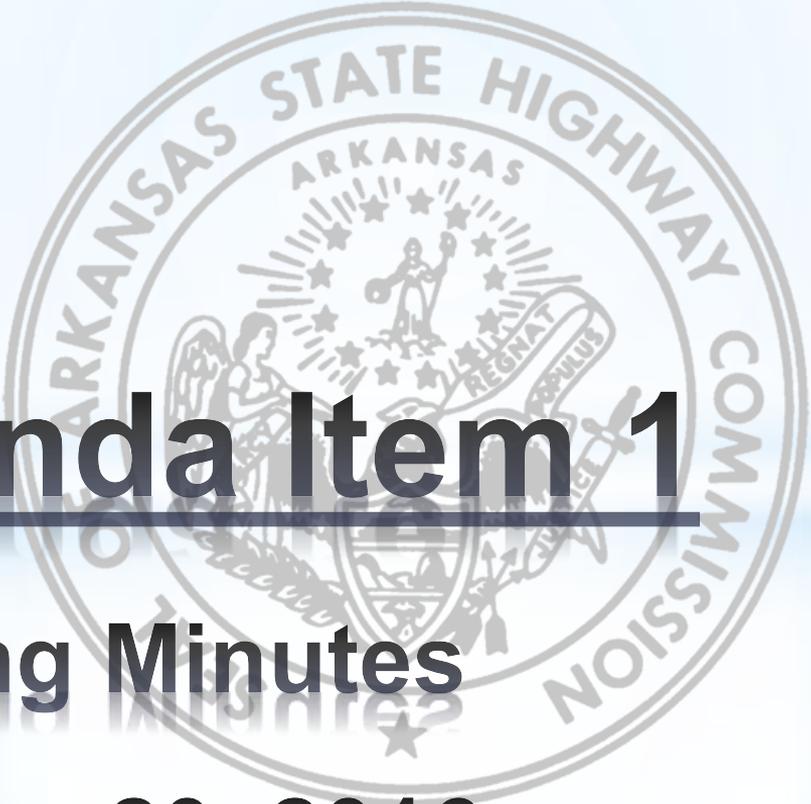


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# **Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting**

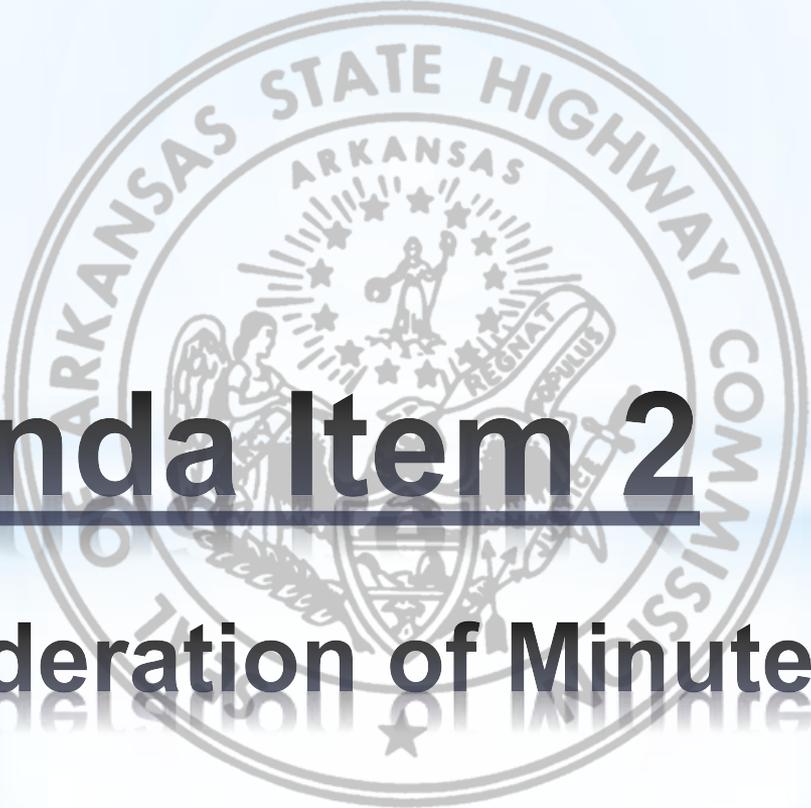
**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

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# Agenda Item 1

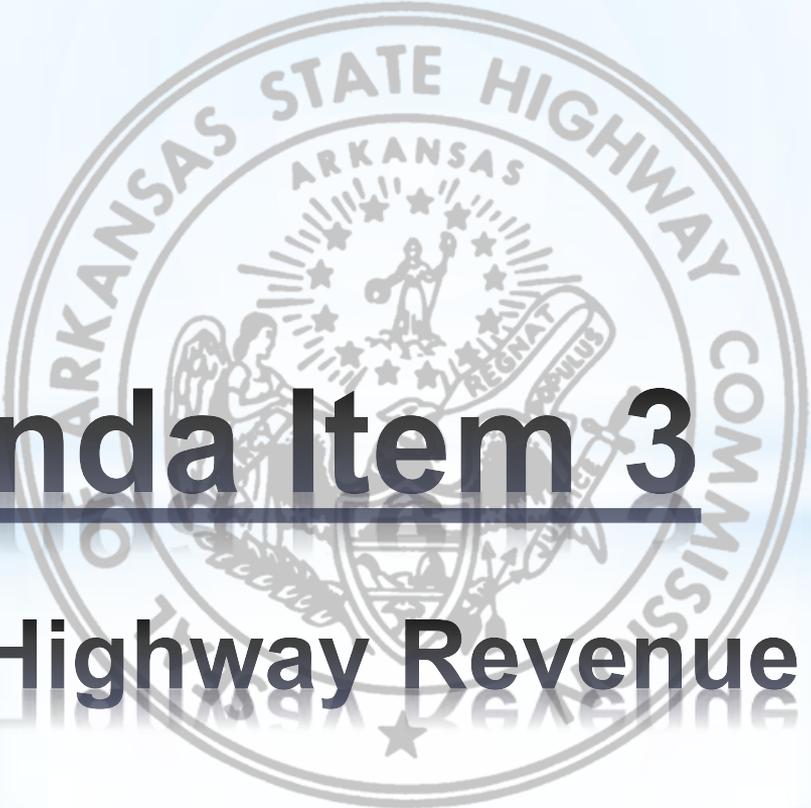
Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2016

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# Agenda Item 2

## Consideration of Minute Orders

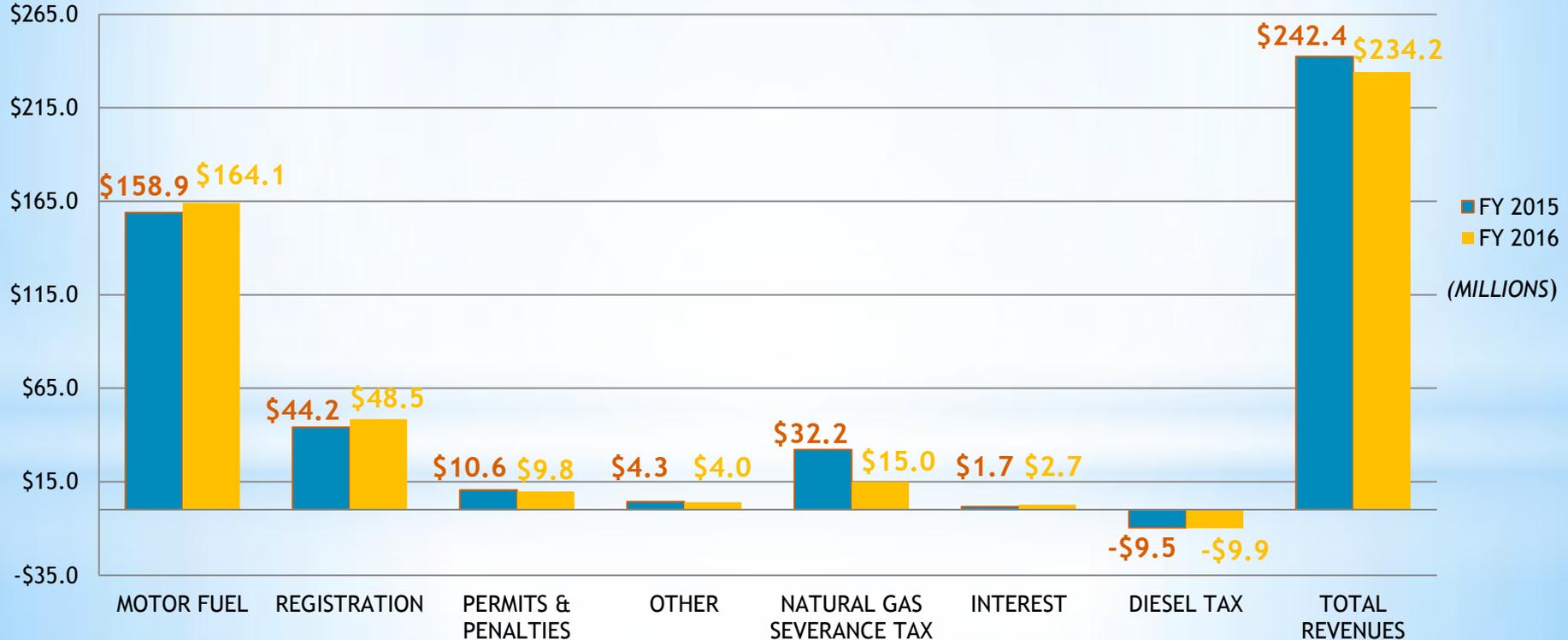
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# Agenda Item 3

