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# **Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting**

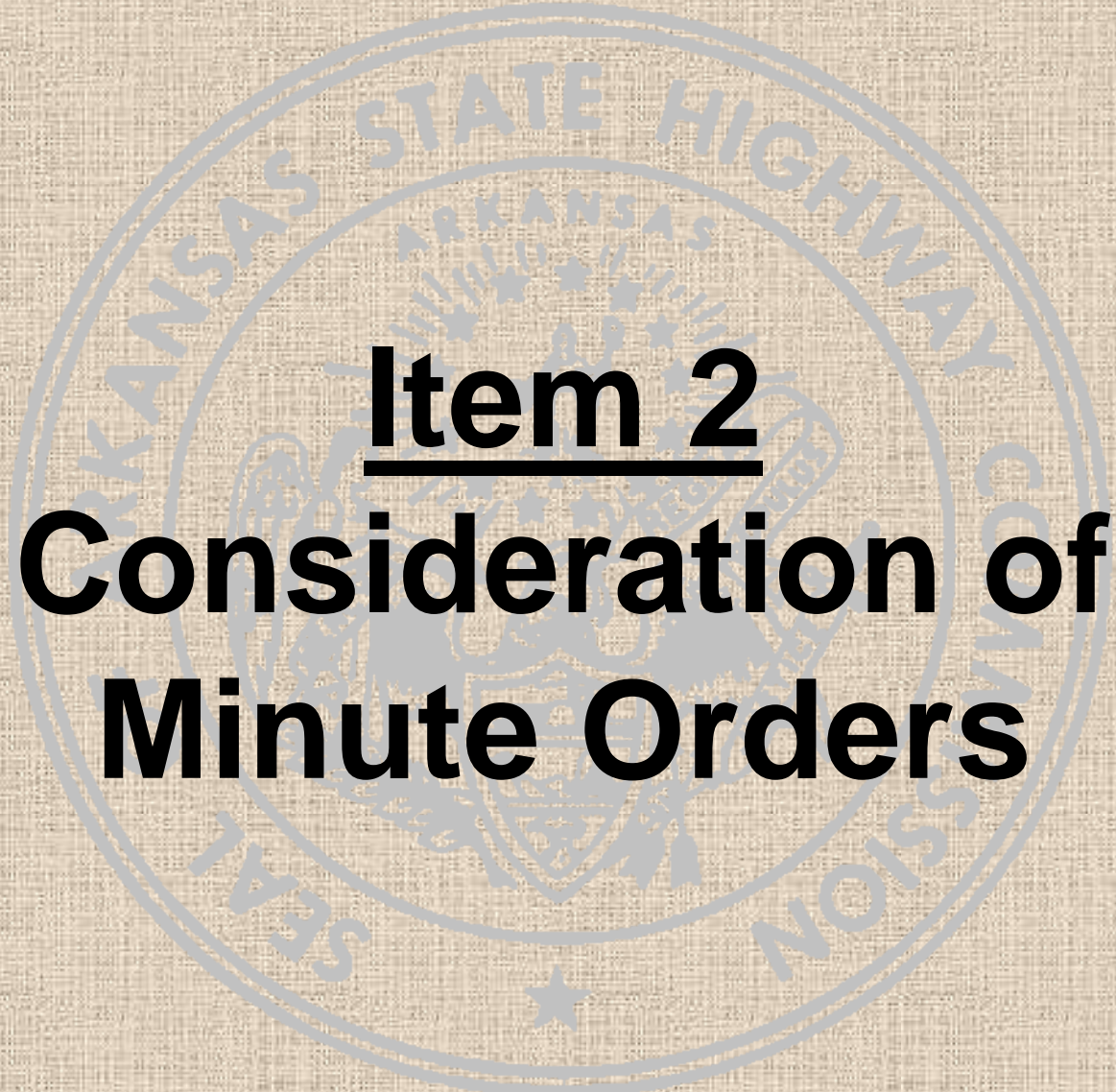
**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

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# Item 1

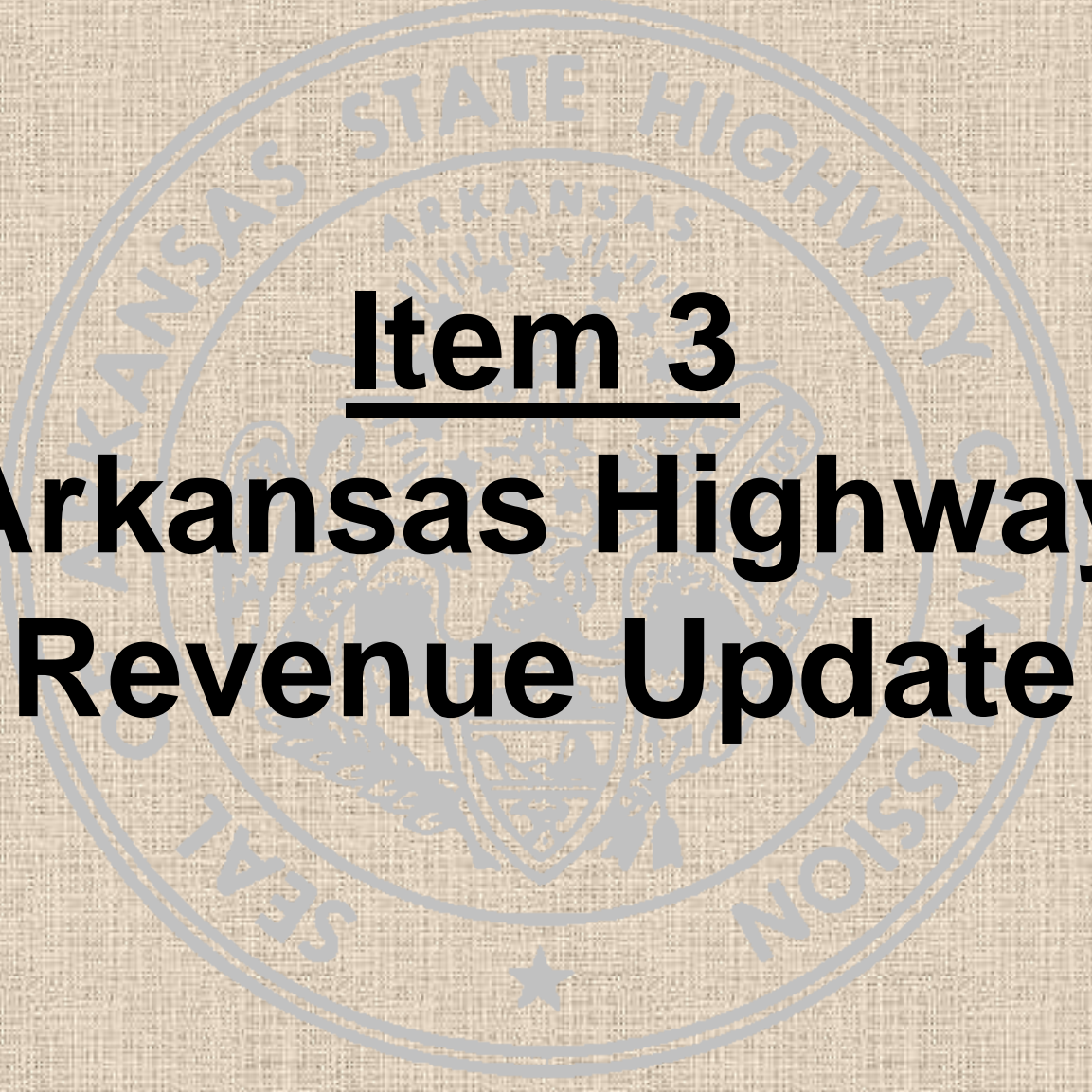
# Minutes

**January 28, 2015 Meeting**

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**Item 2**  
**Consideration of  
Minute Orders**





**Item 3**  
**Arkansas Highway  
Revenue Update**

# February 2015 Revenues and Consumption

July - February	FY 2014	FY 2015	Variance	% Change
Motor Fuel Tax	\$177.2	\$180.4	\$3.2	1.8%
Registration Fees	\$50.7	\$54.9	\$4.2	8.3%
Permits & Penalties	\$11.4	\$11.9	\$0.5	4.4%
Other	\$3.7	\$4.8	\$1.1	29.7%
<b>Total User Revenues</b>	<b>\$243.0</b>	<b>\$252.0</b>	<b>\$9.0</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Natural Gas Severance Tax	\$28.6	\$34.3	\$5.7	19.9%
RRA Interest	\$2.2	\$2.0	(\$0.2)	-9.1%
Less: Diesel Tax for Bonds	(\$10.7)	(\$10.07)	\$0.0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues Available</b>	<b>\$263.1</b>	<b>\$277.6</b>	<b>\$14.5</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
Fiscal 2015 Projected vs. Actual July - February	Budget (millions)	Actual (millions)	Variance (millions)	% Variance
Motor Fuel Tax	\$177.9	\$180.4	\$2.5	1.4%
Registration Fees	\$50.8	\$54.9	\$4.1	8.1%
Permits & Penalties	\$11.4	\$11.9	\$0.5	4.4%
Other	\$3.5	\$4.8	\$1.3	37.1%
Total User Revenues	<b>\$243.6</b>	<b>\$252.0</b>	<b>\$8.4</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Natural Gas Severance Tax	\$29.1	\$34.3	\$5.2	17.9%
RRA Interest	\$1.6	\$2.0	\$0.4	25.0%
Less: Diesel Tax for Bonds	(\$10.9)	(\$10.07)	\$0.2	-1.8%
<b>Total Revenues Available</b>	<b>\$263.4</b>	<b>\$277.6</b>	<b>\$14.2</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Fuel Consumption in Gallons July-January	FY 2014 (millions)	FY 2015 (millions)	Difference (millions)	% Change
Gasoline	924.4	945.6	21.2	2.3%
Diesel	394.1	397.3	3.2	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,318.5</b>	<b>1,342.9</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>1.9%</b>



# Arkansas Fuel Consumption

## Rolling 12 month Comparison

Fuel	Previous 12 Months (millions)	Current 12 Months (millions)	Variance
Gasoline	1,387,039,858	1,400,723,311	0.99%
Diesel	602,507,872	602,457,329	-0.01%
Alternative	839,980	1,022,062	21.68%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,990,387,710</b>	<b>2,004,202,702</b>	<b>0.69%</b>

# Fiscal Year 2015 Sales Tax

Mon	Projected Net	Actual Receipts	Variance	Monthly Var.	Annual Var.
Jul	\$13,230,000.00	\$13,583,127.73	\$353,127.73	2.67%	2.67%
Aug	\$13,230,000.00	\$13,913,216.00	\$683,216.00	5.16%	3.92%
Sept	\$13,790,000.00	\$13,760,323.55	\$(29,676.45)	-0.22%	2.50%
Oct	\$12,880,000.00	\$13,774,519.33	\$894,519.33	6.95%	4.07%
Nov	\$13,090,000.00	\$13,352,878.00	\$262,878.00	2.01%	3.27%
Dec	\$14,140,000.00	\$13,859,868.65	(280,131.35)	-1.98%	2.34%
Jan	\$13,580,000.00	\$14,660,936.39	\$1,080,936.39	7.96%	3.16%
Feb	\$12,530,000.00	\$12,942,892.37	\$412,892.37	3.30%	3.17%
Mar	\$13,930,000.00				
Apr	\$13,930,000.00				
May	\$14,140,000.00				
Jun	\$14,210,000.00				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$162,680,000.00</b>	<b>\$109,847,762.02</b>	<b>\$3,377,792.02</b>		

# Actual Receipts

*Six Months Ending February*

2015	2014	Variance
\$109,847,762.02	\$97,307,525.07	\$12,540,236.95





# Projected Revenue vs. Actual

*Since Inception*

Projected Net	Actual Receipts	Variance	Variance Percent
\$262,290,000.00	\$261,100,956.52	\$(1,189,043.48)	-0.45%



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## Item 4

# Federal Highway & Transit Funding Issues

# LEGISLATION

- **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21)**
  - Expired September 30, 2014
- **Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014**
  - Expires May 31, 2015
- **Cromnibus**
  - Expires September 30, 2015

