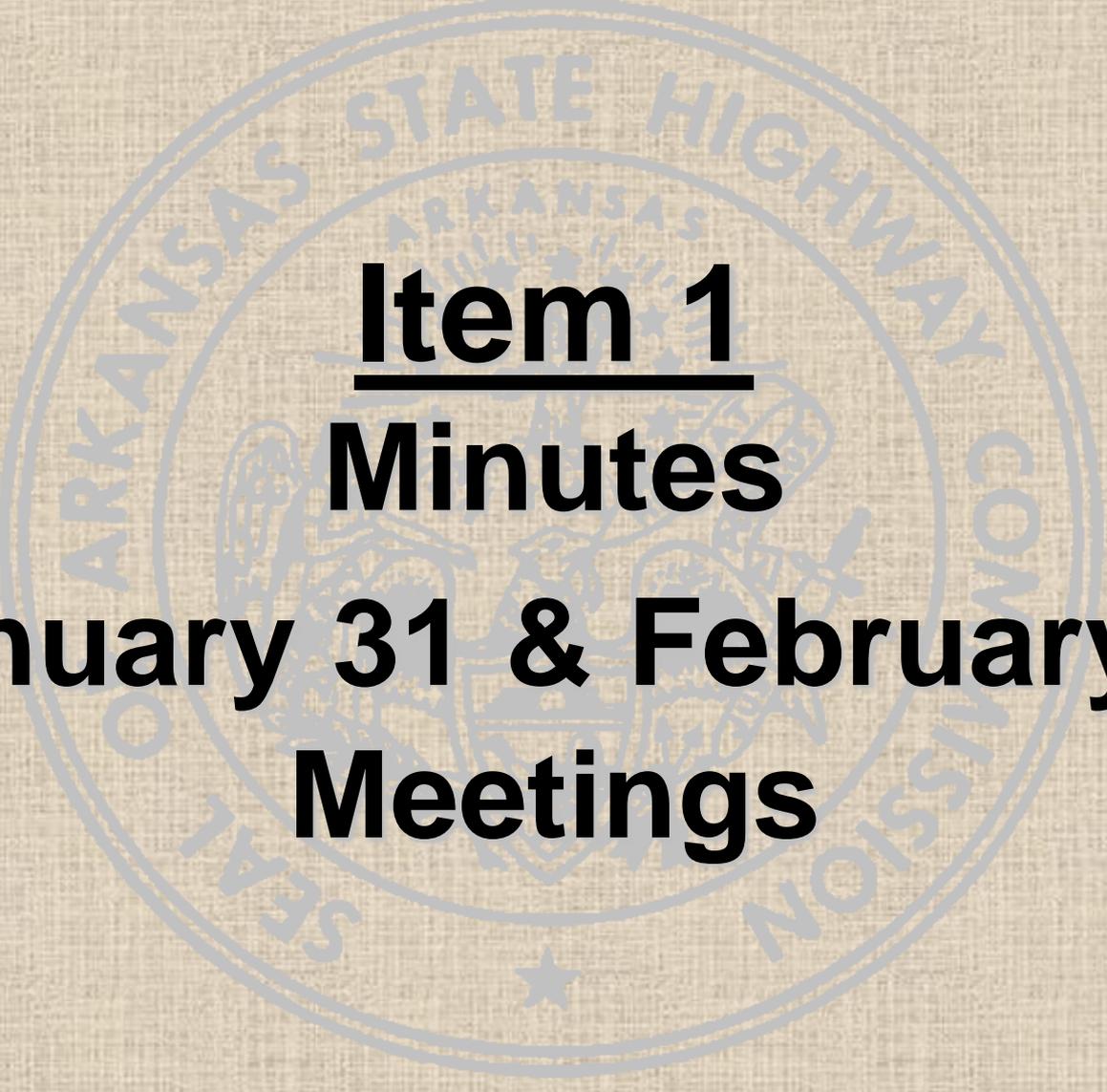




Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

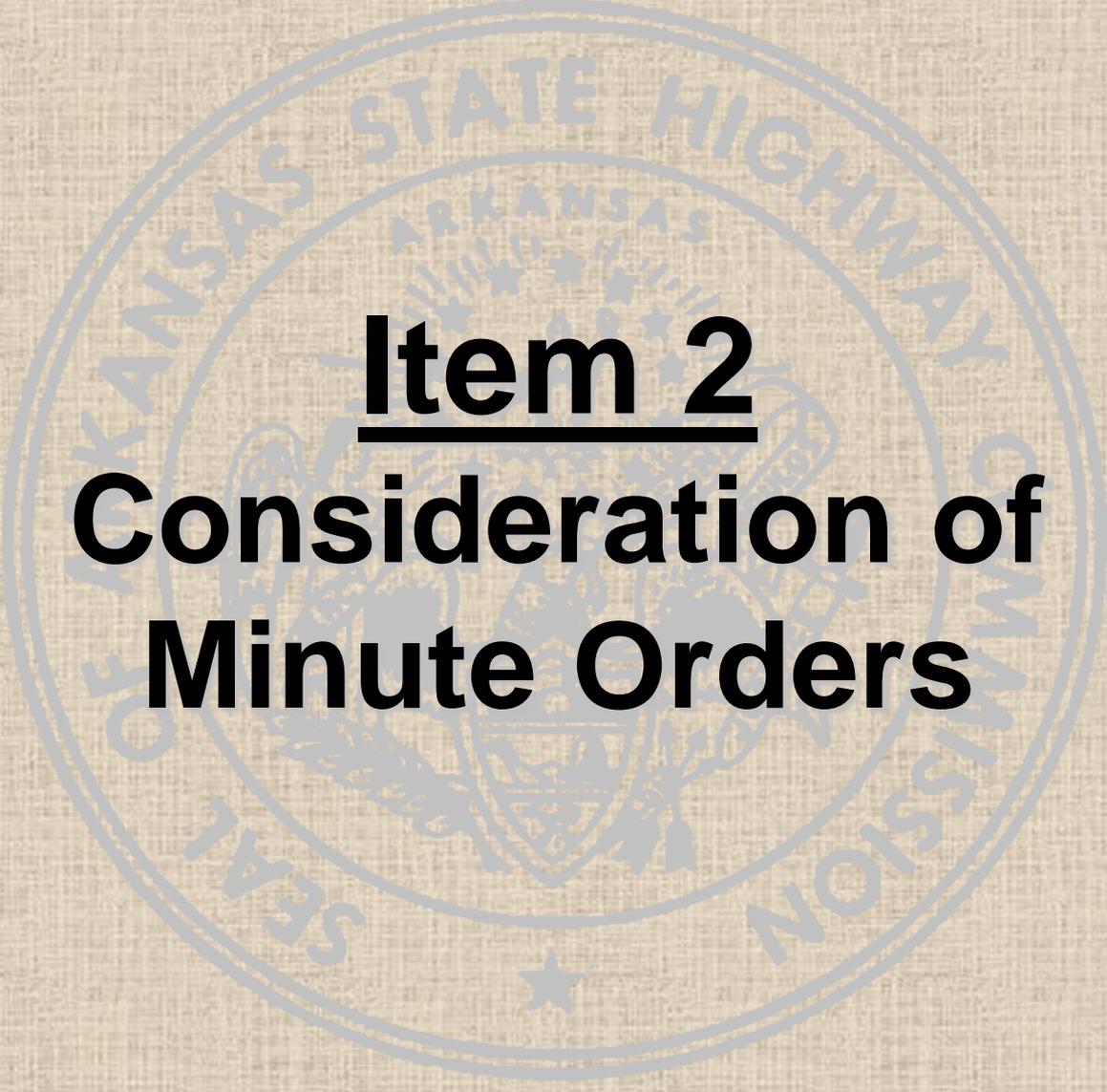
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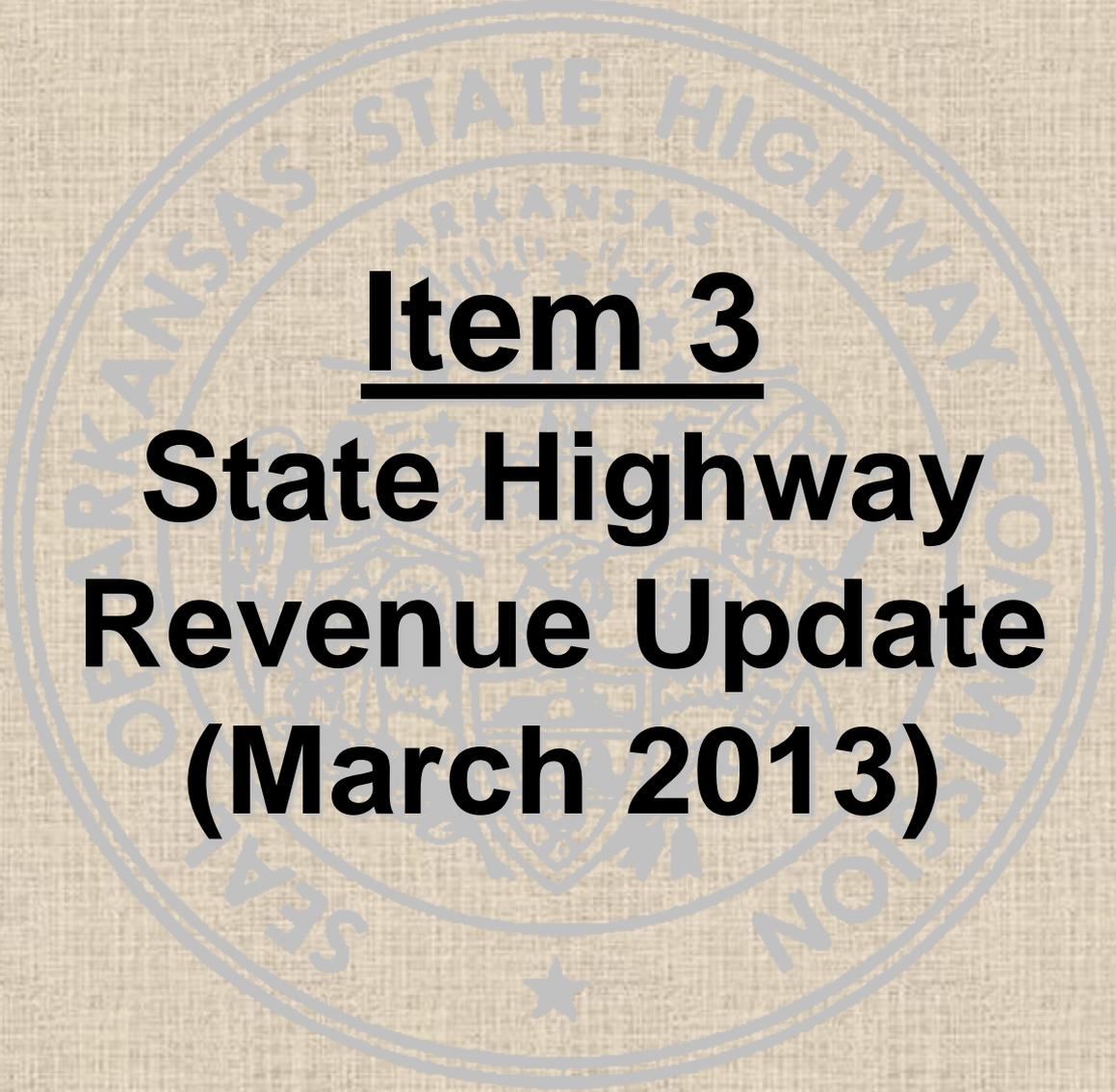
Minutes