## State Highway Revenue Update

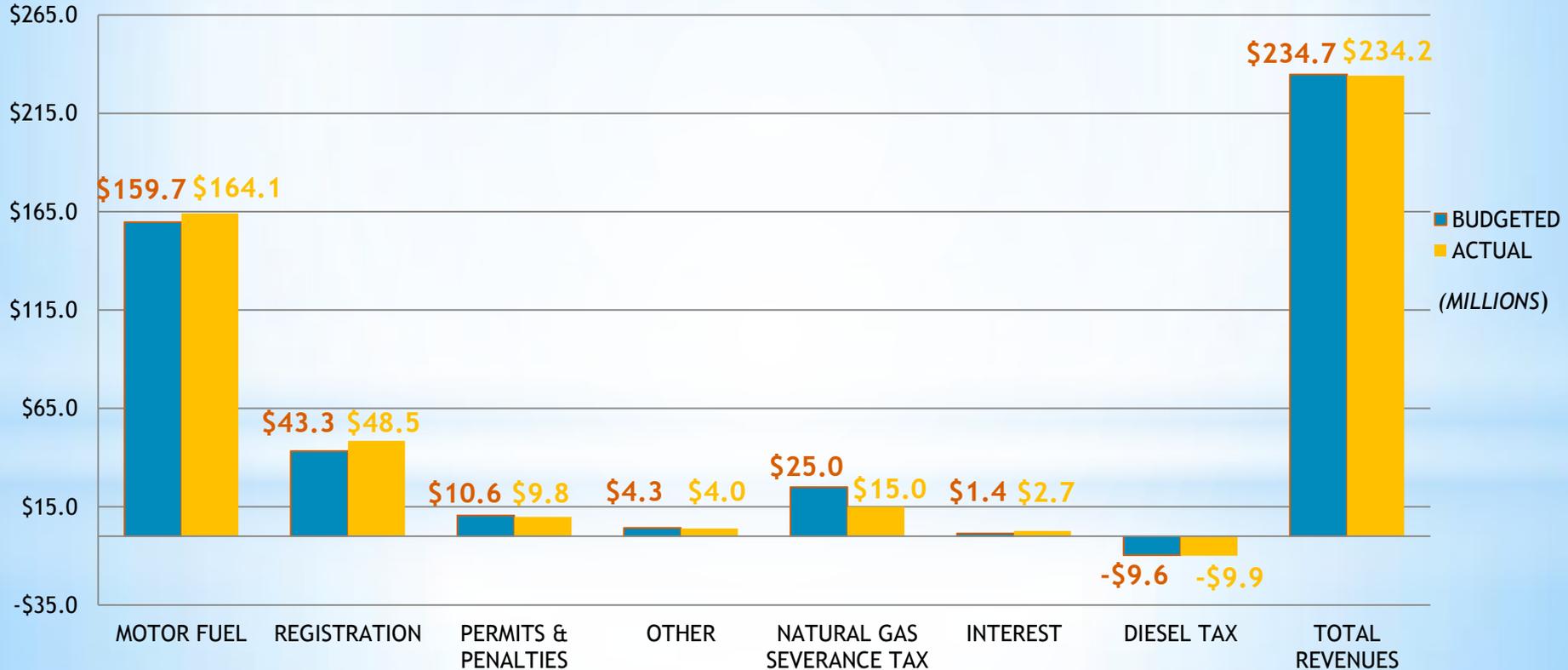
# JANUARY 2015 vs JANUARY 2016 REVENUE

VARIANCE	\$5.2	\$4.3	-\$0.8	\$-0.3	\$-17.2	\$1.0	\$-0.4	\$-8.2
% CHANGE	3.3%	9.7%	-7.6%	-7.0%	-53.4%	58.8%	4.2%	-3.4%



# FY 2016 BUDGETED vs ACTUAL - JANUARY

VARIANCE	\$4.4	\$5.2	\$-0.8	\$-0.3	\$-10.0	\$1.3	\$-0.3	\$-0.5
% CHANGE	2.8%	12.0%	-7.6%	-7.0%	-40.0%	92.9%	3.1%	-0.2%



# JANUARY 2015 vs JANUARY 2016 FUEL CONSUMPTION

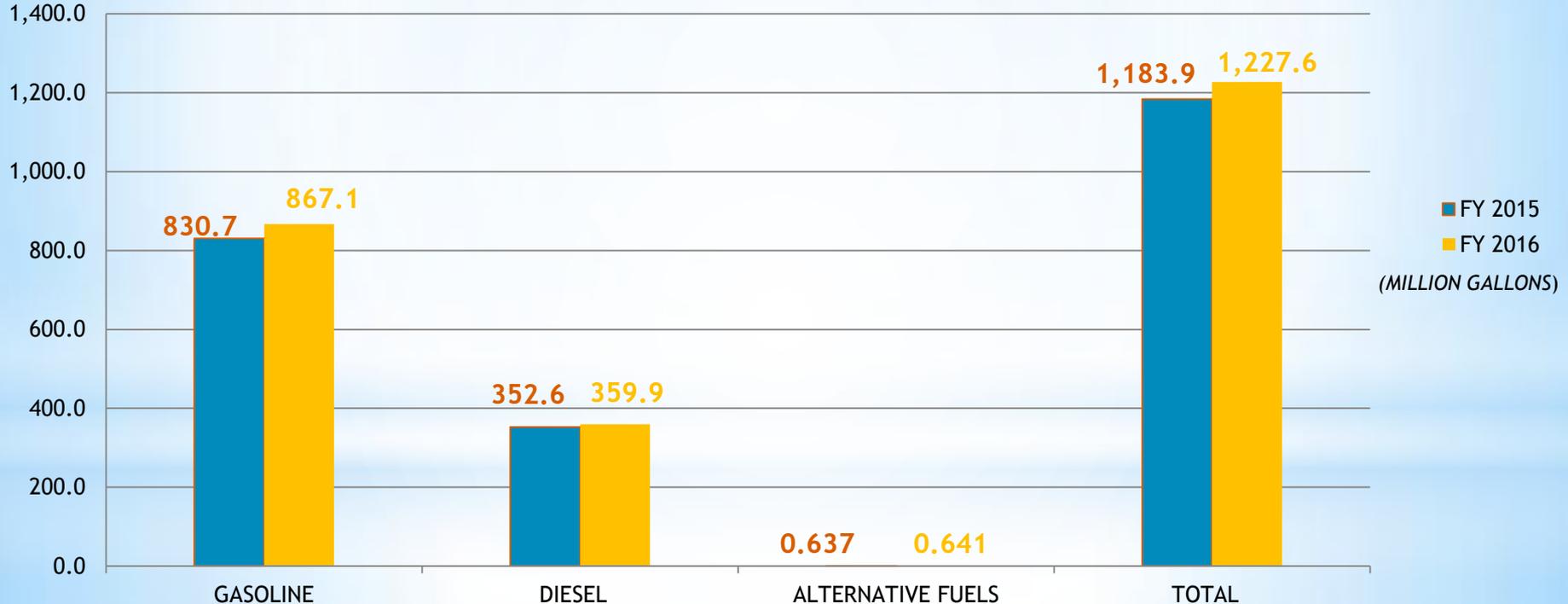
VARIANCE  
% CHANGE

36.4  
4.4%

7.3  
2.1%

0.0  
0.6%

43.7  
3.7%





# *Arkansas Fuel Consumption*

## *Rolling 12-month Comparison*

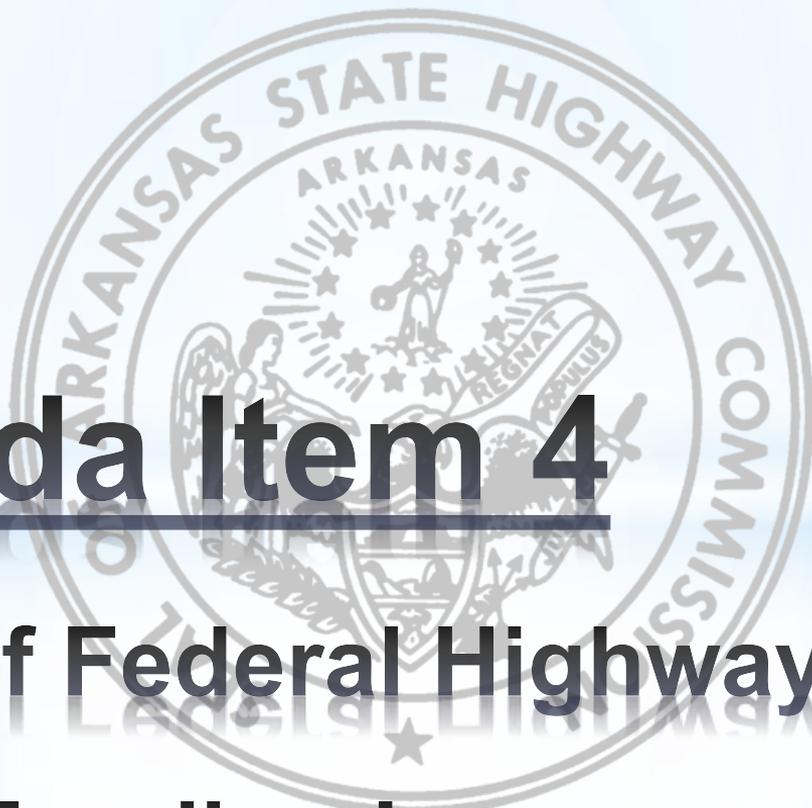
Fuel	Previous 12 Months (millions)	Current 12 Months (millions)	Variance
Gasoline	1,397,602,775	1,440,640,822	3.08%
Diesel	605,796,413	607,351,691	0.26%
Alternative	1,009,967	1,018,564	0.85%
Total	2,004,409,155	2,049,011,077	2.23%

# State Fiscal Year 2016 Sales Tax

Mon	Projected Net	Actual Receipts	Variance	Monthly Variance	Annual Variance
Jul	13,930,000	14,527,703	597,703	4.29%	4.29%
Aug	14,280,000	14,887,997	607,997	4.26%	4.27%
Sept	14,140,000	14,949,174	809,174	5.72%	4.76%
Oct	14,140,000	14,272,040	132,040	0.93%	3.80%
Nov	13,720,000	14,012,894	292,894	2.13%	3.48%
Dec	14,210,000	13,906,523	(303,477)	-2.14%	2.53%
Jan	15,050,000	14,738,259	(311,741)	-2.07%	1.83%
Feb	13,300,000				
Mar	14,140,000				
Apr	14,490,000				
May	13,930,000				
Jun	14,350,000				
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,680,000</b>	<b>101,294,590</b>	<b>1,824,590</b>		