**NO  
CHANGES**

# LEGISLATION

- **MAP-21 Reauthorization**

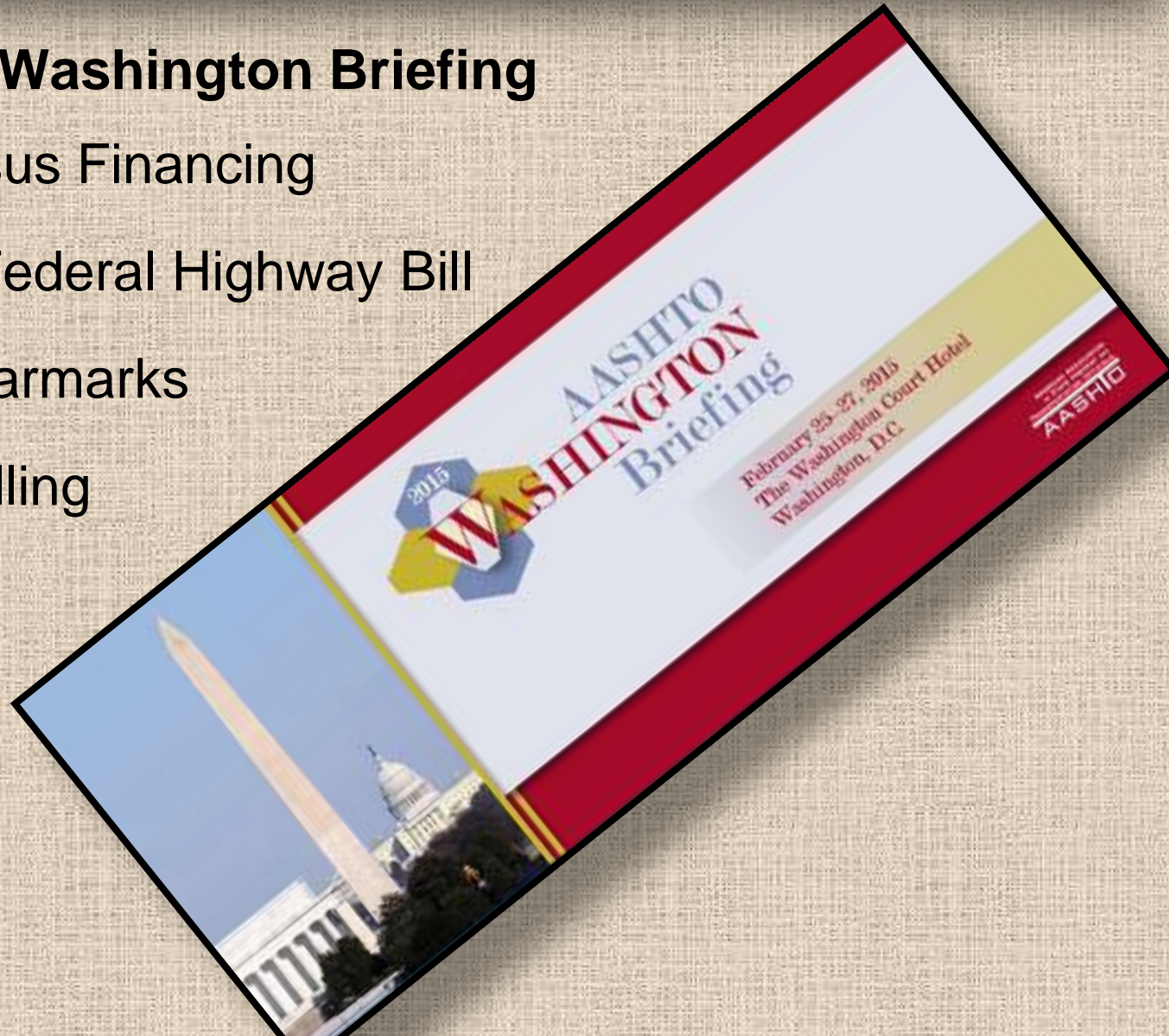
- President Calls for Long Term Transportation Plan
- \$478 Billion Investment over 6 Years
- Funding Source
- Congressional Response





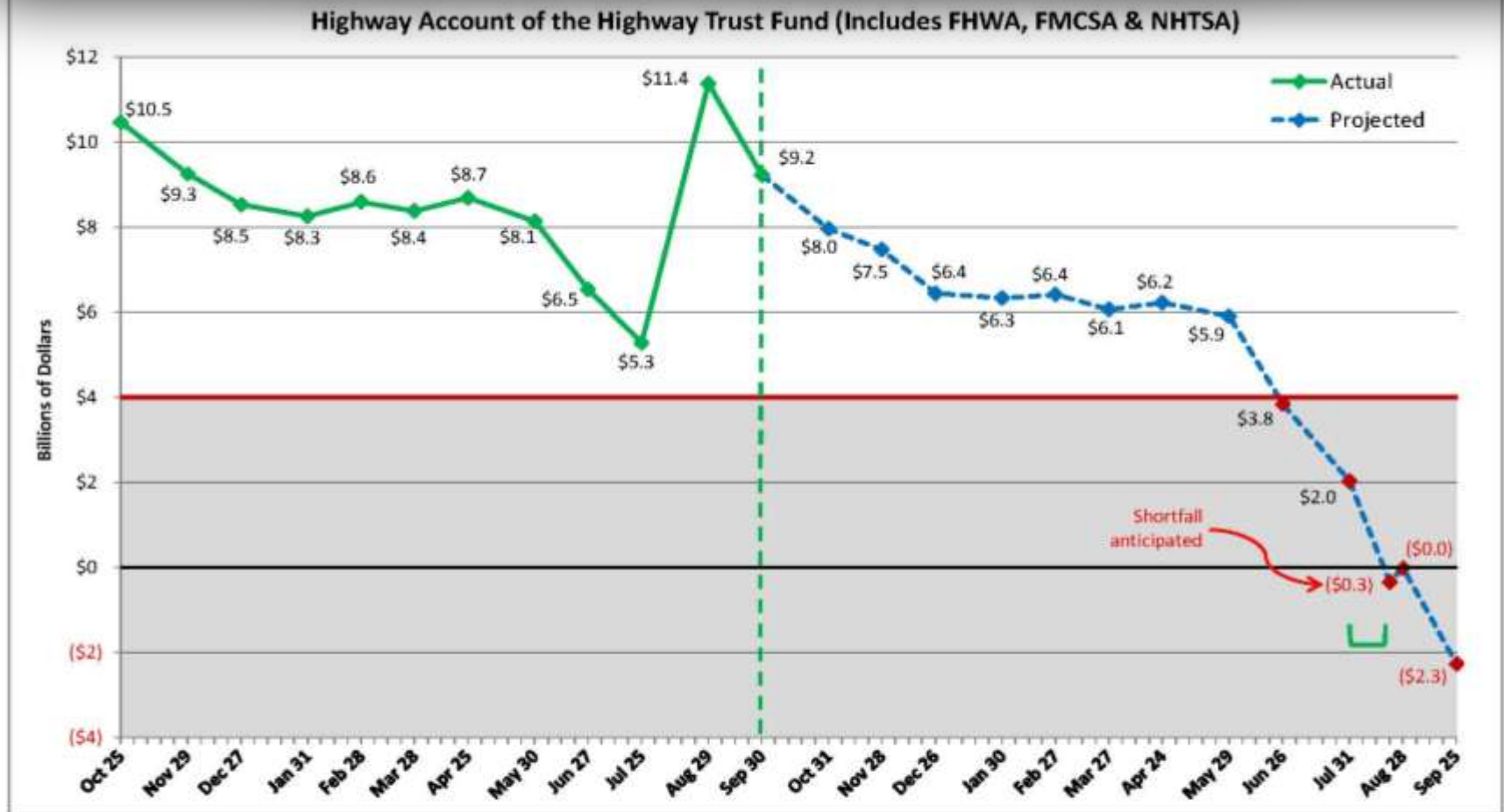
# LEGISLATION

- **2015 AASHTO Washington Briefing**
  - Funding versus Financing
  - Long-Term Federal Highway Bill
  - TIGER vs. Earmarks
  - Interstate Tolling



# HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

FY 2014 & FY 2015 Projected Estimates for End-of-Month Cash Balances (as of 9/30/14)



1/ Graph reflects actual data through 9/30/14 and end-of-month projections for FY 2015.

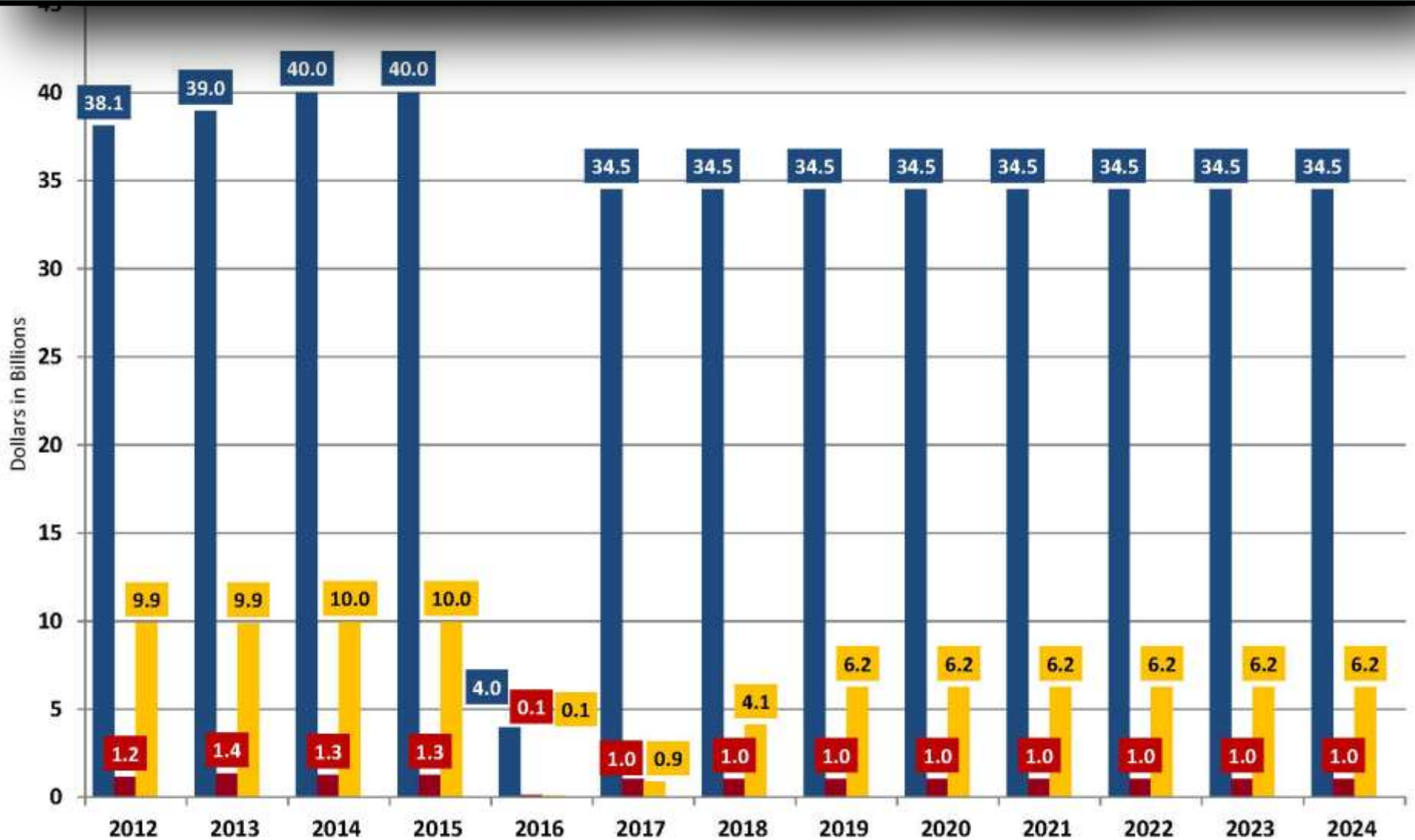
2/ Total receipt and outlay projections are based on FY 2015 Mid-Session Review assumptions. Projected monthly receipt and outlay rates are based on historic averages.