January 31 & February 27

Meetings

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**Consideration of
Minute Orders**

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Item 3
**State Highway
Revenue Update
(March 2013)**

Revenues and Consumption

March 2013

REVENUES

Comparison of AHTD State Revenues by Fiscal Year

		FY 2012	FY 2013	Variance	Percent
July - March		(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	Change
	Motor Fuel Taxes	\$214.8	\$202.4	(\$12.4)	-5.8%
	Registration Fees	\$61.3	\$58.8	(\$2.5)	-4.1%
	Permits & Penalties	\$15.0	\$13.6	(\$1.4)	-9.3%
	Other	\$4.0	\$6.0	\$2.0	50.0%
	Total User Revenues	\$295.1	\$280.8	(\$14.3)	-4.9%
	Natural Gas Severance Tax	\$28.3	\$22.6	(\$5.7)	-20.1%
	RRA Interest	\$2.4	\$2.4	\$0.0	0.0%
	Less: Diesel Tax for Bonds	(\$12.5)	(\$12.2)	\$0.3	-2.4%
	Total Revenues Available	\$313.3	\$293.6	(\$19.7)	-6.3%

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget vs. Actual

		Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent
July - March		(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	Variance
	Motor Fuel Taxes	\$207.3	\$202.4	(\$4.9)	-2.4%
	Registration Fees	\$57.7	\$58.8	\$1.1	1.9%
	Permits & Penalties	\$14.8	\$13.6	(\$1.2)	-8.1%
	Other	\$4.1	\$6.0	\$1.9	46.3%
	Total User Revenues	\$283.9	\$280.8	(\$3.1)	-1.1%
	Natural Gas Severance Tax	\$19.0	\$22.6	\$3.6	19.0%
	RRA Interest	\$1.8	\$2.4	\$0.6	33.3%
	Less: Diesel Tax for Bonds	(\$12.8)	(\$12.2)	\$0.6	-4.7%
	Total Revenues Available	\$291.9	\$293.6	\$1.7	0.6%

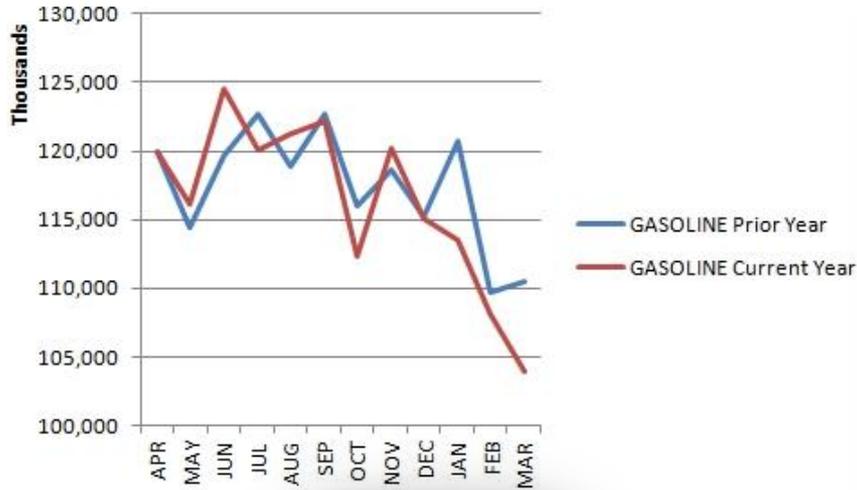
CONSUMPTION

Taxable Motor Fuel Gallons Reported

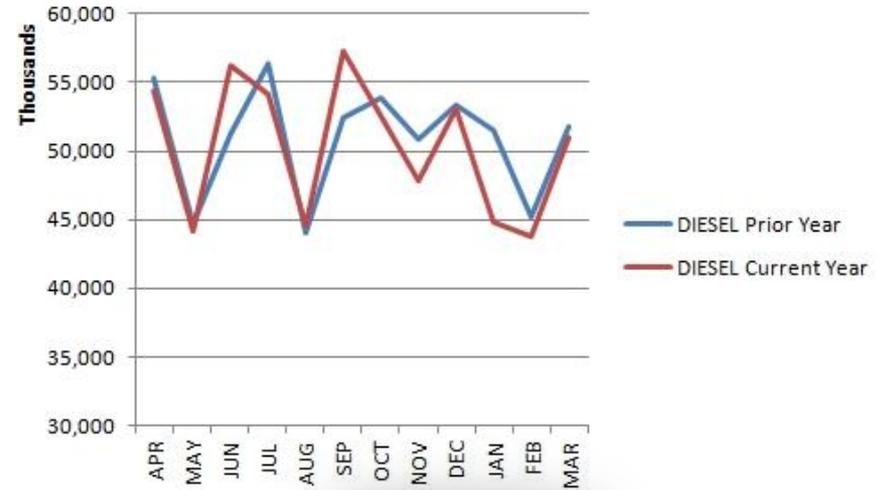
		FY 2012	FY 2013	Difference	Percent
July - March		(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	Change
	Gasoline	1,055.4	1,036.6	-18.8	-1.8%
	Diesel	459.4	448.6	-10.8	-2.4%
	Total	1,514.8	1,485.2	-29.6	-2.0%

