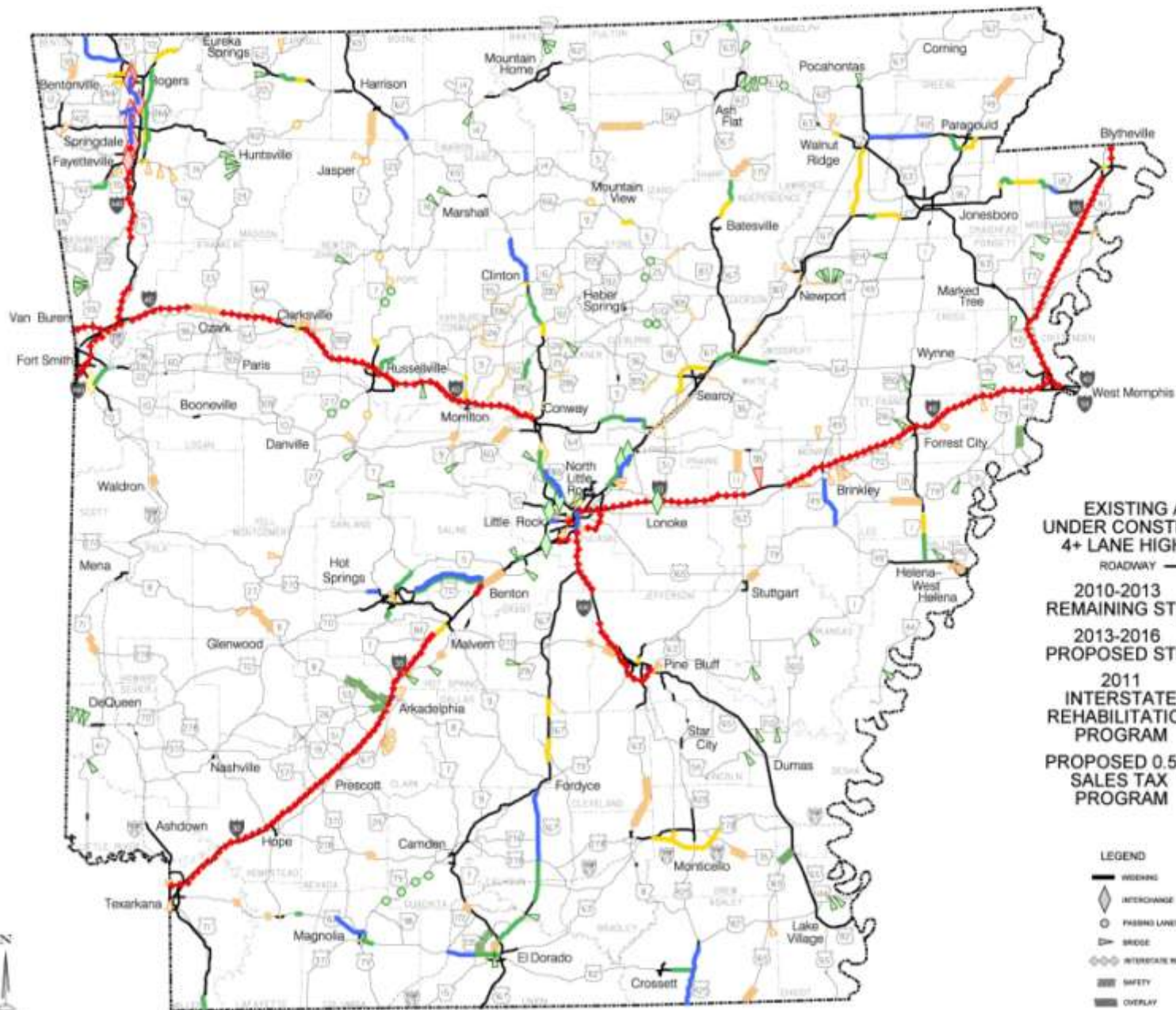












**EXISTING AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION 4+ LANE HIGHWAYS**

- ROADWAY —
- 2010-2013 REMAINING STIP —
- 2013-2016 PROPOSED STIP —
- 2011 INTERSTATE REHABILITATION PROGRAM —
- PROPOSED 0.5% SALES TAX PROGRAM —

**LEGEND**

- WIDENING
- INTERCHANGE
- PAVING LANES
- BRIDGE
- INTERSTATE RAMP
- SAFETY
- OVERLAY
- SEVERANCE TAX



# **Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax**

- **Completion of widening I-540 to six lanes between Fayetteville and Bentonville;**
- **Completion of the initial two lanes of the ultimate four lanes of the Bella Vista Bypass (Future I-49);**
- **Beginning the four-lane construction of the U.S. Highway 412 Bypass (Springdale) from I-540 westward to XNA Connector;**



# **Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax**

- **Completion of widening I-40 to six lanes between Conway and North Little Rock;**
- **Completion of widening U.S. Highway 67 to six lanes from Jacksonville to Cabot;**
- **Improvements to I-30 connecting Little Rock and North Little Rock, including widening Arkansas River bridge;**



# **Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax**

- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 64 to four lanes between Conway and Beebe;**
- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 70 to four lanes between I-30 and Hot Springs;**
- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 167 to four lanes between I-530 and El Dorado;**
- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 412 to four lanes between Paragould and Walnut Ridge;**



# **Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax**

- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 425 to four lanes from Hamburg to the Louisiana state line;**
- **Completion of widening Highway 18 to four lanes between Jonesboro and Blytheville;**
- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 65 to four lanes from Clinton northward;**
- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 65 to four lanes from Bellefonte southward;**



# **Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax**

- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 49 to four lanes from Brinkley southward toward Helena-West Helena;**
- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 270 to four lanes from Hot Springs westward;**
- **Beginning the widening of U. S. Highway 82 to four lanes between Texarkana and El Dorado.**



***“Things do not happen.  
Things are made to happen.”***

**- John F. Kennedy**