3/ Range of anticipated shortfall: Green brackets denote the estimated window of when the anticipated shortfall will occur.

4/ The shaded area represents when the Highway Account balance drops below \$4 billion, at which point cash management procedures may become necessary.

Source: FHWA

# HIGHWAY TRUST FUND



This scenario assumes: 1. Additional deposit of \$6.429 billion into Highway Trust Fund in FY 2015 (\$5.414 billion to Highway Account; \$1.015 billion to Mass Transit Account); 2. Minimum prudence balance of \$4 billion for Highway Account and \$1 billion for Mass Transit Account maintained in all years, and; 3. Highway-to-Transit flex and highway safety obligations suspended in FY 2015.



# HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

## January “No Go” List



District	County	Route	Job Name	Estimate
1	Lee & Phillips	1	Walnut Corner – Cypress Corner (Widening)	\$25,000,000
4	Crawford	220	Lee Creek-East (Surfacing)	\$5,000,000
4	Franklin	CR 72	Cedar Creek Str. & Apprs.	\$500,000
			Total	\$30,500,000



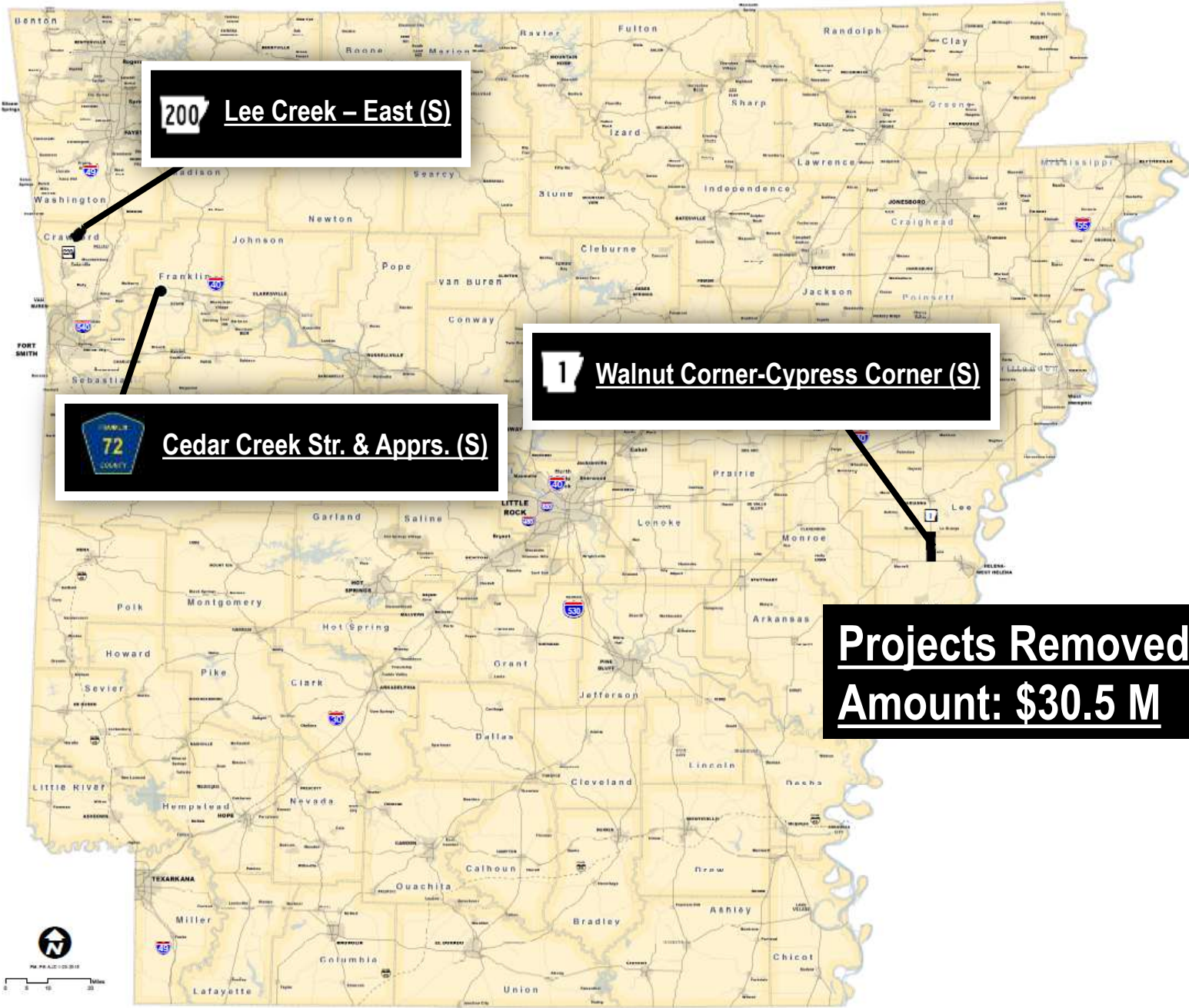
**Projects Removed from Bid Letting  
2015**

**200 Lee Creek – East (S)**

**1 Walnut Corner-Cypress Corner (S)**


**72 Cedar Creek Str. & Apprs. (S)**

**Projects Removed: 3  
Amount: \$30.5 M**



# HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

## March “No Go” List



District	County	Route	Job Name	Estimate
2	Chicot	144	Hwy. 144 Strs. & Apprs.	\$2,000,000
4	Washington	112	Razorback Rd.-Garland Ave. (Widening)	\$2,500,000
5	Cleburne	25	Hwy. 25 Spur-Locust Grove (Passing Lanes)	\$5,000,000
9	Carroll	62	Co. Rd. 704-West of Hwy. 103 South (Widening)	\$17,000,000
7	Bradley	CR 2	Co. Rd. 4-Co. Rd. 134 (Surfacing)	\$1,000,000
			Total	\$27,500,000



**2015**  
**Projects Removed from Bid Letting**

**62** Co. Rd. 704-West of Hwy. 103 South

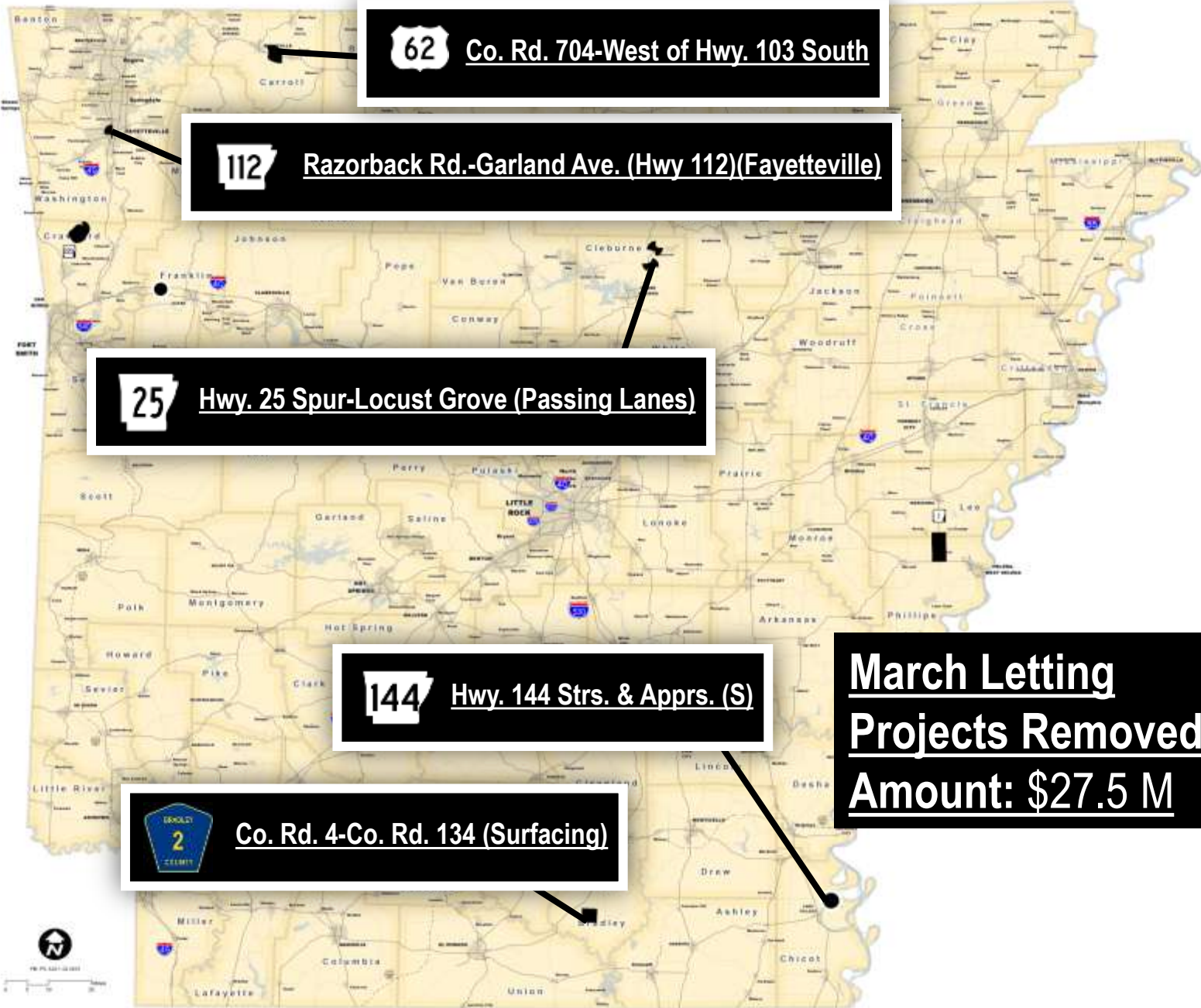
**112** Razorback Rd.-Garland Ave. (Hwy 112)(Fayetteville)