Fuel Consumption

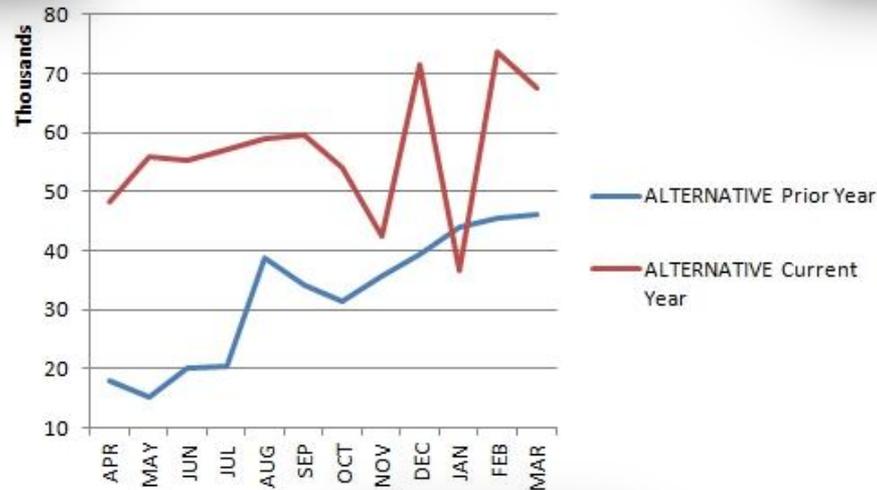
April-March 2013



Gasoline



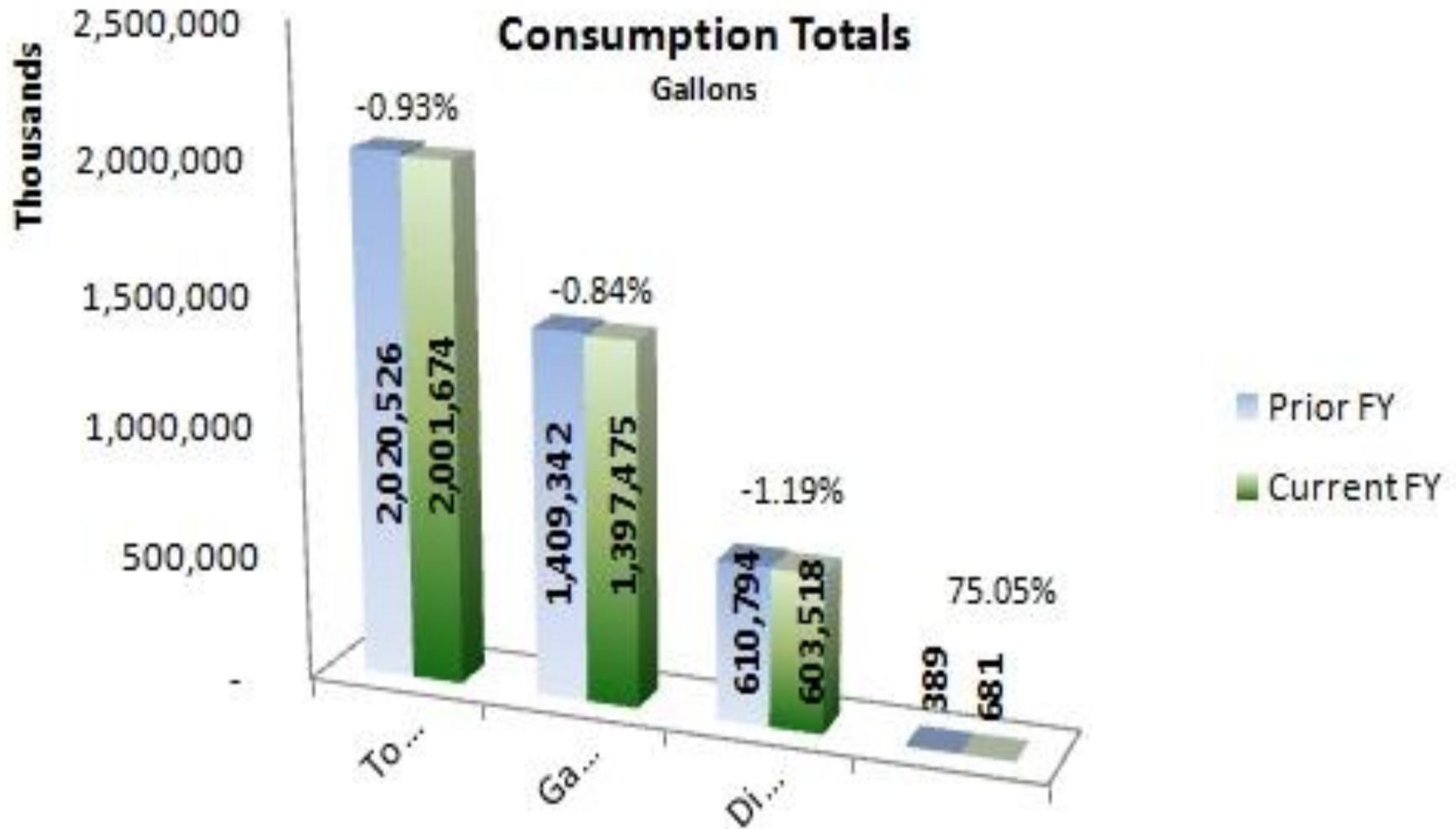
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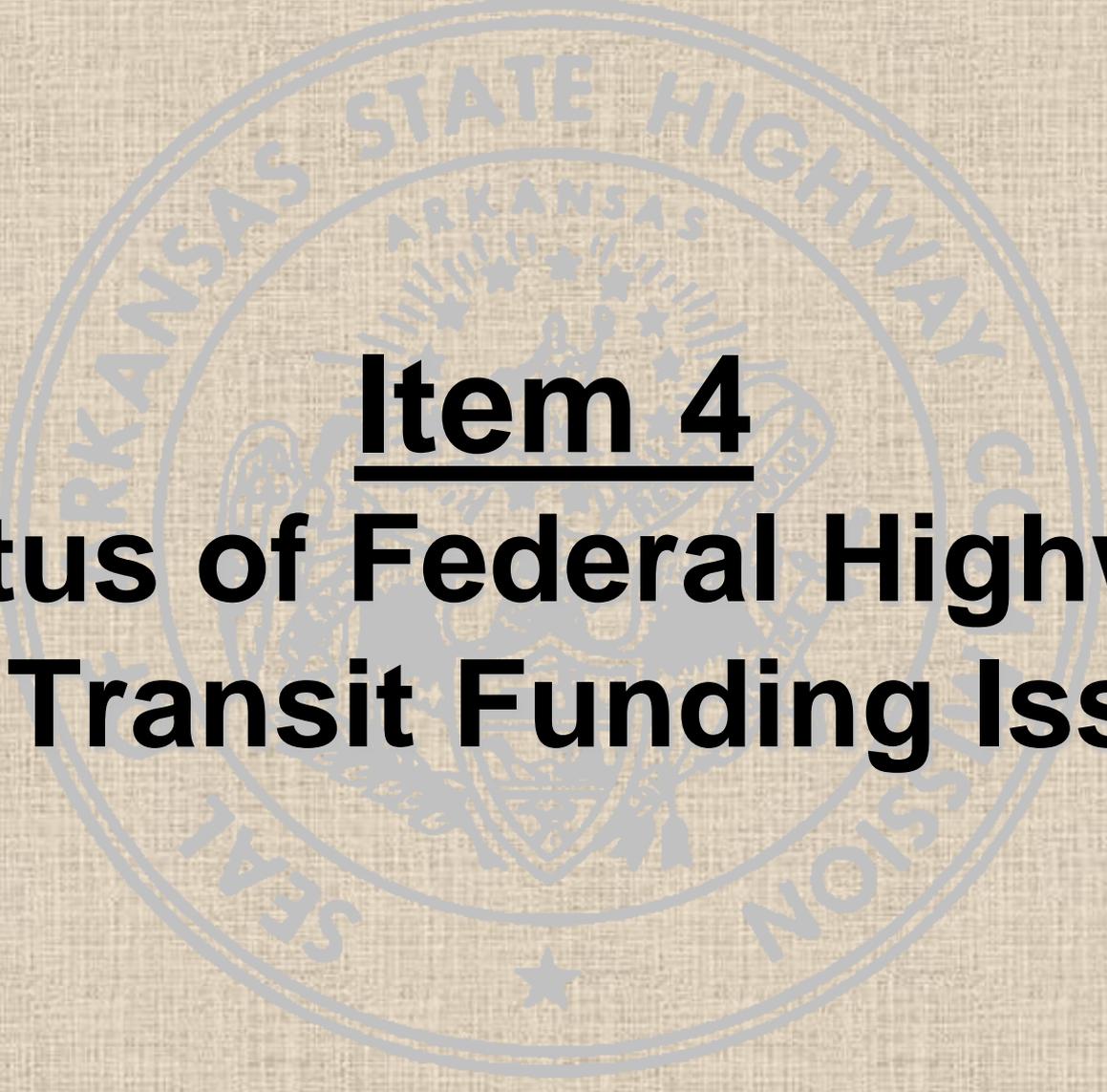