# *Half-Cent Sales Tax Projected vs Actual*

Projected Net	Actual Receipts	Variance	Percent Variance
<b>\$417,970,000</b>	<b>\$417,996,646</b>	<b>\$26,646</b>	<b>0.01%</b>



# Agenda Item 4

Status of Federal Highway and  
Transit Funding Issues



# Funding Challenges

## GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL



## SPECIAL SESSION





# Funding Challenges

## “Arkansas Works”

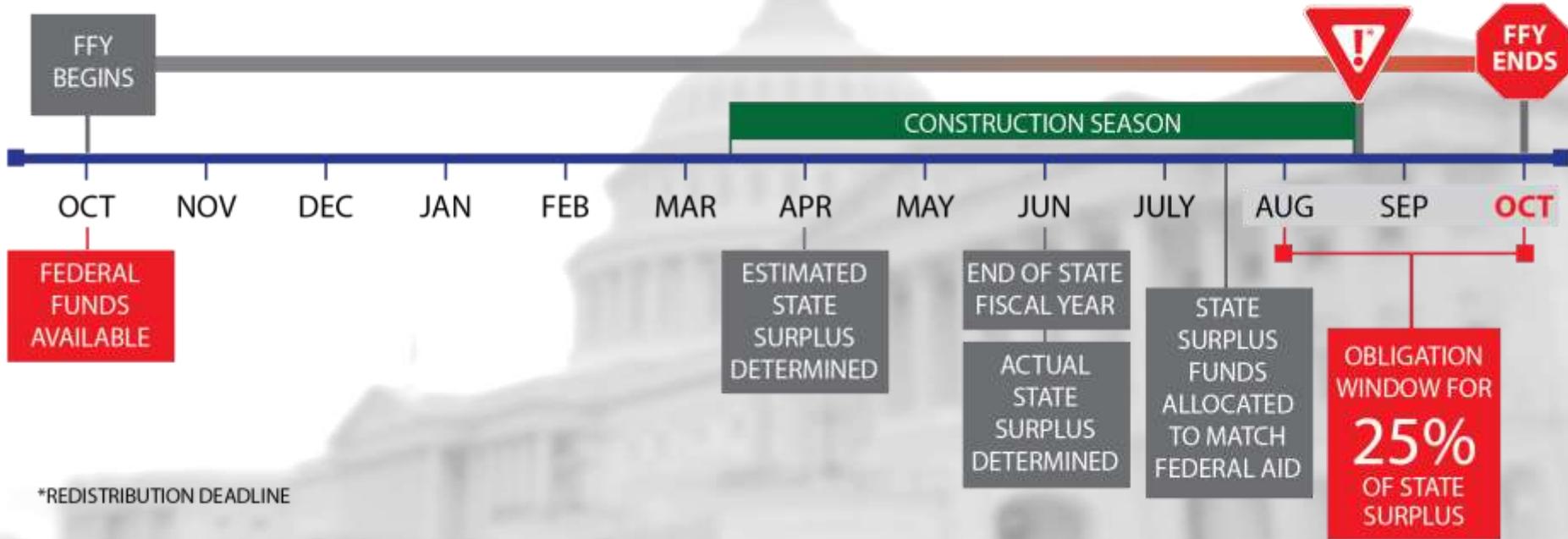
- Governor's health care reform
  - Special Session--April 6
  - Fiscal Session--April 13





# Funding Challenges

## Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)





# 2016 Grant Season



- \$500 Million set aside for qualifying projects
- \$100 Million of which is for rural projects
- \$5 Million/\$1 Million minimums
- \$100 Million maximum
- 80/20 Match

# FASTLANE

- \$800 Million set aside for qualifying projects
- \$76 Million set aside for “small projects” (<\$100 Million)
- \$100 Million minimum project size for large projects
- 60/40 Match



# Grant Application Possibilities

## TIGER

Highway 265  
30 Crossing  
Highway 10



## FASTLANE

Bella Vista Bypass  
30 Crossing  
I-49 River Bridge  
I-555 Rehabilitation  
Highway 67/167 Rehabilitation  
I-49 Widening



# Washington Briefing

Congressional Visits

Reports From Congress on the FAST Act

FHWA updates on FAST Act Implementation

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
of STATE HIGHWAY AND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS  
**AASHTO**

AASHTO  
**WASHINGTON**

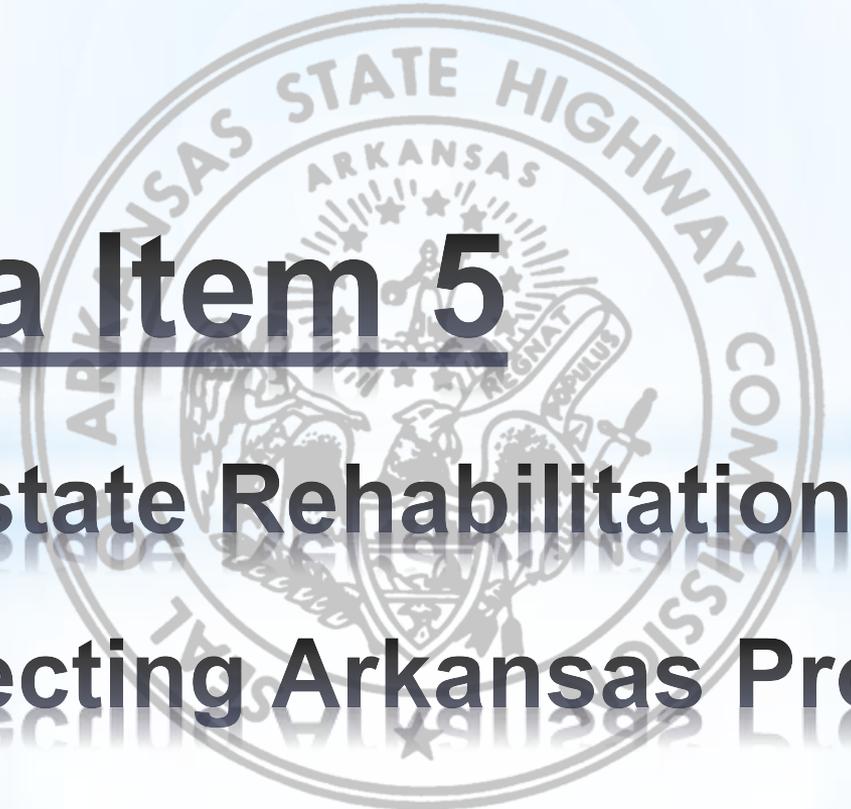
February 23-26  
Washington, DC  
**Briefing 2016**