**25** Hwy. 25 Spur-Locust Grove (Passing Lanes)

**144** Hwy. 144 Strs. & Apprs. (S)

**2** Co. Rd. 4-Co. Rd. 134 (Surfacing)

March Letting  
Projects Removed: 5  
Amount: \$27.5 M



# Impacts to Arkansas

January Letting

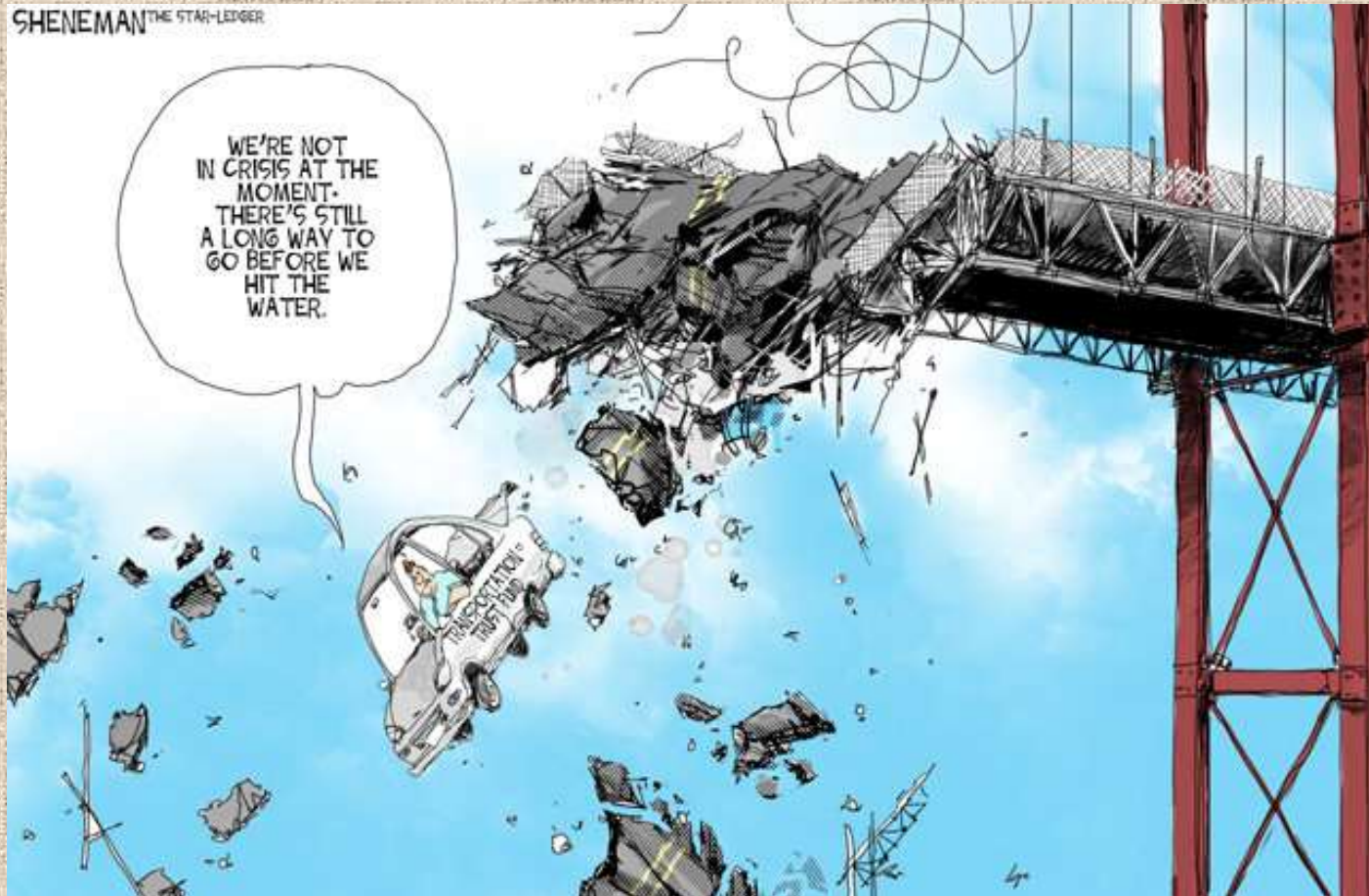
3 Projects Removed

\$30.5 million

March Letting

5 Projects Removed

\$27.5 million



**POTENTIAL  
RISK**

**FFY 2015**

120 Projects  
\$490 Million

**FFY 2016**

130 Projects  
\$520 Million



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# Item 5

**2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program  
Connecting Arkansas Program  
State Aid City Street Program**



INTERSTATE  
REHABILITATION  
PROGRAM

*IRP*





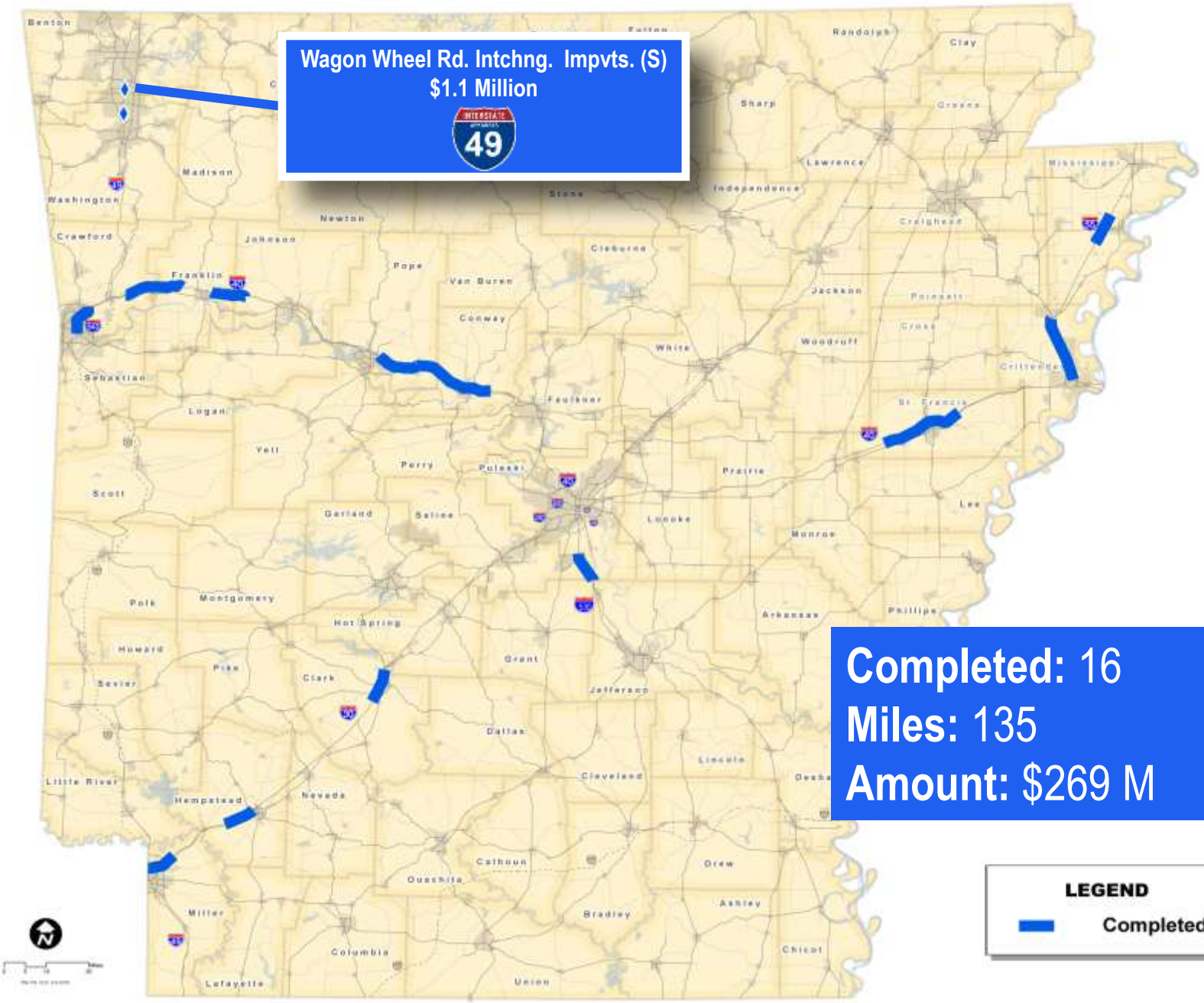
# Interstate Rehabilitation Program Job Status

Wagon Wheel Rd. Intchg. Impvts. (S)  
\$1.1 Million



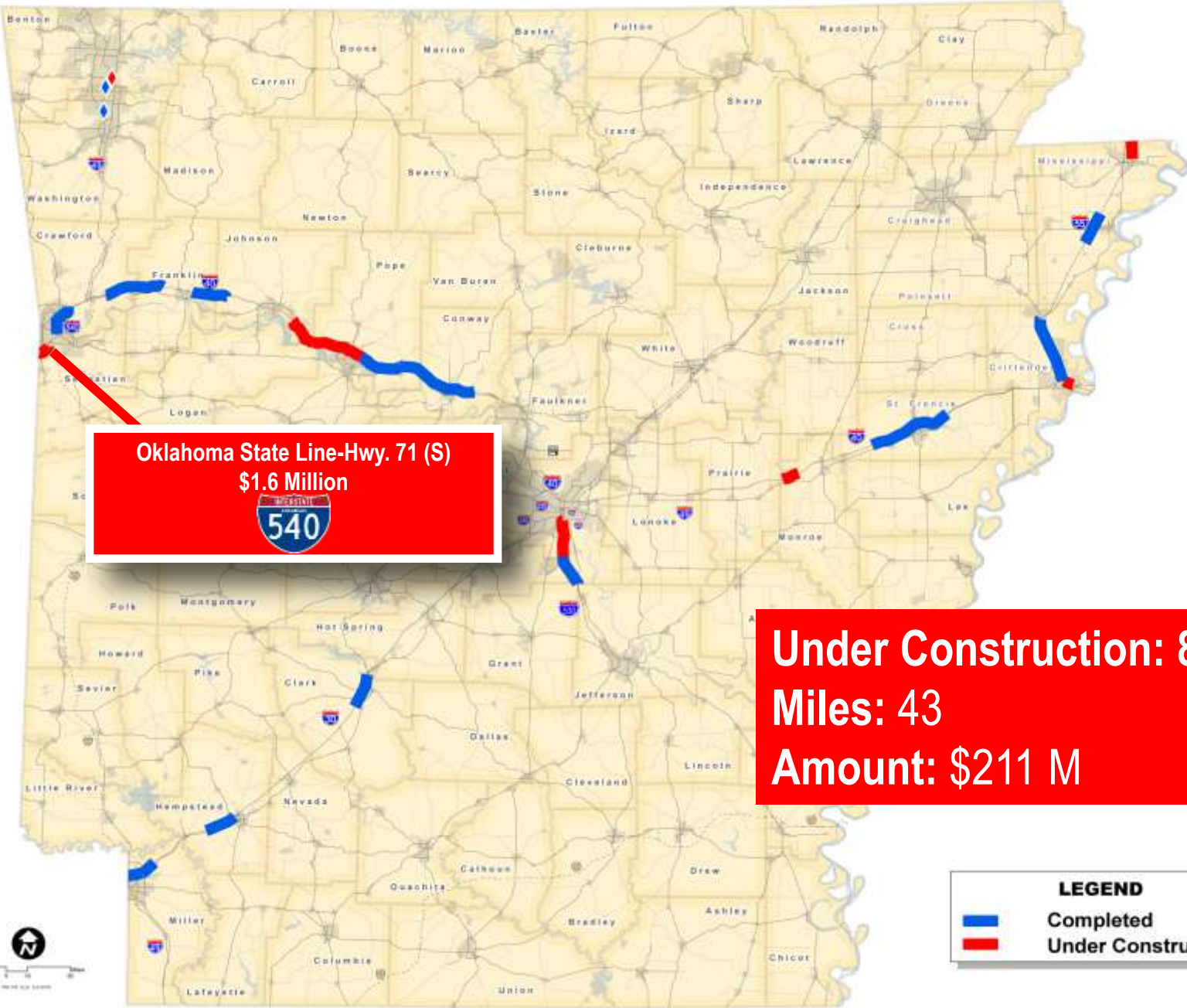
Completed: 16  
Miles: 135  
Amount: \$269 M

**LEGEND**  
■ Completed





# Interstate Rehabilitation Program Job Status



Oklahoma State Line-Hwy. 71 (S)  
\$1.6 Million



**Under Construction: 8  
Miles: 43  
Amount: \$211 M**

**LEGEND**  
Completed  
Under Construction



**Interstate Rehabilitation Program**  
**Job Status**

Elm Springs Rd. Intchng. Temp. Sig. (I-49) (Springdale)(S)



Shell Lake-Blackfish Lake Strs. & Apprs. (S)



Jefferson-Hwy. 104 (F)