Alternative

Fuel Consumption

Gallons





Item 4

Status of Federal Highway and Transit Funding Issues



Federal Transportation Legislation

- Continuing Resolution
 - Signed by the President March 26, 2013
 - Appropriates Funding for 6 months
 - Expires September 30, 2013



Sequestration

- Federal Highway Programs
- Federal Transit Programs
- Highway Trust Fund



Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposals

- President, Senate, and House Proposals
- Maintain MAP-21 Funding Levels
- Special Funding Programs
- Elimination of Programs



Rebuild America Partnerships

- National Infrastructure Bank (NIB)
- America Fast Forward (AFF) Bonds
- Foreign Investment in Real Property Act (FIRPTA)
- Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)
- Private Activity Bonds (PAB)



TIGER Grants

- Four Previous Funding Cycles
- FFY 2013
 - May – Guidance
 - June – Pre-application
 - July – Application

TIGER Grants Requested vs. Received

Project	Year Applied	Requested (x \$1 Million)	Received (x \$1 Million)
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AHTD Applications

Bella Vista Bypass	2009	145.4	10.0
Highway 71 - Bella Vista Bypass	2010	132.4	0.0
Highway 92 Bridge Replacement	2011	1.5	0.0
Highway 150 Resurfacing	2011	1.8	0.0
Highway 167 Improvements	2011	31.5	0.0
Highway 71 New Location (Future I-49)	2012	6.3	0.0
Highway 92 Bridge Replacement	2012	1.5	0.0
Highway 167 Improvements	2012	27.2	0.0
Totals		347.7	10.0

Other Agency Applications

Razorback Regional Greenway (Benton and Washington Counties)	2010	24.8	15.0
Mississippi River Bridge ITS	2011	9.8	9.8
Sun Belt Regional Short Line Project	2011	21.2	0.0
Mainstreet to Mainstreet Multimodal Connector	2012	14.9	14.9
West Memphis International Rail Port	2012	11.0	11.0
Totals		56.9	35.7

Grand Totals	404.6	45.7
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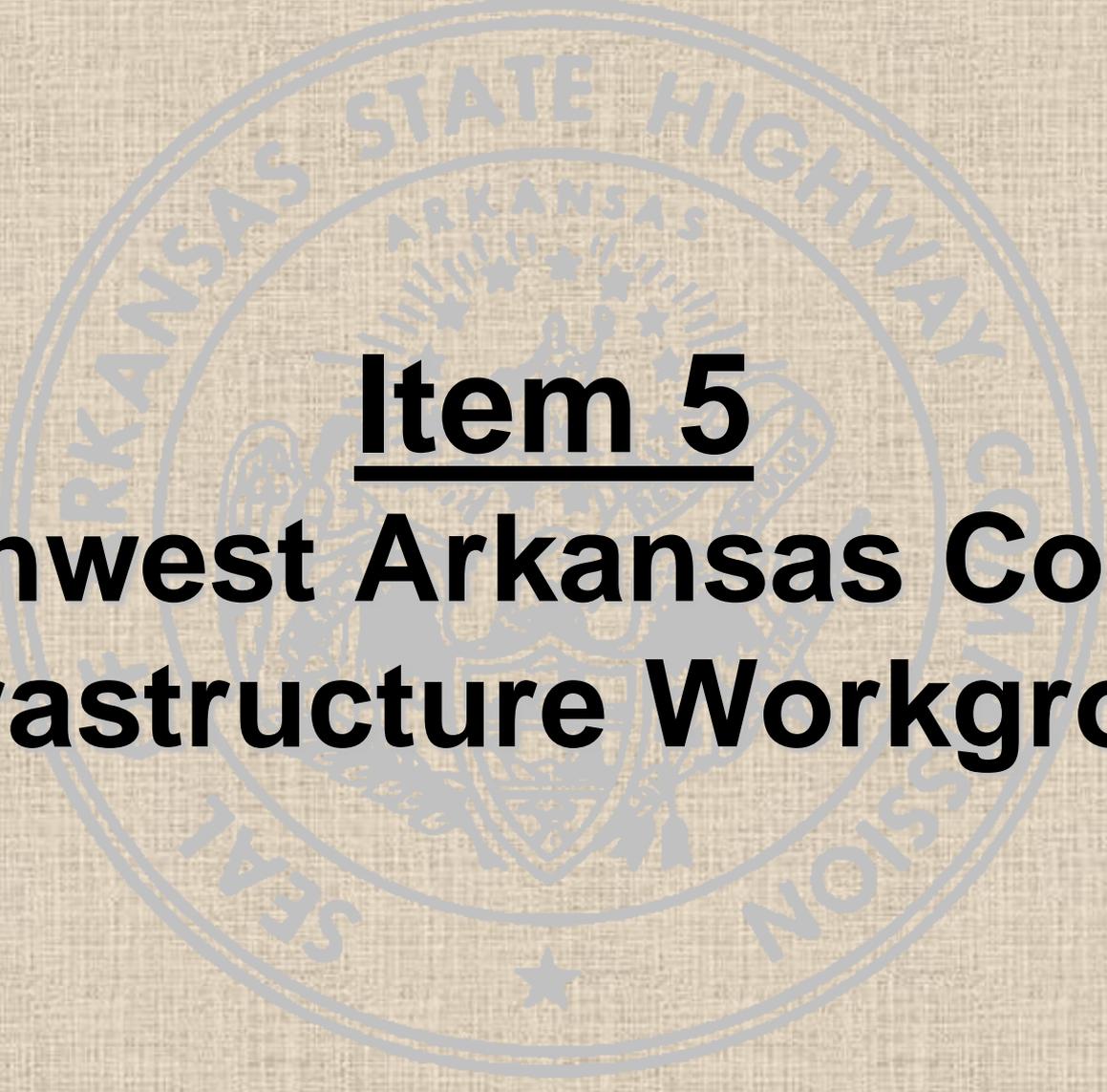