# Washington Briefing

AASHTO  
**WASHINGTON**  
February 23-26 Briefing 2016  
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# Agenda Item 5

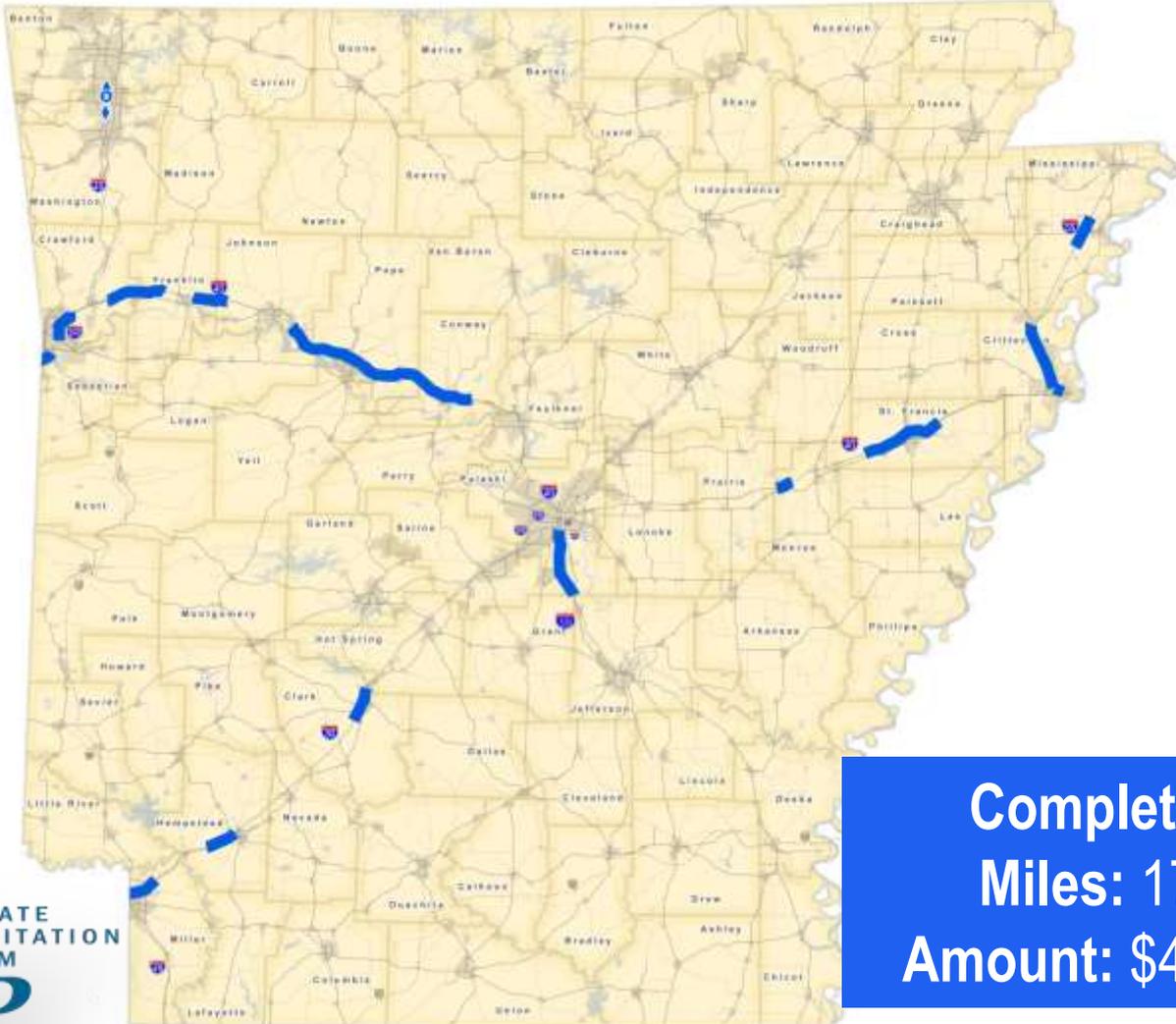
**2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program  
and Connecting Arkansas Program**



INTERSTATE  
REHABILITATION  
PROGRAM

**IRP**





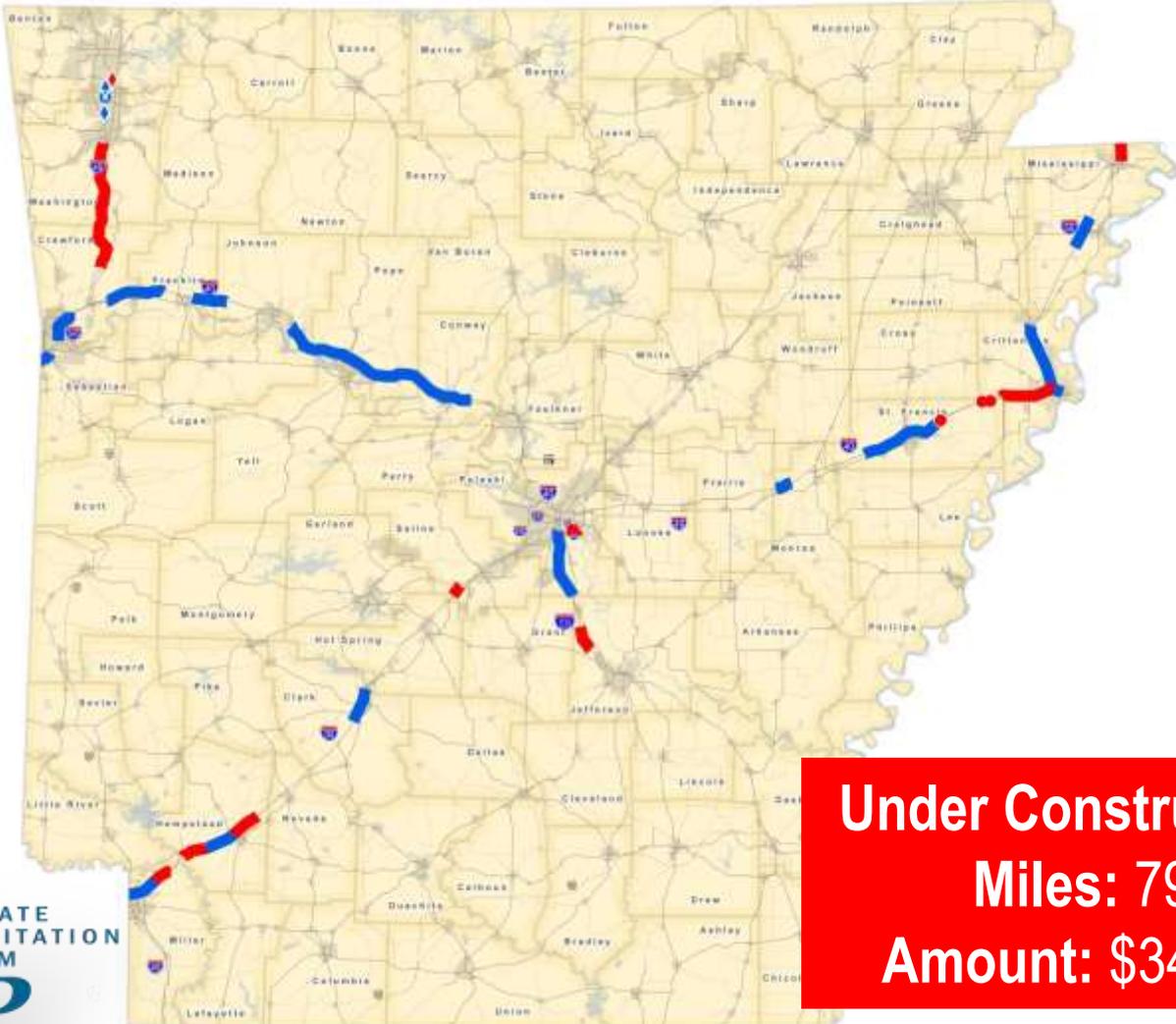
**Completed  
Miles: 170  
Amount: \$449 M**