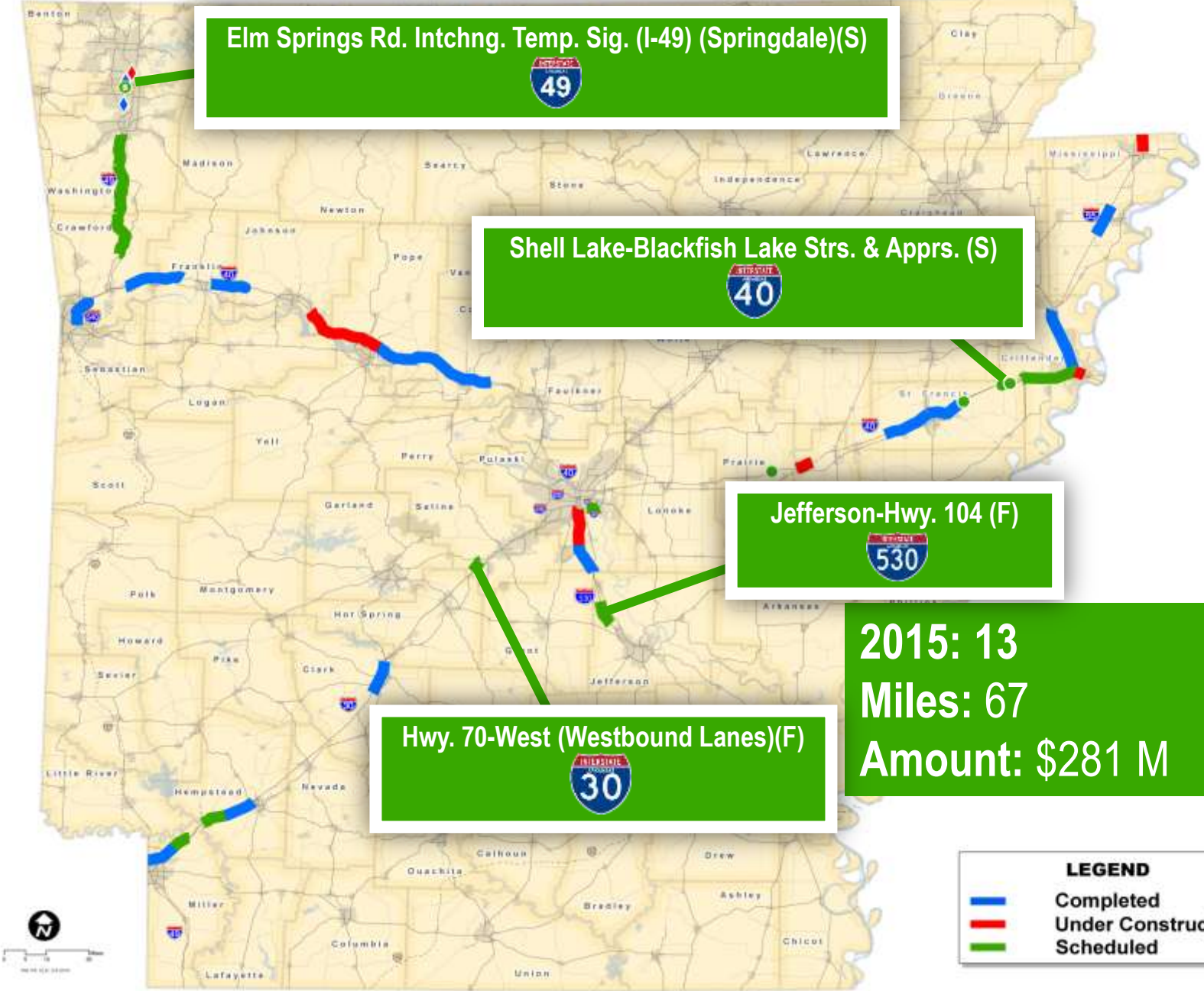
Hwy. 70-West (Westbound Lanes)(F)