Other Proposed Federal Legislation

Senate Bill 387

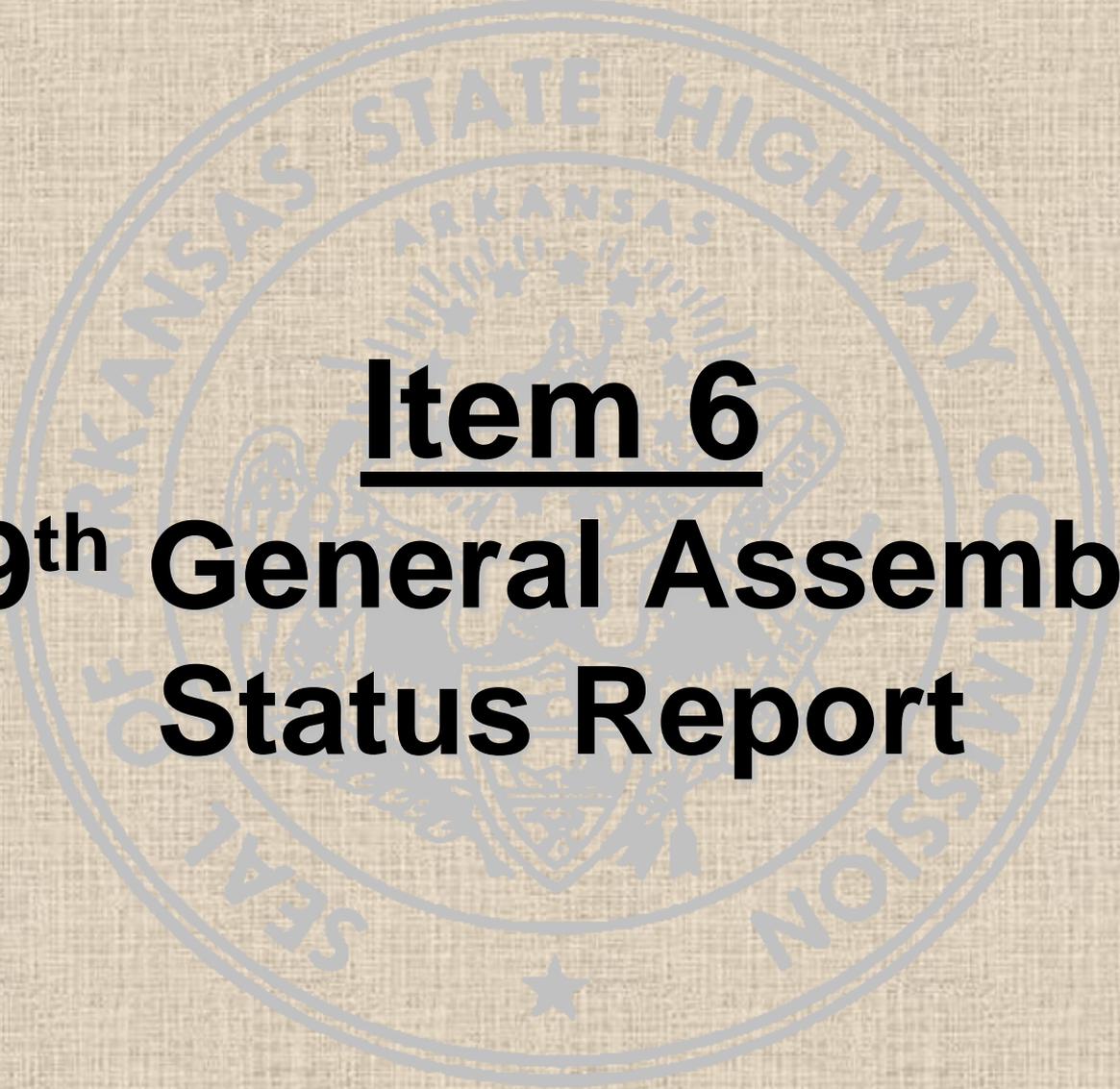
The American Infrastructure Investment Fund Act

- American Infrastructure Investment Fund (similar to TIFIA)
- National Infrastructure Investment Grant Program (similar to TIGER)

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Item 5

**Northwest Arkansas Council
Infrastructure Workgroup**

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Item 6
89th General Assembly
Status Report

89th General Assembly

- **AHTD Appropriations (Act 222)**
 - For Fiscal 2013-2014 operations
- **Definition of “State Highway Employee” (Act 543)**
 - Current law (death benefits) only cover employees engaged in “maintenance, construction, or traffic operations”
- **Disposal of State Highway Right of Way (Act 764)**
 - Allows transfer of right of way to local jurisdiction if highway is transferred
 - Allows cost of improvements to be considered when disposing of property

89th General Assembly

- **“Move Over” Law (Act 579)**
 - Current law applies to emergency vehicles using flashing lights
 - Revision needed to include vehicles owned by AHTD, our contractors, and utility companies
- **Design-Build (Act 541)**
 - Current law allows for design-build on two projects of at least \$50M – expires this year
 - Revisions extend law for 10 years, relate it to CAP projects

89th General Assembly

- **Codification of Amendment 91 (Act 1010)**
 - Funding for State Aid for City Streets Program
- **Use of Scooters Within State Parks (Act 578)**
 - “Scooter” not previously defined; considered motor vehicle; subject to motor vehicle laws on highways
 - Parks and Tourism given authority to regulate use of scooters within State Parks
- **Public-Private Partnerships (HB 1251)**
 - Enabling legislation
 - Passed House – Failed in Senate Committee

89th General Assembly

- **Authority to Continue to Assess Fees (Act ____)**
 - Act 1159 of 2011 required specific statutory authority for State agencies to continue to assess fees for permits, etc.
 - Assures that AHTD can continue to collect fees (Logos, billboards, roadway maintenance assessments, etc.)
- **Uniform Commercial Driver License Act (Act 758)**
 - Technical Amendments to existing CDL law to comply with Federal law
 - Failure to comply would have resulted in loss of \$17M in first year and \$33M in second year (Federal funds)

89th General Assembly

- **Revenue Loss from Sales Tax Exemption on Trucks and Semi-Trailers (Act 1176)**
 - Registration fee increase on trucks; replaces lost revenue and includes commercial vehicle safety program
 - SB 438 would transfer to General Revenue (not run)
 - SB 876 and HB 2026 would repeal exemption (not run)
- **Equivalent Tax Rate for Alternative Fuels (SB 1075)**
 - Would phase in rate increases for CNG, LPG
 - Passed Senate; Failed in House – twice!

89th General Assembly

- **Bonding for Cities and Counties (Act 1241)**

- Allows use of 0.5% Sales Tax turnback for repayment of bonds

- **Retirement System Legislation**

- Adds Director to Retirement Board (Act 73)
- Prorates healthcare offset benefit based on a member's service time with reciprocal systems (Act 309)
- Allows policy separating employees from employment once lump-sum service payment is made (Act 310)
- Would allow members to purchase refunded service in a method not actuarially equivalent to the plan (HB 1228); Department opposed; bill not run

89th General Assembly

- **Duit Construction v. AHTD**

- Contract claim for \$6.5 million – from I-30 widening jobs in early 2000s
- Denied and dismissed by Claims Commission
- Appealed to Legislative Claims Subcommittee – referred back to Claims Commission
- Denied and dismissed by Claims Commission
- Appealed to Legislative Claims Subcommittee
- Claims Commission decision upheld

89th General Assembly

- **Dedication of Road User Revenue for Highways, Roads, and Streets (HB 1418 and HJR 1008)**
 - “Trigger” based on sales and use tax revenue
 - Dedication phased in over 10 years
 - Protect Educational Excellence and Educational Adequacy Trust Funds
 - With revenue projections, no other State agency would lose funds
 - HB 1418 failed in Committee; HJR 1008 heard, not recognized

89th General Assembly

- **Additions to Rock 'n' Roll Highway (Act 26)**
 - Highway 67
 - Adds White County to existing statute that covers Jackson, Lawrence and Randolph Counties
- **Additions to Scenic Highways (Act 714)**
 - Highway 90 from Pocahontas to Ravenden
 - Highway 93 from Highway 90 to Dalton