**Interstate Rehabilitation Program**



# Interstate Rehabilitation Program

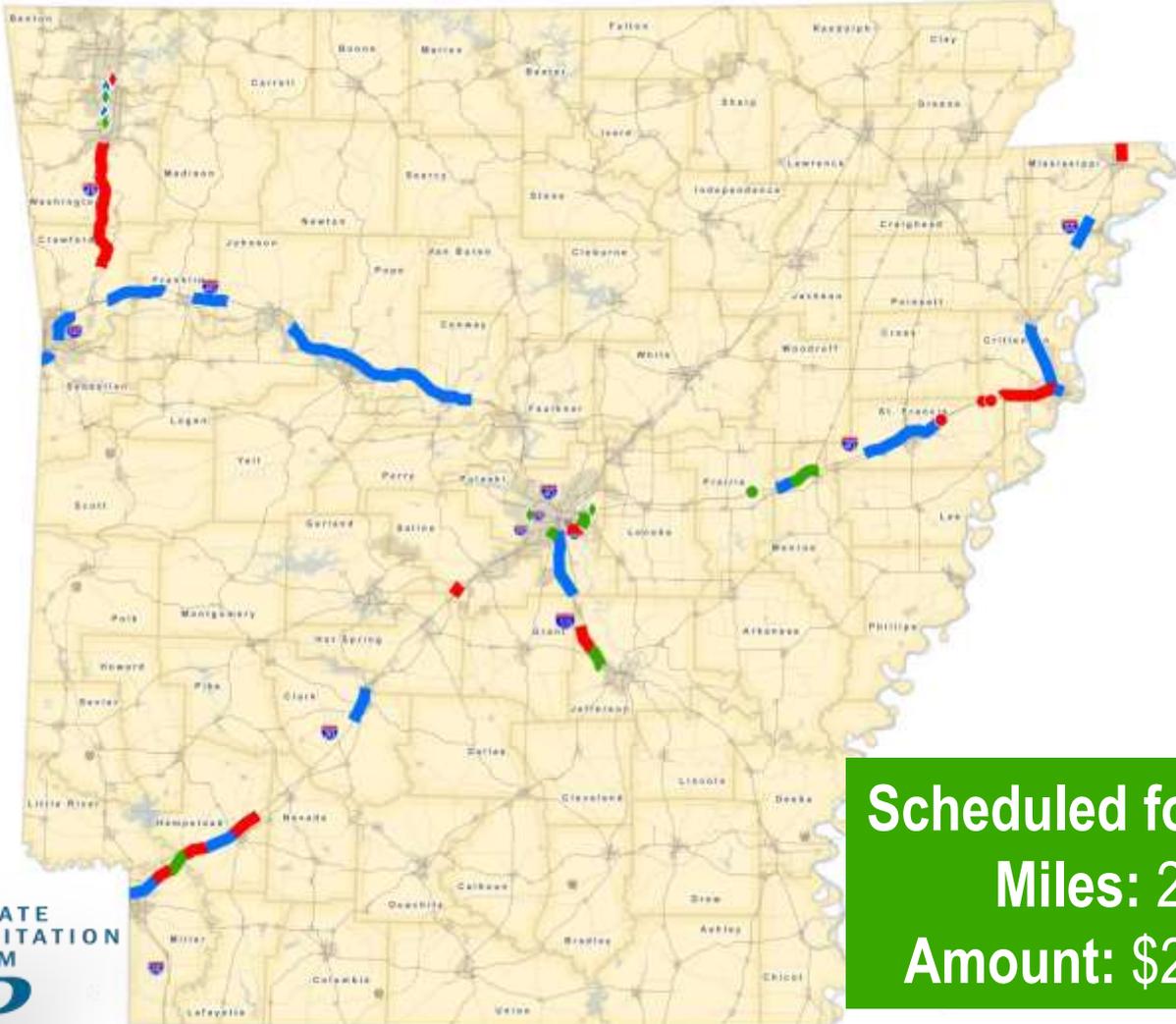


**Under Construction**  
**Miles: 79**  
**Amount: \$346 M**





# Interstate Rehabilitation Program



Scheduled for 2016  
Miles: 27  
Amount: \$265 M





**Scheduled for 2017-2023**  
**Miles: 217**  
**Amount: \$365 M**



**Interstate Rehabilitation Program**



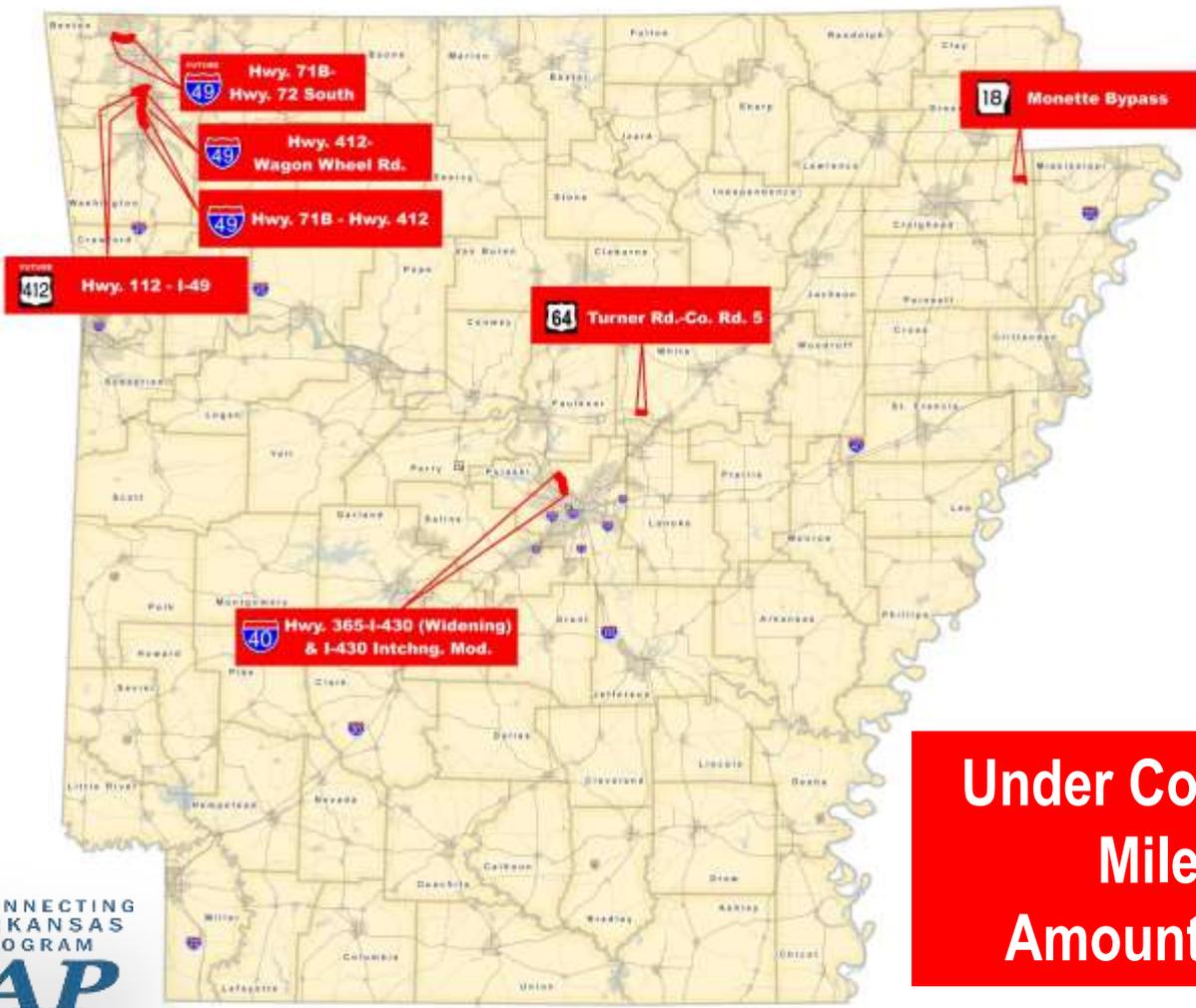
CONNECTING  
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PROGRAM