**2015: 13**  
**Miles: 67**  
**Amount: \$281 M**

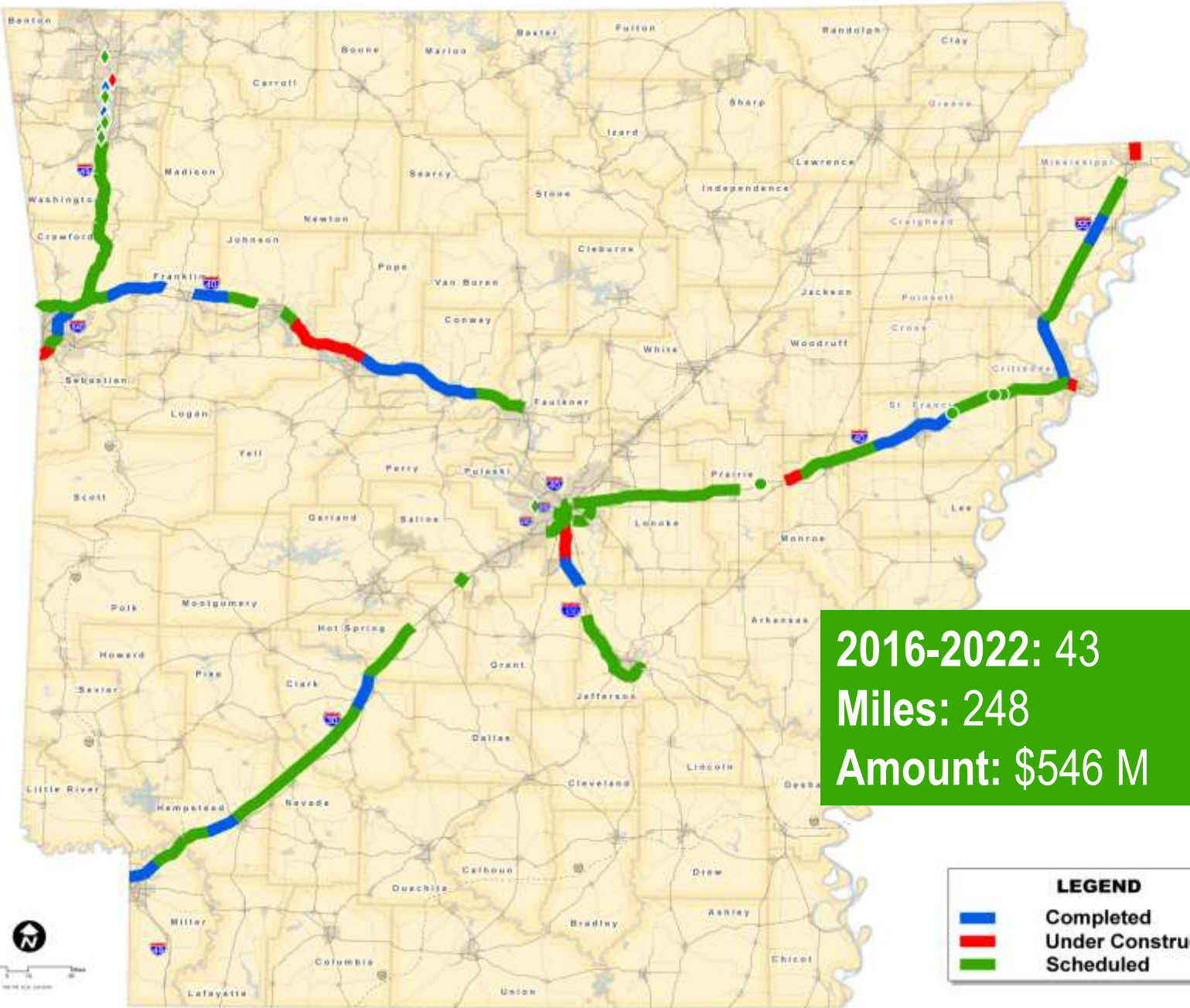
**LEGEND**

- Completed
- Under Construction
- Scheduled





# Interstate Rehabilitation Program Job Status



**2016-2022: 43  
Miles: 248  
Amount: \$546 M**

LEGEND	
	Completed
	Under Construction
	Scheduled







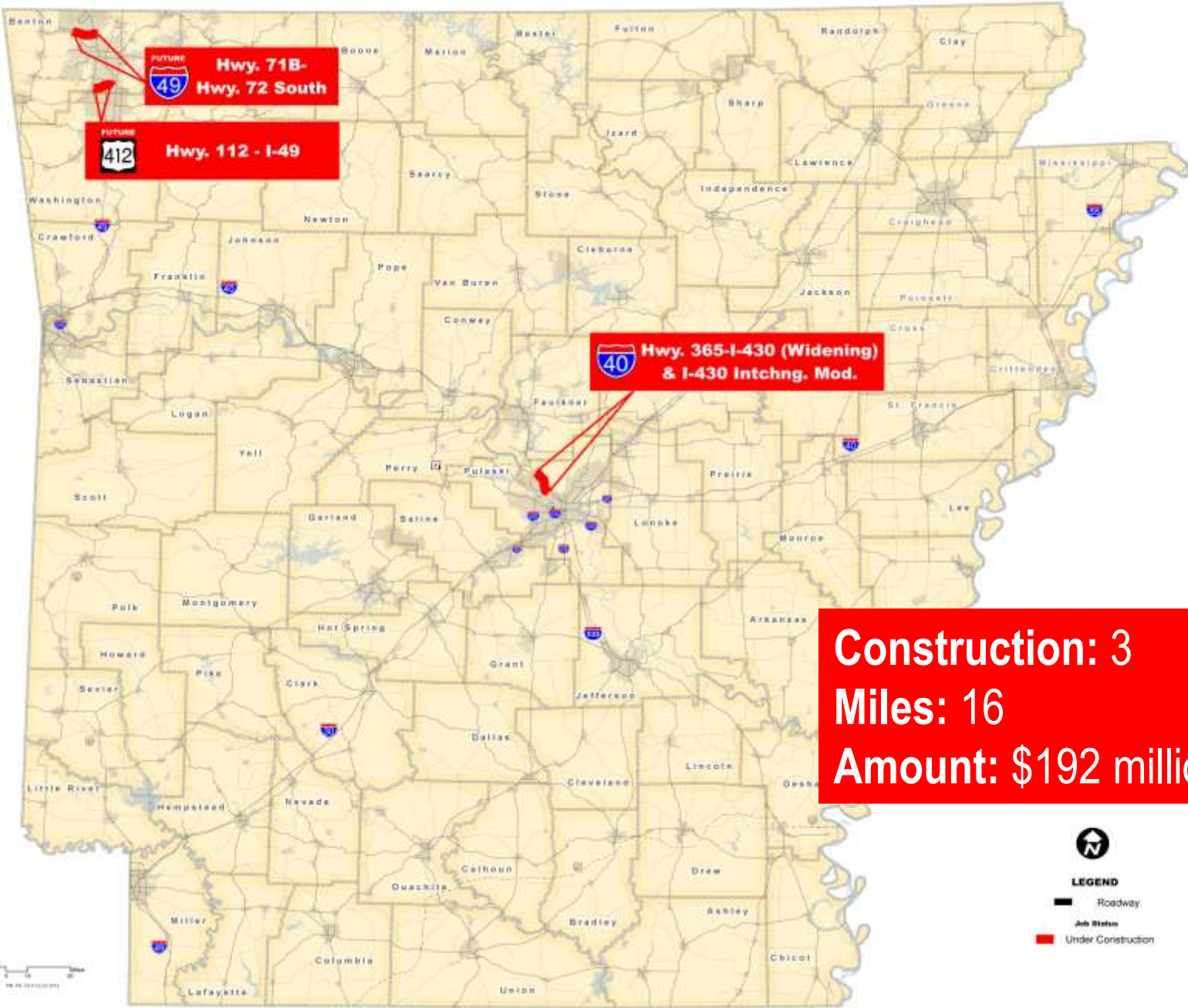
CONNECTING  
ARKANSAS  
PROGRAM

**CAP**



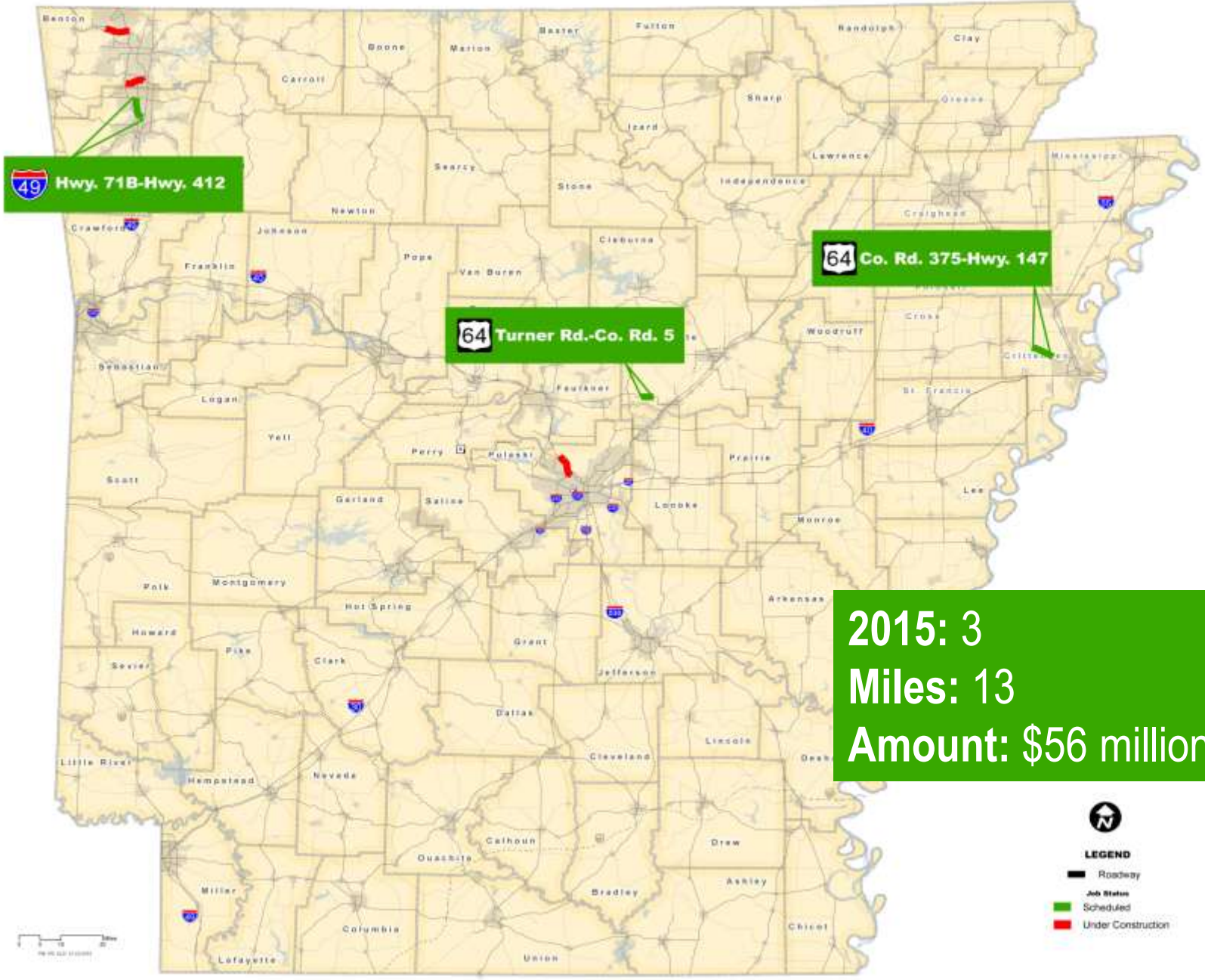
# Connecting Arkansas Program

Under Construction



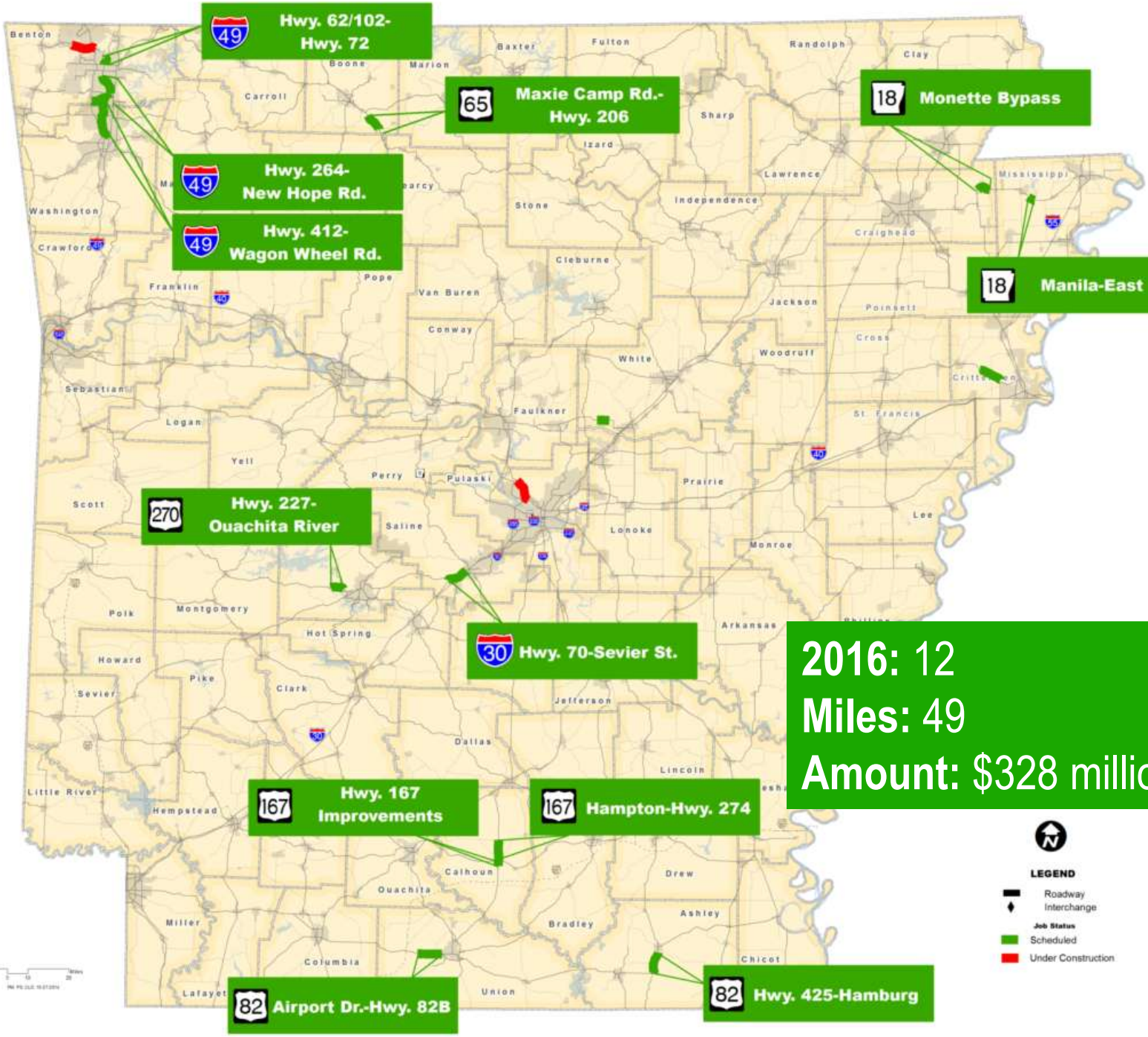


# Connecting Arkansas Program 2015





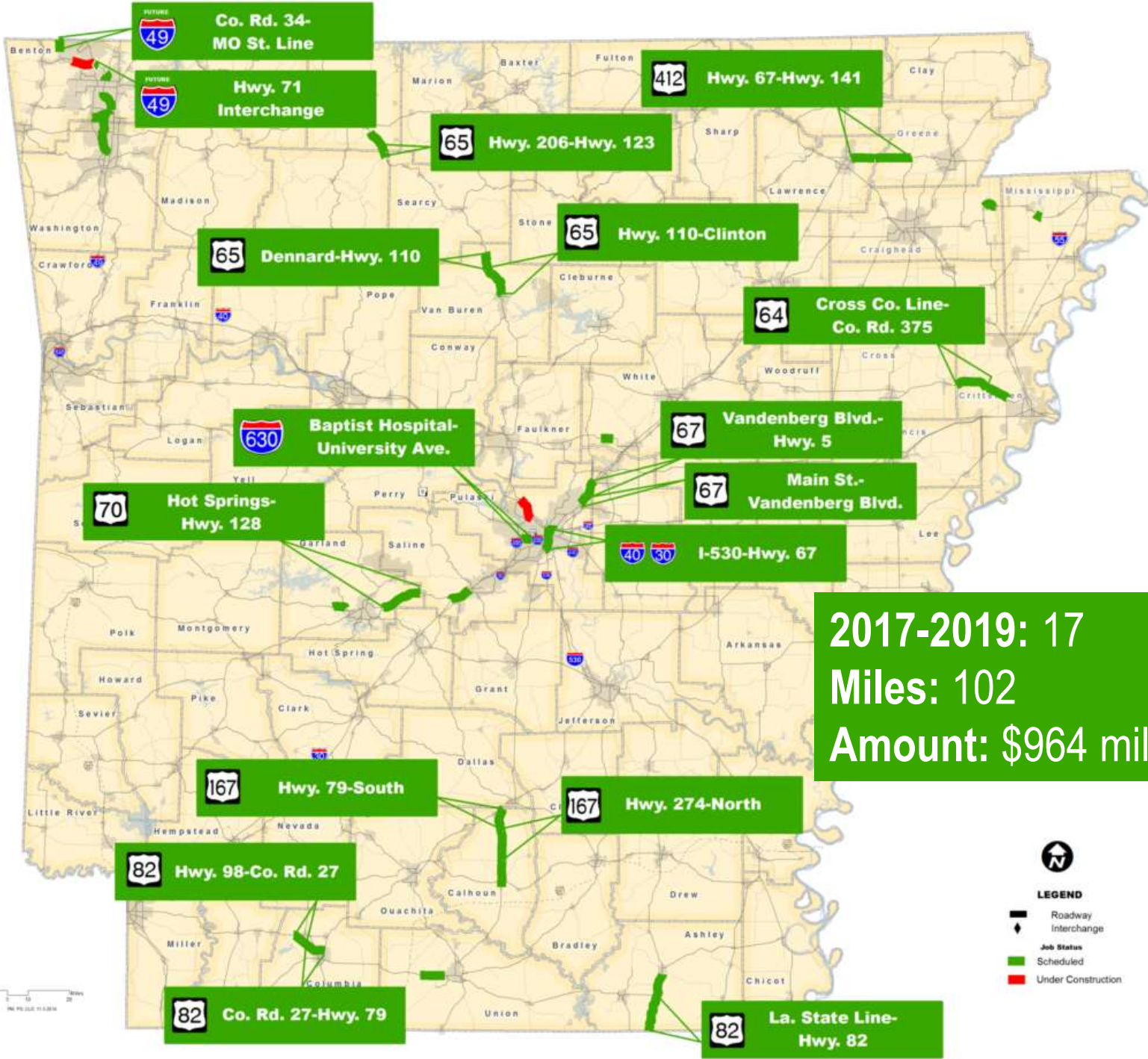
# 2016 Connecting Arkansas Program





# Connecting Arkansas Program

2017-2019



**2017-2019: 17  
Miles: 102  
Amount: \$964 million**

**LEGEND**

- Roadway Interchange
- Job Status**
- Scheduled
- Under Construction



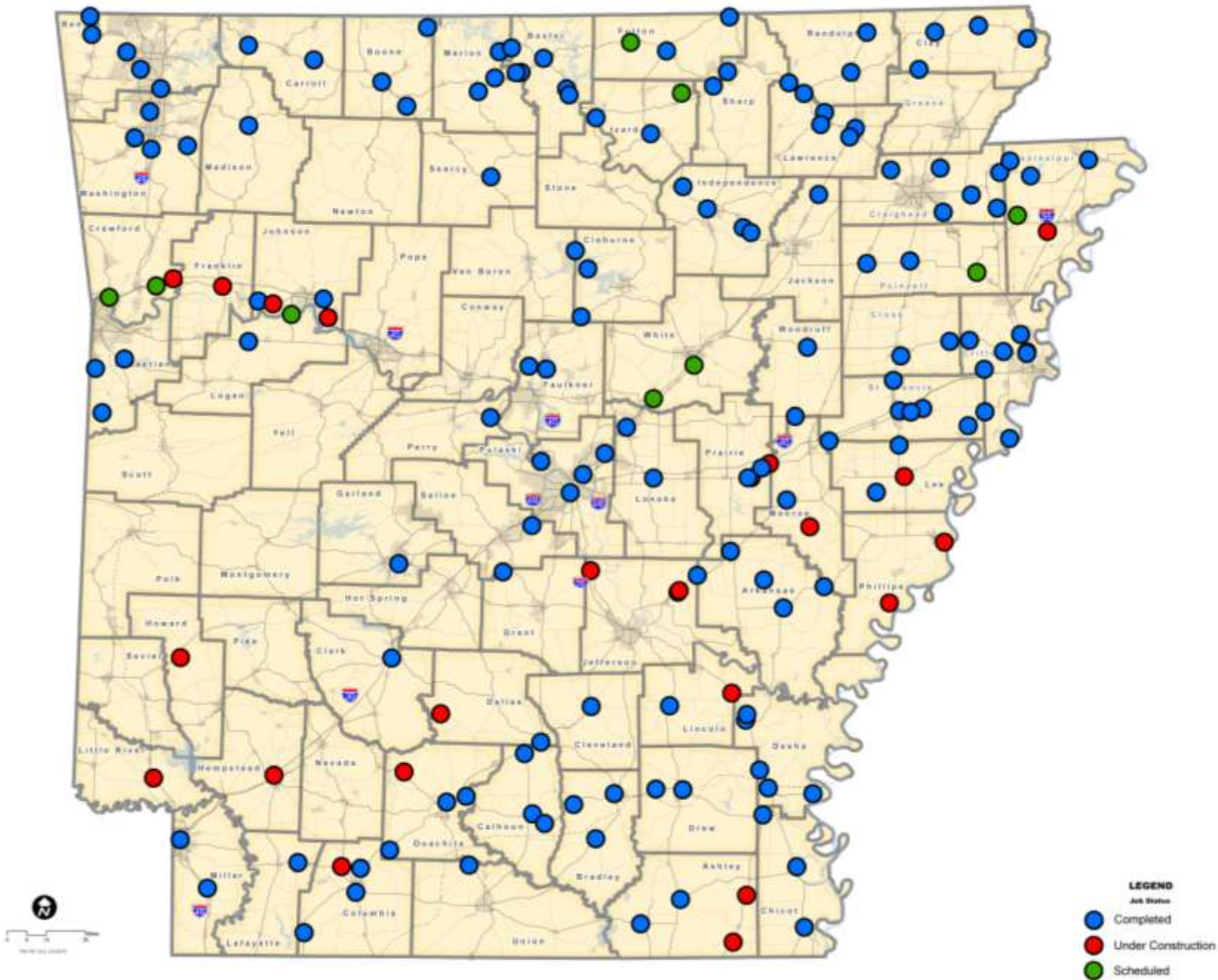


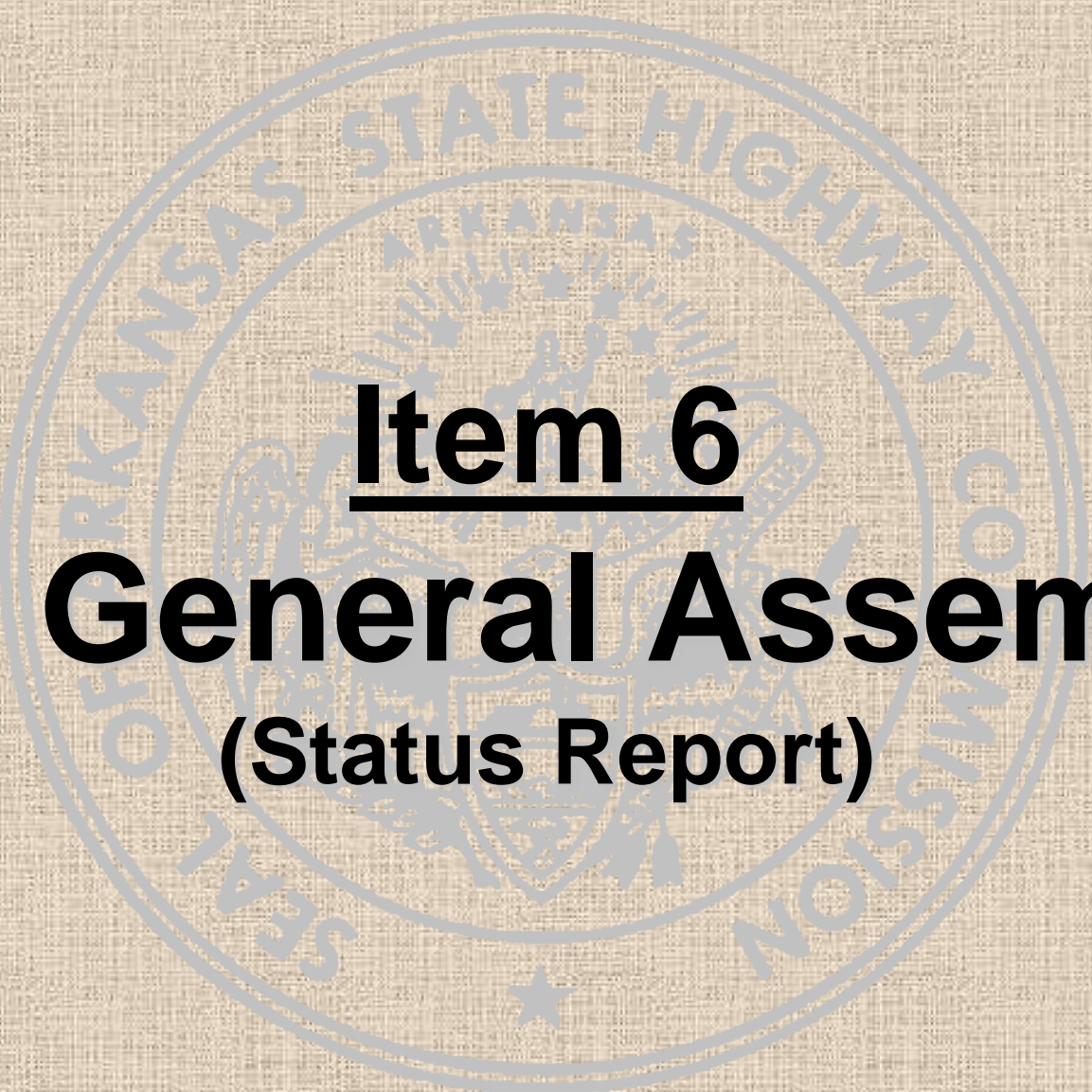
***State Aid  
City Street Program***





# State Aid Street Program



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**Item 6**

**90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**  
**(Status Report)**



# 2015 Legislative Session



- Appropriation Bills filed January 20
- Bills of Interest Filed to Date:
  - ✓ HB1048 by Representative Kim Hendren
  - ✓ HB 1258 by Representative Pitsch
  - ✓ HB1111 by Representative Warwick Sabin
  - ✓ SB333/757 by Senator Jim Hendren



# 2015 Legislative Session

## AHTD Legislative Package

- ✓ Children's Education Activity Leave
- ✓ Design-Build/Design-Build Finance
- ✓ Airport Highway Additions
- ✓ Good Neighbor Policy
- ✓ License Plate Scanners
- ✓ Property Transfer Law
- ✓ Attorneys' Fees for Eminent Domain
- ✓ Mediation
- ✓ Garnishment of Tax Refunds
- ✓ Oversize/Overweight Permit Fees
- ✓ Public-Private Partnerships
- ✓ Registration Fee for All-Electric Vehicles
- ✓ Equivalent Tax Rate for Alternative Fuels
- ✓ Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax
- ✓ State Infrastructure Bank
- ✓ Road User Distribution
- ✓ Internet Sales Tax

# 2015 Legislative Session



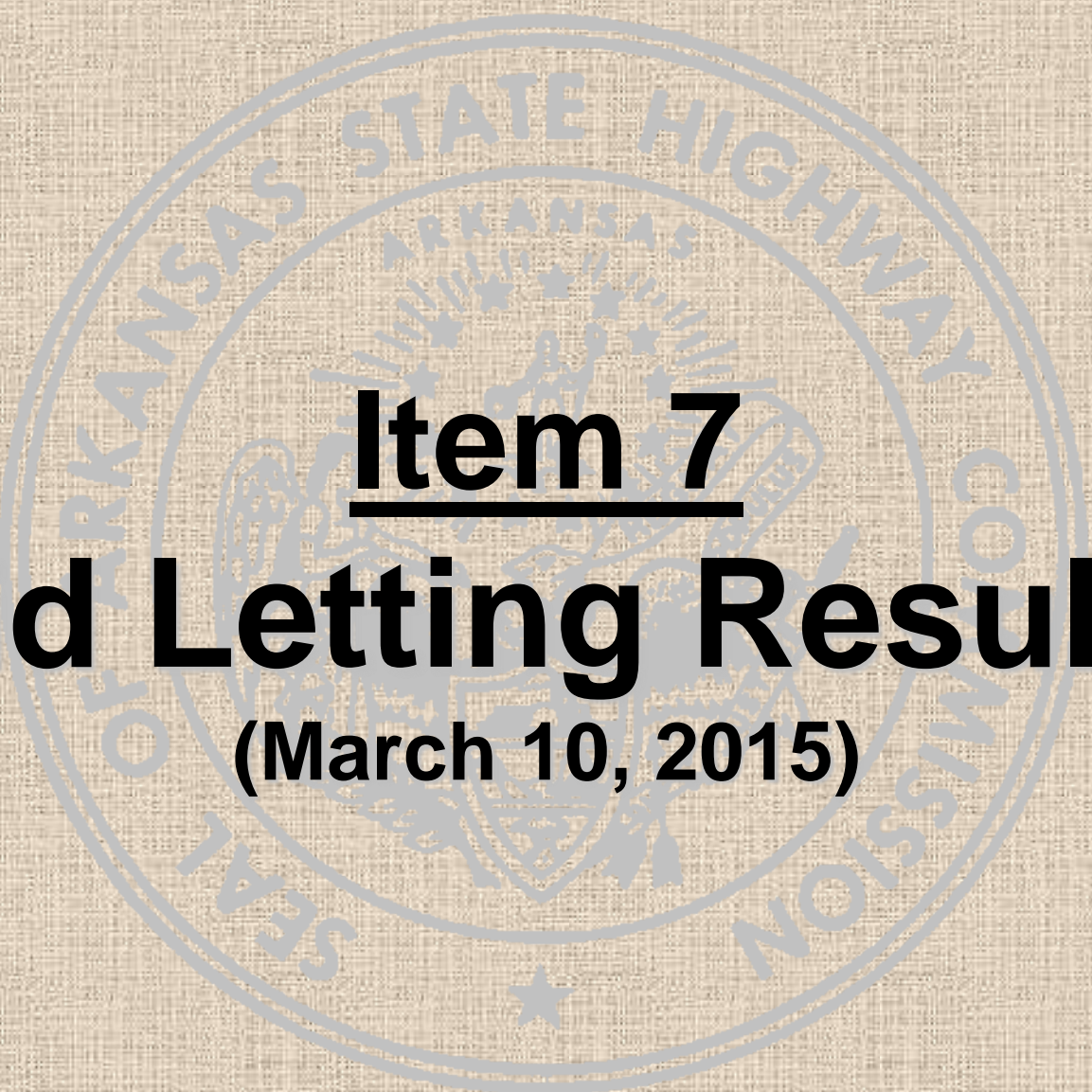
## HB1346 Road User Distribution

**Reported by Transportation Committee as “Do Pass”  
on February 19, 2015**