89th General Assembly

- **Awarding Service Pistol and/or Shotgun to AHP Officers (Act 307)**
 - Amends existing law to include awarding of shotgun and award of weapon to spouse if officer deceased
 - Permissive language
- **Increasing Lawful Length of Semitrailers (Act 1092)**
 - Allows 57' by permit; no increase in allowable weights
- **Increasing Weight Limit for Hauling Animal Feed (Act 1267)**
 - Allows 85,000 pounds by permit

89th General Assembly

- **Naming of Public Facilities (Act 1225)**

- Prohibits naming building, structure, or facility paid for with public funds from being named for person who, in 10 years preceding construction, was elected to a salaried federal, state, county or municipal office
- Does not apply to former prisoner of war or to person who is 75 years old and retired
- Does not apply to facility paid for with at least 50% private funds
- Does not define “structure” or “facility”

89th General Assembly

- **Eminent Domain (Act 502)**

- Adds cost of attorney fees and other fees to cost of ROW when AHTD makes acquisition through eminent domain
- Will result in fewer negotiations, higher cost for ROW

- **Shared Leave Program (Act 997)**

- Allows donation of sick or annual leave to another employee who is seriously ill or has immediate family member who is seriously ill
- Will require revision of AHTD Personnel Manual

89th General Assembly

- **Distribution of State Agency Publications (Act 501)**
 - Requires electronic distribution
 - Upon request, agency may print black-and-white copy; reporting required
 - Exception for *Arkansas Highways* magazine

89th General Assembly

- **Improper Lane Usage on Highways (Act 965)**
 - Prohibits continuous driving in left lane on multilane highways
 - AHTD may designate routes and install signs (permissive)
- **Use of Public Funds for Ballot Measures (Act 312)**
 - Prohibits use of public funds to purchase advertising, etc. to support or oppose ballot measures

89th General Assembly

- **Nighttime Environment Protection Act (HB 1568)**
 - Would require shielding, etc. of lights other than traffic signals
 - Would require approval of Director for exceptions
 - Failed in House
- **Wine Country Trail Signs at Welcome Centers (HB 2154)**
 - Would require Wine Country Trail signs to be placed on billboards at Welcome Centers (not run)

89th General Assembly

- **Clearing ROW (HB 1818)**

- Would set procedures for submitting “beautification” plans and for appealing denials
- Failed in House Committee

- **Permanent Trailer Registration (HB 2216)**

- Would allow permanent trailer registrations to be replaced if lost or transferred to new trailer for \$1
- Total loss to AHTD estimated to be \$173,700 per year
- Passed House; failed in Senate Committee

89th General Assembly

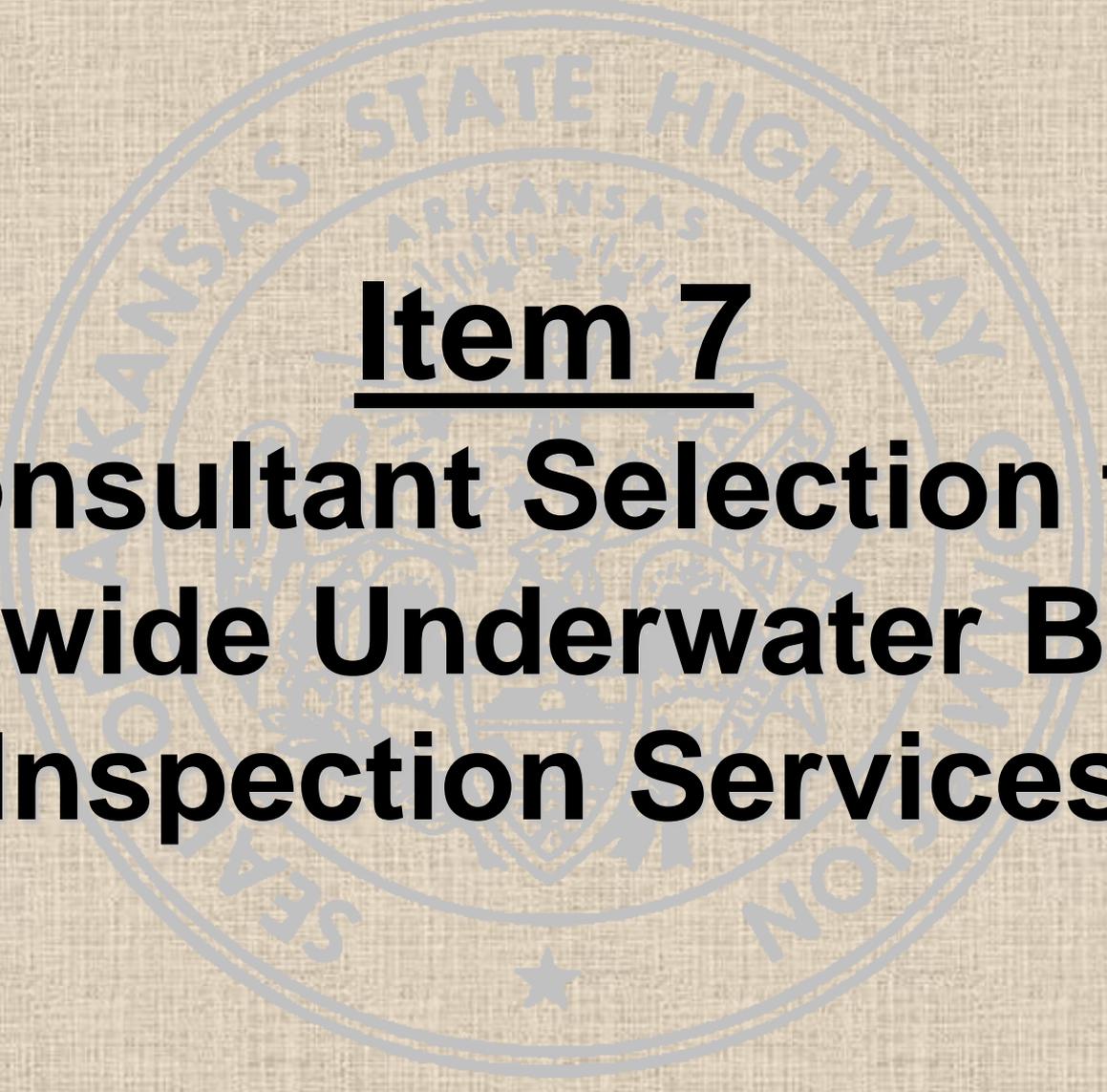
- **Increasing Length of Semitrailers for Oilfield Trailers (SB 1076)**
 - Would allow 60.5' trailers without permit
 - Passed Senate; not run in House Committee
 - Department is opposed
- **Requiring Oath for Testifying to Legislature (HB 2240)**
 - Would apply to State employees
 - Would not apply to elected officials
 - Failed in House

89th General Assembly

- **Proposed Constitutional Amendment (HJR 1003)**
 - Requires Board of Apportionment to establish four Highway Commission Zones
 - One Commissioner would be elected from each Zone
 - One Commissioner would be elected from the State at large to serve as Chair
 - Four-year terms (initially drawing lots so that 3 serve a 4-year term and 2 serve a 2-year term)
 - Term limit of two 4-year terms
 - Director would be appointed by Governor for 4-year term; could be reappointed

89th General Assembly

- **Proposed Constitutional Amendment (SJR 7)**
 - Would require legislative approval of administrative rules promulgated by state agencies
 - Current procedure requires legislative review, but not approval
 - Passed Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments; still must pass Senate and House
 - Would be on ballot in November 2014