**CAP**





# Connecting Arkansas Program

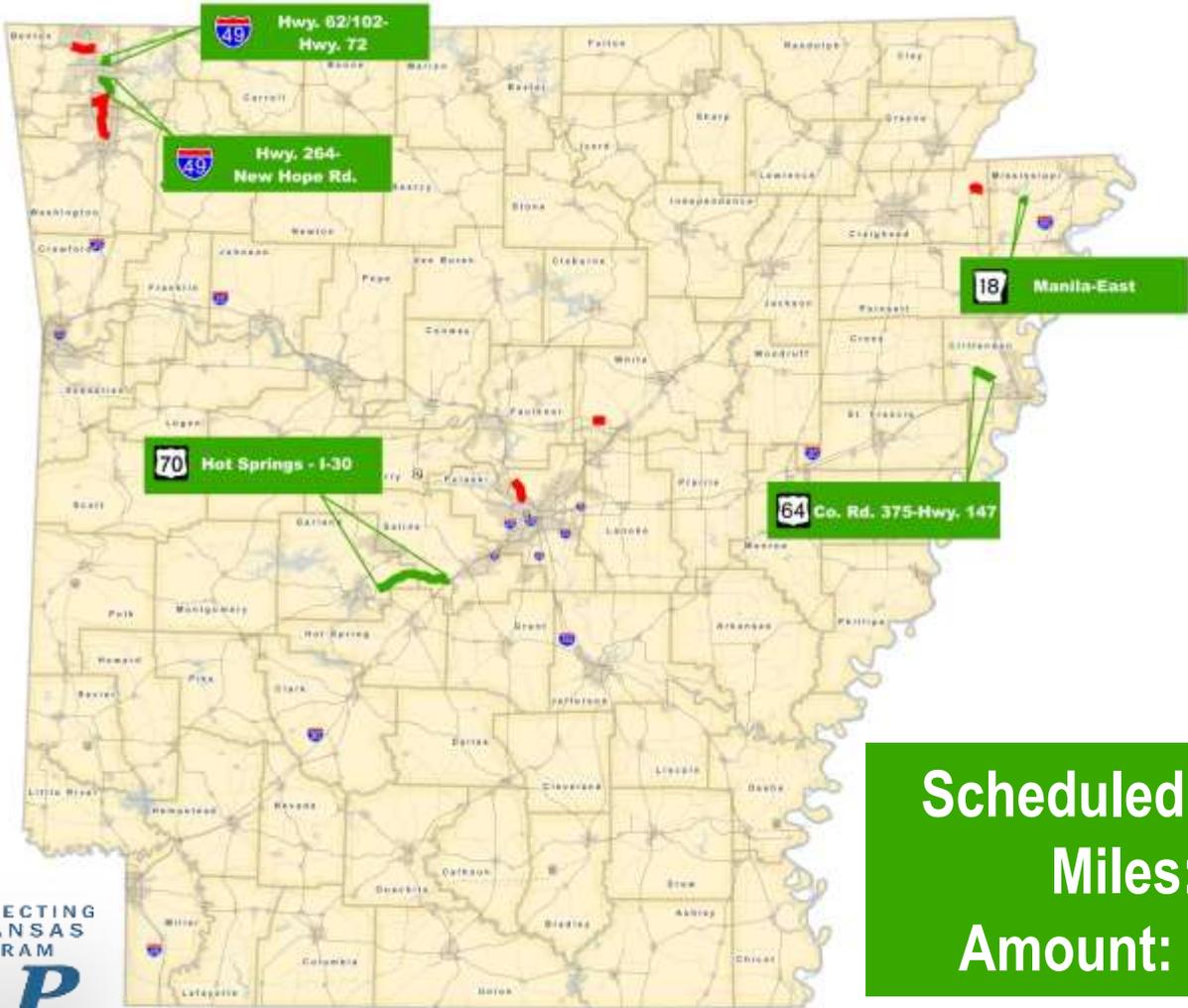


**Under Construction  
Miles: 29  
Amount: \$263 M**





# Connecting Arkansas Program

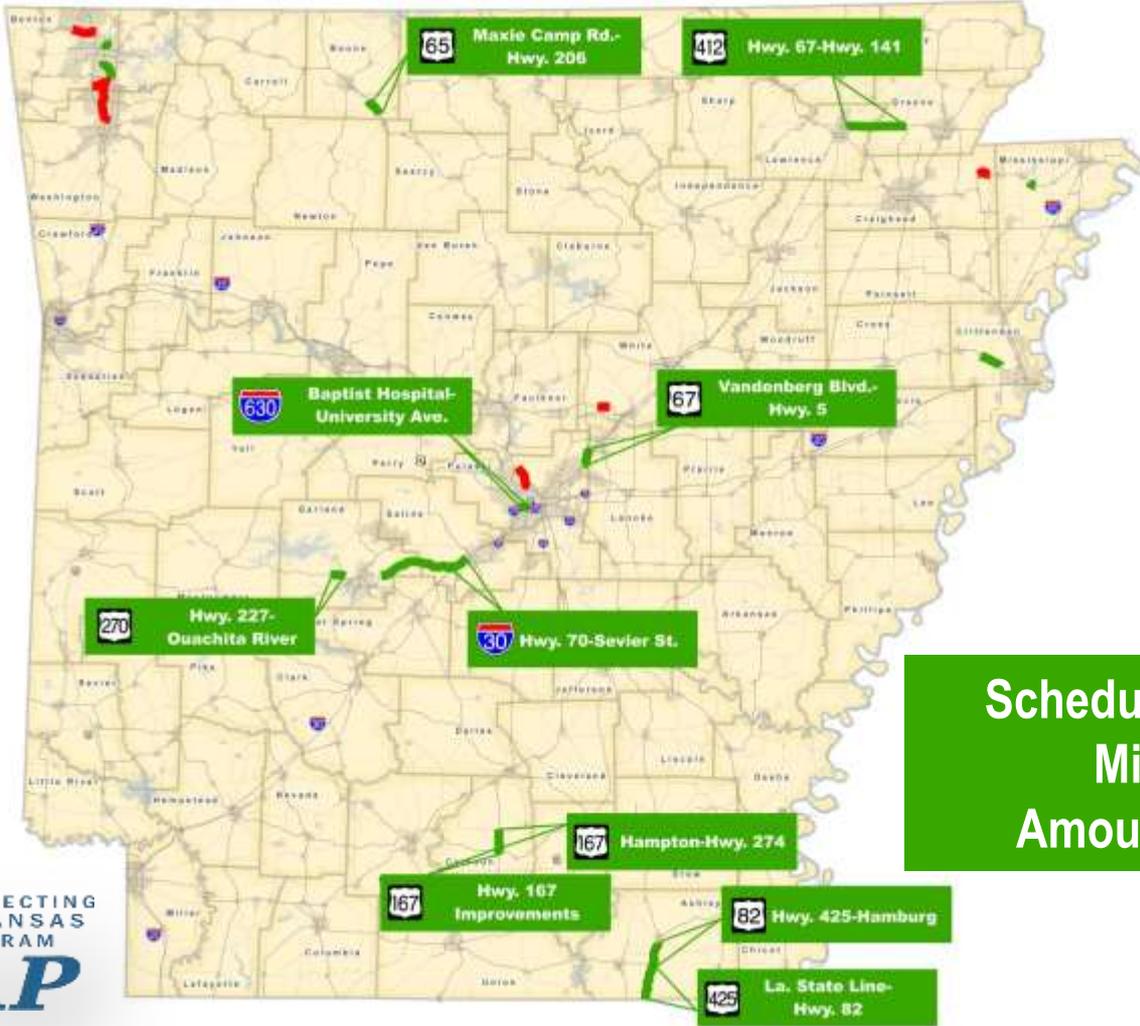


**Scheduled for 2016**  
**Miles: 35**  
**Amount: \$208 M**





# Connecting Arkansas Program



Scheduled for 2017  
Miles: 55  
Amount: \$417 M



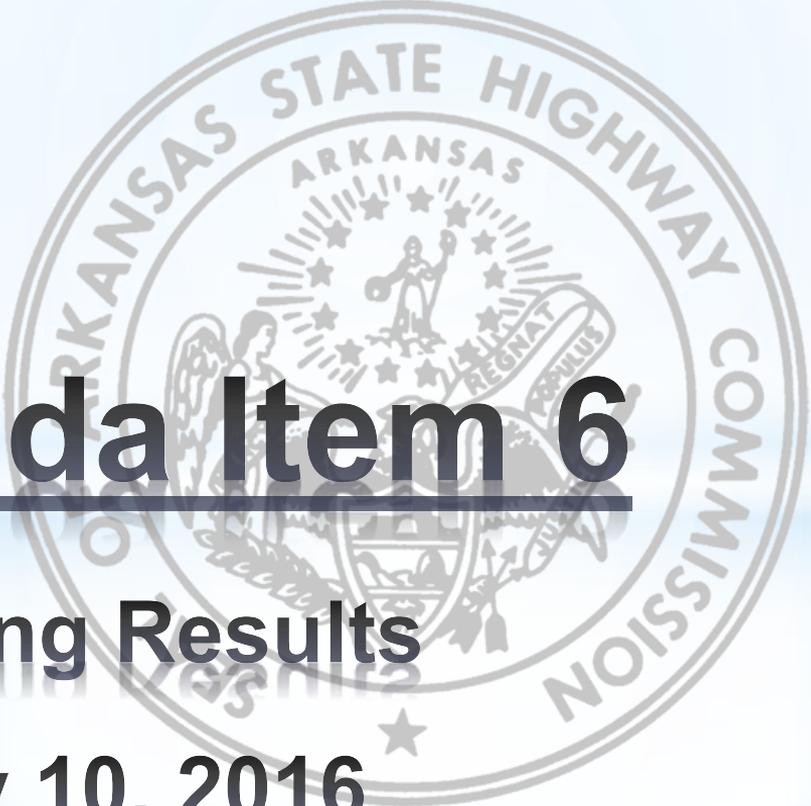


# Connecting Arkansas Program



Scheduled for 2018-2019  
Miles: 67  
Amount: \$992 M



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# Agenda Item 6

**Bid Letting Results**

**February 10, 2016**

# Summary of the February 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting

Type Projects	Number of Projects	Bid Amount
State	29	70,799,635.10
City	8	2,170,631.81
County	1	497,585.55
Total	38	73,467,852.46



# Details of the February 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting

Route	County	Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
	Cross	Branch of Caney Creek Str. & Apprs.	Kingridge Enterprises, Inc.	1,182,374.39
	Crittenden	Hwy. 131-North	Crisp Contractors, Inc.	2,644,305.02
	Crittenden	Ditch at L.M. 2.30 Str. & Apprs.	Crisp Contractors, Inc.	1,893,868.07
	St. Francis	S. Powell St.-Crow Creek (Mill & Inlay)	M & T Paving & Construction Co., Inc.	1,223,163.84
	Lee	Hwy. 79-Hwy. 1 (Overlay)	M & T Paving & Construction Co., Inc.	456,289.97
	Cross	Gum Slough-Wolfpen Slough (Overlay)	Sugg Construction, Inc.	1,026,119.45

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Route	County	Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
	Lincoln	Wells Bayou Str. & Apprs.	Thomco, Inc.	2,133,393.20
	Desha	So. Of Watson-Hwy. 165 (Overlay)	Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Co.	1,332,927.42
	Pike	Murfreesboro (Sel. Secs.) (Overlay)	No Bids Received	
	Scott	Polk Co. Line-North (Hwy. 71) (Overlay)	Blackstone Construction, LLC	1,455,207.51
	Polk	Mena-East (Overlay)	All Bids Rejected	
	Fulton	Creek at L.M. 3.10 Str. & Apprs.	All Bids Rejected	

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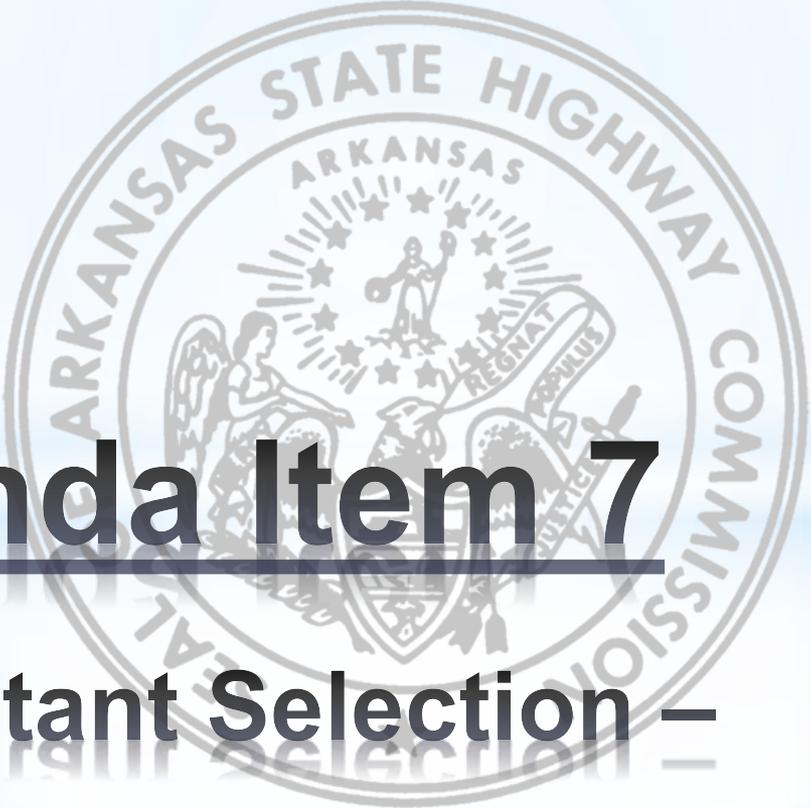
Route	County	Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
	Jackson	Cache River-Amagon Strs. & Apprs.	Robertson, Inc., Bridge & Grading Division	11,908,017.25
	Stone	Sylamore Creek-White River (Overlay)	Atlas Asphalt, Inc.	1,911,804.26
	Garland & Saline	Hwy. 128-Benton (Safety Improvements)	Redstone Construction Group, Inc.	7,896,298.51