**Withdrawn March 5, 2015**

**Governor’s Task Force To Be Established**



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**Item 7**

**Bid Letting Results**

**(March 10, 2015)**

# March 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting Summary







Type Projects	Number of Projects	Bid Amount
State	4	100,007,208
City	8	1,861,521
County	2	554,613
Total	14	102,423,342





# March 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting

## State Projects

Route	Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
	Shell Lake Str. & Apprs.	James Construction	\$33,215,375.08
	Blackfish Lake Str. & Apprs.	James Construction	\$26,928,393.68
	Shell Lake-Blackfish Lake Strs. & Apprs.	Yates & Son Construction	\$59,899,690.00
	Jefferson-Hwy. 104	Cranford Construction	\$28,187,928.00
	Elm Springs Rd. Intchnng. Temp. Sig. (I-49)(Springdale)	All Service Electric	\$83,136.00
	Hwy. 70-West (Westbound Lanes)	Weaver-Bailey Construction	\$11,836,454.19



# March 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting

## City Street Projects

Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
Van Buren 28th St. Overlay (Sel. Secs.)	Forsgren, Inc.	\$228,376.18
Dyer Overlay (Sel. Secs.)	Forsgren, Inc.	\$231,889.48
Viola Overlay (Sel. Secs.)	Atlas Asphalt	\$131,352.65
Horseshoe Bend Pinto Ln. & E. Tri Lakes Dr. Overlay	Atlas Asphalt	\$233,417.81
Morrison Bluff Overlay (Sel. Secs.)	Blackstone Const.	\$259,989.73
Etowah Brackett Rd. Surfacing (Sel. Sec.)	Delta Asphalt	\$288,076.98
Marked Tree Overlay (Sel. Secs.)	Atlas Asphalt	\$237,186.68
Beebe & Higginson Overlay (Sel. Secs.)	Rogers Group	\$251,231.27



# March 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting County Projects

Route	Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
	Hwy. 72-Co. Rd. 39 (Surfacing) (S)	Hutchens Const.	\$411,347.90
	Co. Rd. 2 - North (Overlay) (S)	Atlas Asphalt	\$143,265.58

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**Item 8**  
**Other Business &  
Discussion**



## *Efficiency*

- ✓ **Employment levels down**
- ✓ **Equipment management**
- ✓ **Low Administrative Costs**
- ✓ **More money for roads**



# Winter Storm 2014

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**Beebe critical of highway response to winter storm**

By Gavin Lemick  
This article was published March 5, 2014 at 9:48 a.m.