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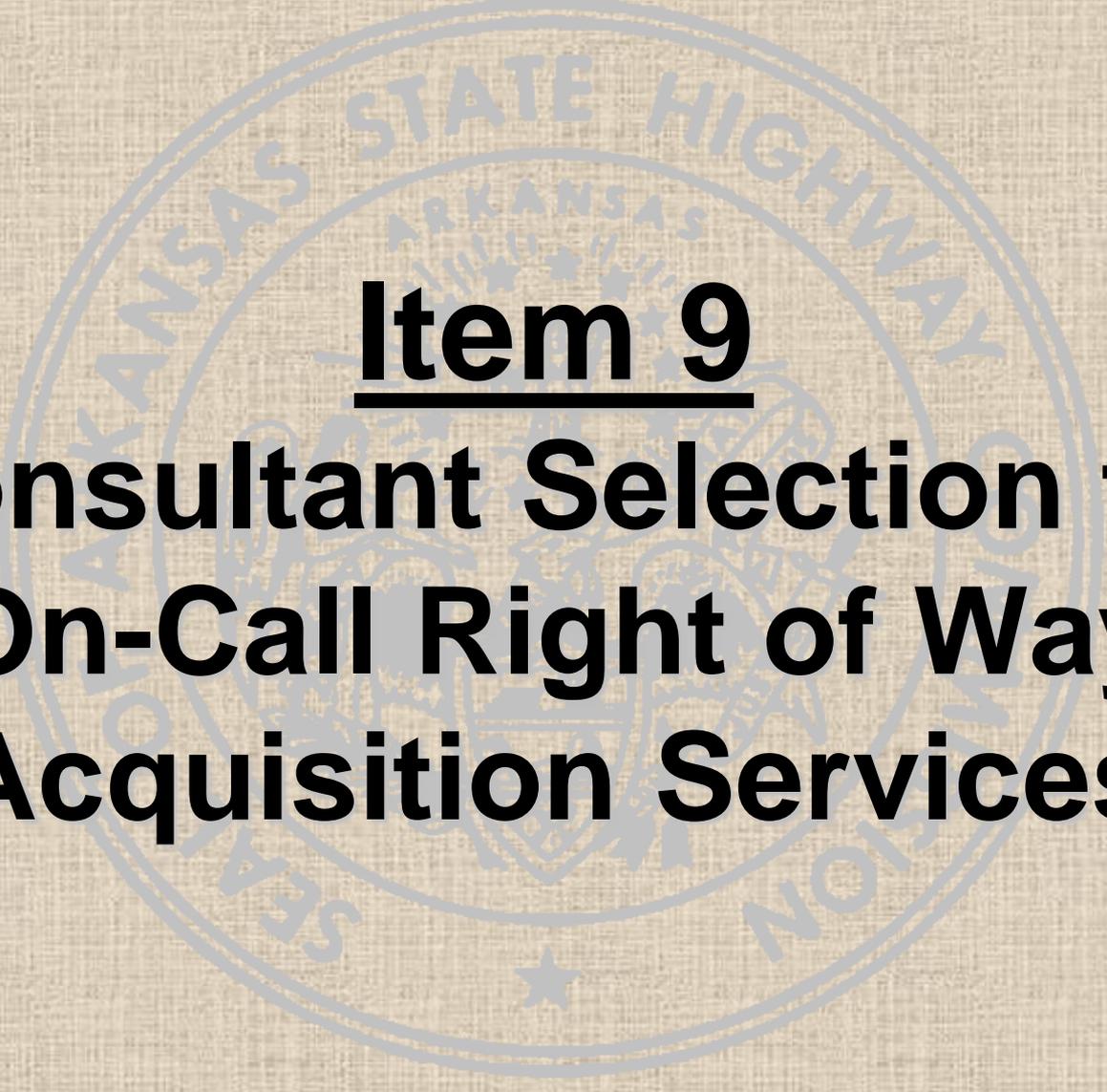
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Consultant Selection for Statewide Underwater Bridge Inspection Services

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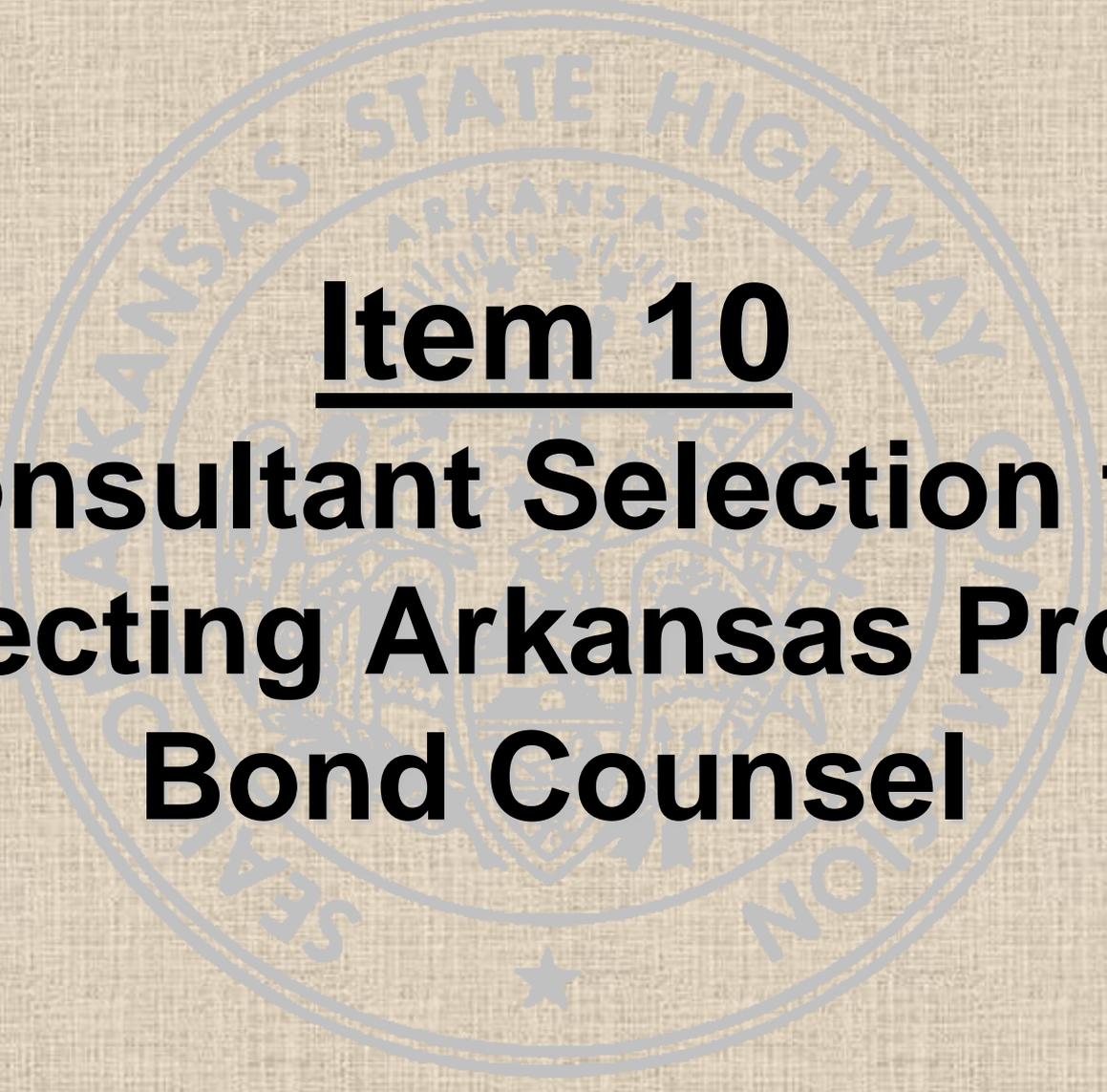
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Consultant Selection for Construction Engineering and Inspection