	Hot Spring	Arkansas Tourist Information Center (Social Hill)	Seale's Construction Co., Inc.	1,861,270.96
	Hot Spring	Hwy. 270B-North (Sel. Secs.) (Overlay)	Cranford Construction Co.	1,128,259.93
	Hot Spring	Social Hill-Hwy. 171 (Overlay)	Cranford Construction Co.	834,823.72

# Details of the February 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting

Route	County	Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
	Columbia	Hwy. 79 No.-Co. Rd. 525 (Magnolia)	All Bids Rejected	
	Columbia	Louisiana State Line-Hwy. 98 (Overlay)	Jet Asphalt & Rock Co., Inc.	1,298,943.23
	Faulkner	Bono-Hwy. 124 (Rehab.)	Delta Asphalt of Ark., Inc.	8,070,558.47
	Faulkner	Pulaski Co. Line-Hwy. 64B (Overlay)	Rogers Group, Inc.	1,065,732.85
	Boone	Arkansas Welcome Center Reconstruction (Harrison)	Dayco Construction	2,249,887.50
	Benton	Sulphur Springs-Spavinaw Creek (Overlay)	Hutchens Construction Co.	1,023,934.03

# Details of the February 10<sup>th</sup> Bid Letting

Route	County	Job Name	Apparent Low Bidder	Bid Amount
	Benton	Springtown-Hwy. 279 (Overlay)	Hutchens Construction Co.	1,245,962.15
	Craighead & Lawrence	Hwy. 226-Hwy. 412 (Cable Median Barrier)	Nationwide Construction Group	2,548,107.25
	Clay	Boydsville-East (Sel. Secs.) (Overlay)	Delta Asphalt of Ark., Inc.	405,271.86
	Poinsett	Terrell Rd. Overpass-St. Francis River (Overlay)	Atlas Asphalt, Inc.	2,004,517.38
	Various	Enhanced Striping & Shoulder Rumble Strips/Stripes (Dists. 4, 8 & 9)	Traf-Mark Industries, LLC	11,998,596.88

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# Agenda Item 7

Consultant Selection –

Certified Public Accountant

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Consultant Selection –

Local Public Agency

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Consultant Selection –

Freshwater Mussel Survey

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# Agenda Item 10

**Draft 2016-2020 STIP**

2016-2020  
Federal Fiscal Years

DRAFT

STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
STIP

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Presented by the Arkansas State Highway Commission  
In Compliance with Title 21 U.S.C. § 135  
February 22, 2016



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# Agenda Item 11

## State Highway Commission History

# History





# Prior to 1913

“We are always yapping about the ‘Good Old Days’ and how we look away back and enjoy it, but I tell you there is a lot of hooey to it.”