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- ❖ March 5, 2014
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## Arkansas Highway Director in Hot Seat over Icy Roads

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## Legislators want answers about interstate jams

by Roy Ockert

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Legislators are taking time out from their "private option" session this week to conduct a hearing on why parts of interstate highways 40 and 55 in eastern Arkansas got jammed for three days after a March 2 winter ice storm.

NEWS 3 NEWS SPORTS ON-AIR SEASON OF GIVING EXPERTS TRAFFIC CONTESTS BE OUR GUEST

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CABLE ONE SUBSCRIBERS

## Arkansas Highway Officials Grilled About Road Conditions In Last Week's Winter Storm

POSTED 12:08 PM, MARCH 11, 2014, BY APRIL THOMPSON AND GEORGE BROWN

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## *Efficiency*

- ✓ **Employment levels down**
- ✓ **Equipment management**
- ✓ **Low Administrative Costs**
- ✓ **More money for roads**

**Efficiency = Deficiency**





## *In comparison:*

- ✓ There are 46 counties in Missouri's southern two highway districts that border Arkansas
- ✓ They have 570 belly plows in those 2 districts
- ✓ Arkansas had almost 700 trucks statewide, BUT
- ✓ Arkansas only had 6 belly plows



## *In comparison:*

- ✓ **Missouri has 5100 employees**
- ✓ **Arkansas has 3600 employees**
- ✓ **Missouri receives \$20,000 more revenue per mile**
- ✓ **Missouri's annual budget is \$2.8 billion**
- ✓ **Arkansas' annual budget is \$1.0 billion**





# ***Needs Assessment***

- ✓ **Equipment, manpower, material & facility needs**
- ✓ **Increased budget for maintenance**







# *A New Plan*



*WINTER*

*STORM*

*2015*



# Winter Weather 2015



Interstate 30  
Near Emmett  
Hempstead Co.

# Winter Weather 2015



Interstate 30  
Hempstead Co.



# Winter Weather 2015



Interstate 30  
Exit 46  
Nevada Co.

# Winter Weather 2015



Interstate 30  
Near Hwy 371 Overpass  
Nevada Co.



# Highway Pre-treatment

Poinsett County

Hwy. 1  
Cross Co.



# District 2 Salt Bin





**THANK  
YOU**





# THANK YOU

I want to compliment the road crews in Crittenden County for the excellent job they have done removing ice and snow from the roadways this week. It's the best job I've ever seen. I've been in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi this week. Arkansas was the only state where trucks could use the highways.

Daryl Jackson  
Trucker



**THANK  
YOU**

I want to thank the crews for all the hard work, long hours, sustaining the cold weather to ensure the highways are clear. I leave home between 3:00 & 3:30 a.m. to arrive at Baptist Hospital by 5:00 a.m.. I can't express how relieved I felt that the interstates were salted and cleared that early in the morning. As a nurse, I help save lives. You do the same by clearing roads.

**Monica Hall  
Baptist Hospital Nurse**



THANK  
YOU

My name is Jessica Bergman  
I am a Librarian - American and I would  
like to say "Thank you very much" to your  
County's Road Crews for cleaning  
Washington in the Mukwonago  
Washington which made my trip to  
Children's County possible.  
I think people of all professions  
should be awarded if they are  
doing "Great Jobs" and it is what  
yesterday - March 1st, 2015.  
Road Crews were doing  
without their full involvement  
swift and thought response to  
the inclement weather. I would not  
be able to have visitation with  
my children who live with their  
Dad in Washington County  
The drive was on hour 30 minutes  
and again - Great Thanks to Thank  
people and everybody who organ-  
ized and everybody who cleaned  
up. Dad's / Highways Cleaning  
If you need any questions,  
Call me at 618-256-0415



THANK YOU

Thank you for clearing the roads in Washington County. You made it possible for me to see my children. I think people of all professions should be rewarded if they are doing a great job. That's what your crews were doing.

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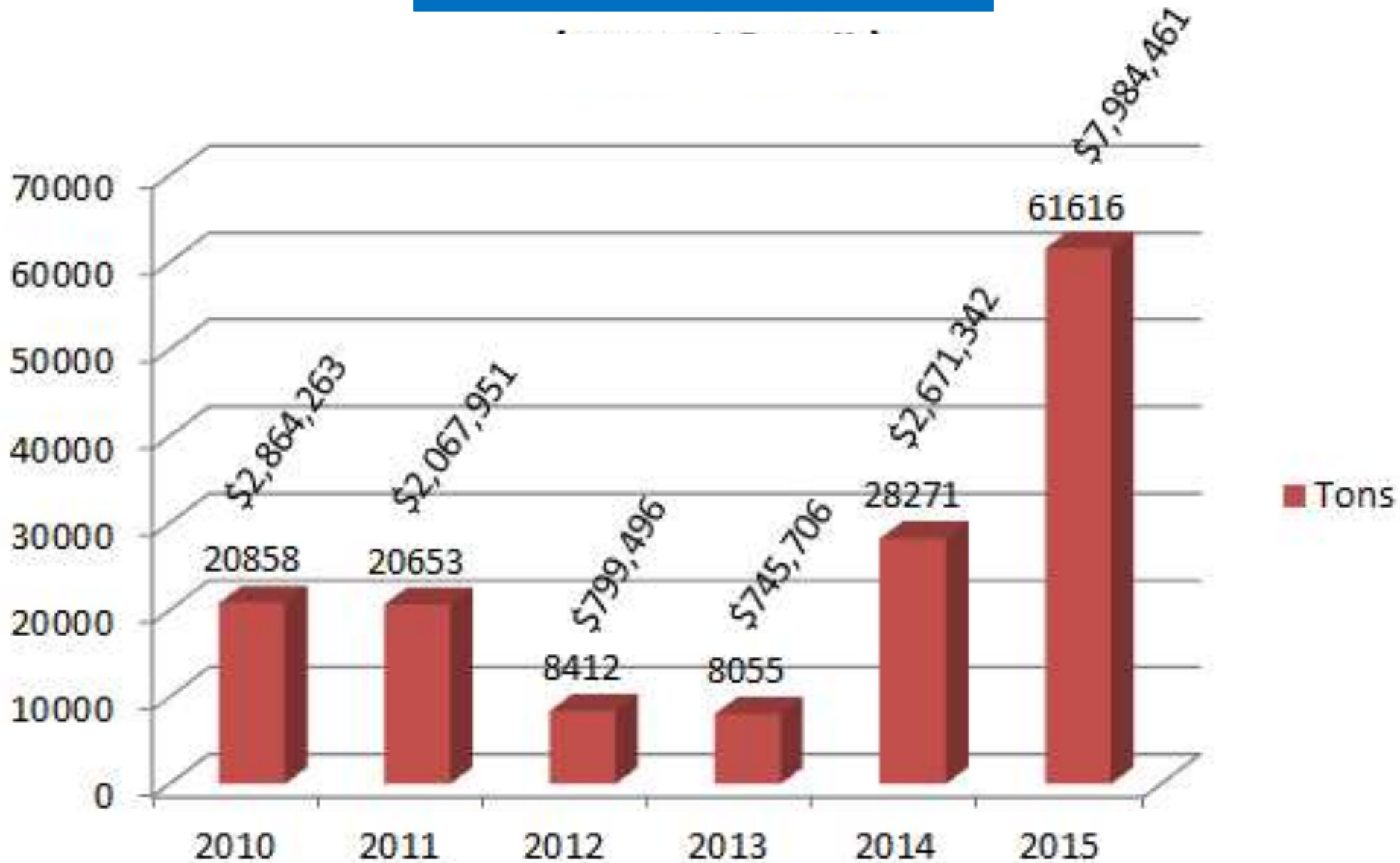


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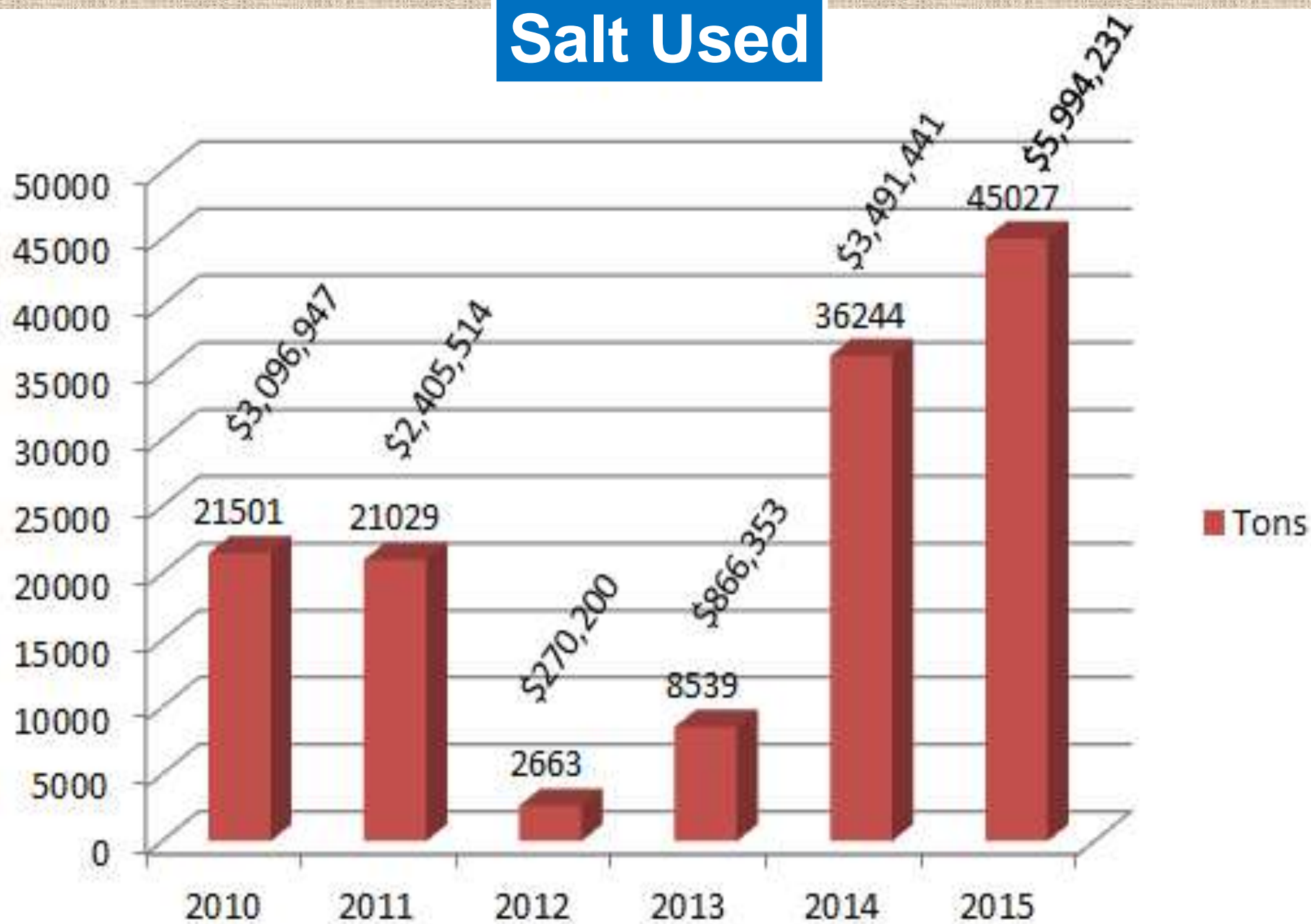




# Salt Purchased



# Salt Used









# District 9 Plow Accident





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