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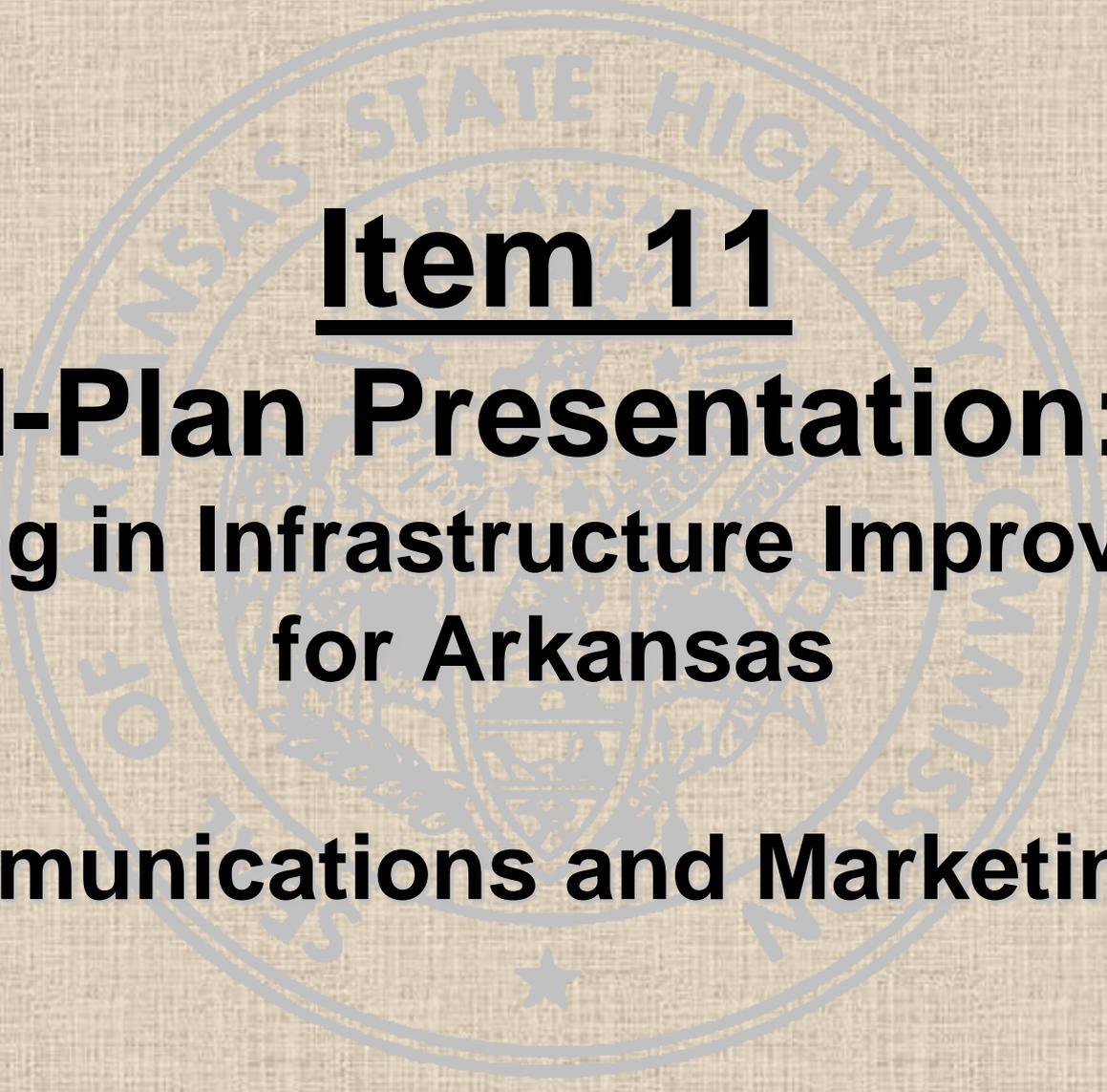
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**Consultant Selection for
On-Call Right of Way
Acquisition Services**

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Item 10

**Consultant Selection for
Connecting Arkansas Program
Bond Counsel**

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Item 11

I-Plan Presentation:

**Investing in Infrastructure Improvements
for Arkansas**

A Communications and Marketing Plan



THE **I-Plan**

Investing in **I**nfrastructure **I**mprovements

A COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING PLAN

for the



prepared by

THE AHTD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

April 2013

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Purpose



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Purpose

➤ **Traveler Information**



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Purpose

- **Traveler Information**
- **Accountability**



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Costs

➤ **\$1.39 million over 10 years**



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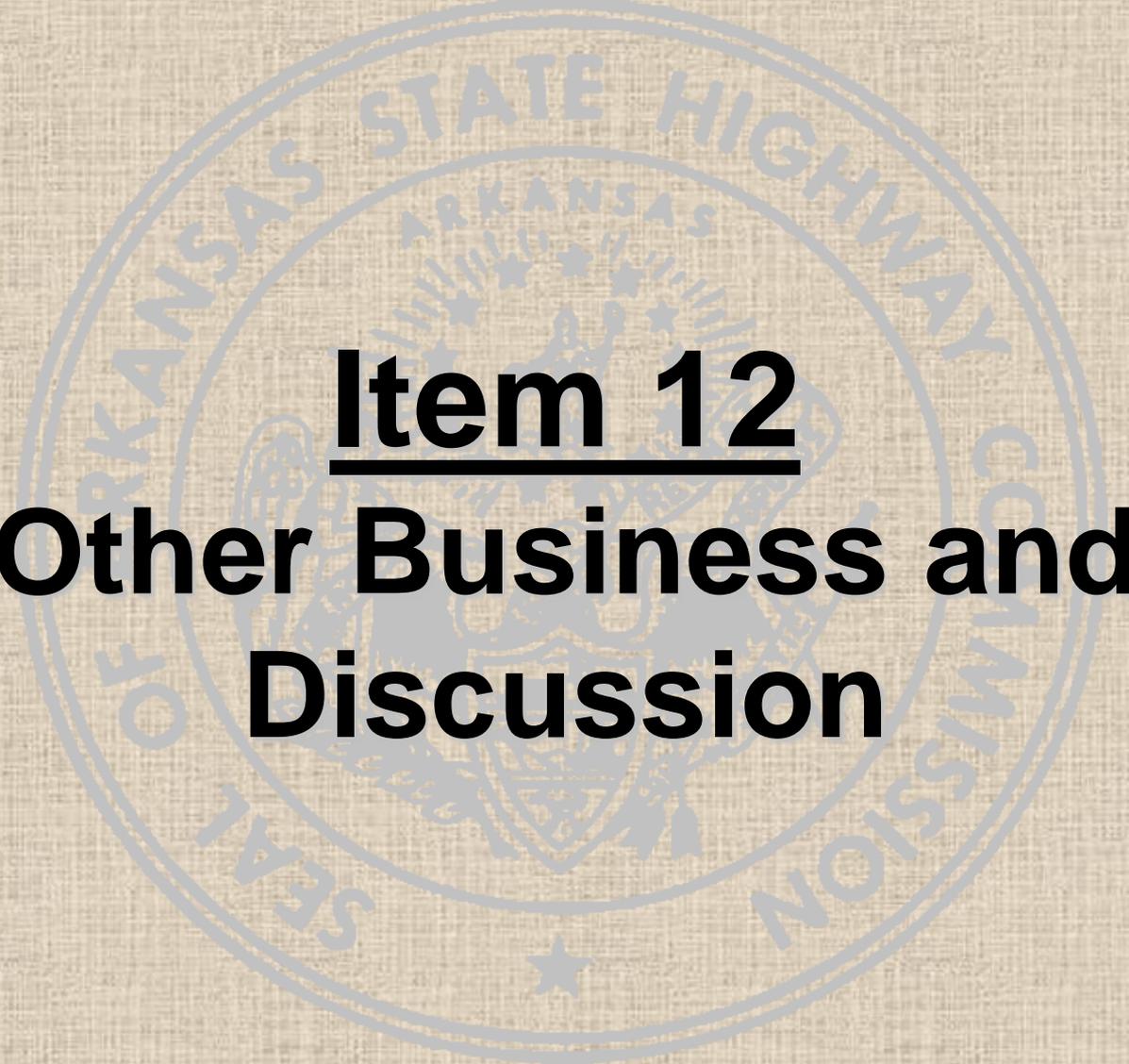
- **\$1.39 million over 10 years**
- **Less than 0.5% of total
IRP and CAP**



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Item 12
**Other Business and
Discussion**



Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013