– Will Rogers



<http://rustlingsinthewind.blogspot.com>



# The Teens

- **1913 - First Arkansas Highway Commission Created**
- **No Highway Department / No Highway System**
- **First Highway Improvement Fund**
- **\$10 Registration Fee / Vehicle - \$72,000 Total Budget**
- **50,000 Vehicles**
- **36,000 Miles of Public Roads**

Highway 71 near Bella Vista



# The Twenties



Repair Shop of State  
Highway Department,  
Little Rock, early 1930s

- First Gas Tax – 1 cent per gallon
- Arkansas Highway Commission Changed Twice
- 1927 - All Road Improvement District miles and \$100 Million in Debt Transferred to State

*Highway Districts 1923*



*Highway Districts 1925*



Broadway Bridge dedication,  
1922. View is looking towards  
North Little Rock

- 1929 – Highway Department Created
- 200,000 Vehicles
- 8,800 Miles State Highways (1,400 Paved)





# The Thirties



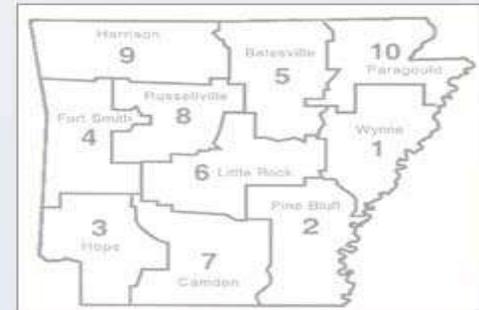
Magnet Truck, Picked up an average of 20 lbs of metal per mile

- Arkansas Highway Commission Changed Two More Times
- Gas Tax Raised to 6.5 cents per Gallon
- ✓ 1960's Before Next Increase



State Highway Department HQ, 1939

- 255,000 Vehicles
- 9,300 Miles State Highways (3,000 Paved)





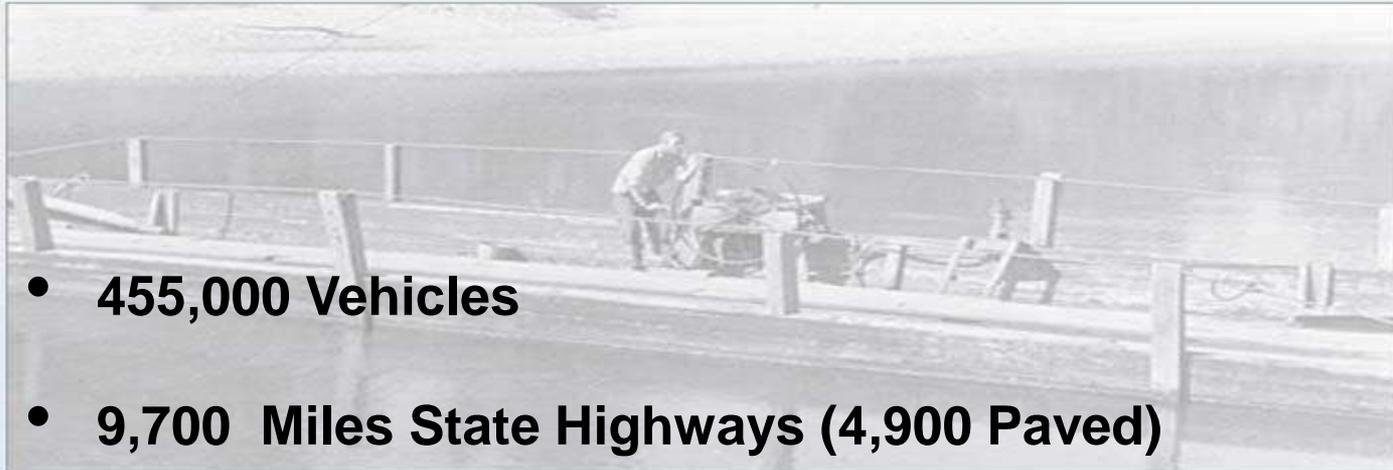
# The Forties

- World War II
- Arkansas Highway Commission Changed Two More Times
- Political Influence on Highways  
– Growing Discontent



Operation of the Henderson Ferry at Norfolk Lake cost \$117,981 for 1947-48. During this period 189,856 vehicles were ferried over at an average cost of 62¢ per vehicle.

Dillard's Ferry, a hand-cranked operation, crossed the Buffalo River at Highway 14 from 1929-1958.



- 455,000 Vehicles
- 9,700 Miles State Highways (4,900 Paved)



# The Fifties

- New Governor Elected – Promise to Improve Roads
- 1951 - Highway Audit Commission Report

✓ *“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.”*

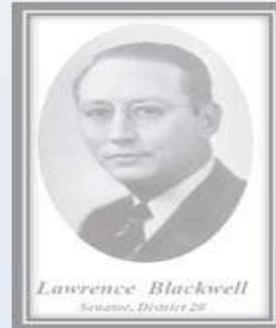
- Arkansas Highway Commission
  - ✓ 9 Legislative Acts Restructuring Commission since 1913
- 1952 – Mack Blackwell Amendment
- Interstate Era

Widening Hwy 67 near  
Malvern, 1956

- 750,000 Vehicles
- 11,000 Miles State Highways (8,800 Paved)



E.M. "Milton" Mack  
Senator, District 18



Lawrence Blackwell  
Senator, District 20



# The Sixties

- **Legislature**

- ✓ **Allowed Counties to Transfer County Roads to the Department as State Highways**
- ✓ **Increase of 3,400 miles**

Highway 144, South of Lake Village

Highway  
Department  
Complex at I-30  
/ Hwy 338, late  
1960s

- **New Highway Department Headquarters – Current Location**

- **Arkansas – National Forefront in Interstate Construction/Completion**

Weights & Standards Division, AHD

- **1.1 million Vehicles**
- **14,500 Miles State Highways (13,000 Paved)**

North Terminal Interchange, 1962



# The Seventies

- 1.7 million Vehicles
- 16,000 Miles State Highways (15,000 Paved)



South Terminal Interchange

- Debt Free



AHC Lawrence Blackwell burning bonds at a ceremony in 1975.



- Legislative Action

- ✓ Legislators and County Judges “Each” Allowed to Transfer 12 miles of Local Roads

- Increased State Highway System 875 miles (550 unpaved)

- ✓ Created State Aid Road Construction Program



I-430 River Bridge, 1973

- Arkansas Department of Highways renamed Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department – Expanded Authority



Toad Suck Ferry on Arkansas River at Highway 60, 1970



# The Eighties



- 16,200 Miles State Highways (15,900 Paved)
- 2.0 million Vehicles

East-West Arterial linking Hwy 270 W and Hwy 70 W in Hot Springs.



- 1985 - Rural Road Program

Snow and ice removal costs reached \$4 M, 1984



- Transportation Safety Agency Transferred to AHTD

Transportation Safety Agency, 1989



# The Nineties

- **1991 – Highway Improvement Program**
- **1993 – Federal Gas Tax**
  - ✓ Gas Tax - 18.4 cents per gallon
  - ✓ Diesel Tax – 24.4 cents per gallon
  - ✓ Has Not Changed Since 1993
- **1999 – State Gas Tax**
  - ✓ Gas Tax Raised 3 cents per gallon to 21.5 cents
  - ✓ Diesel Tax Raised 4 cents per gallon to 22.5 cents

1991 Highway Improvement Program planned to improve or replace approximately 560 bridges.



Section of Hwy 7  
named first Scenic  
Byway of Arkansas.

- **1999 – Interstate Rehabilitation Program**

Dedication of I-540 and Bobby  
Hopper Tunnel, 1999



- **2.1 million Vehicles**
- **16,400 Miles State Highways (16,300 Paved)**



# The New Millennium

- 2011 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Interstate Rehabilitation Program
- 2012 – Connecting Arkansas Program



Winter Weather in Dec 2000 and Jan 2001 cost almost \$40 M.



- Governor's Working Group on Highway Funding

Governor's Working Group

- 3.0 million Vehicles
- 16,400 miles State Highways (16,400 Paved)



New White River Bridge on Hwy 64 at Augusta opened in 2001.



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# Agenda Item 12

## Upcoming Events

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**March 4**

Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce | Chairman Trammel  
12:00 p.m. | Fayetteville, Ark.

**March 7**

Little Rock Engineers Club | Director Bennett  
11:30 a.m. | Little Rock, Ark.

**March 10**

I-555 Jonesboro Chamber Dinner | Director Bennett & Commission  
8:00 p.m. | Jonesboro, Ark.

# Upcoming Events

**March 11**

**I-555 Signing Event | Director Bennett & Commission**

9:00 a.m. | Jonesboro, Ark.

**March 24**

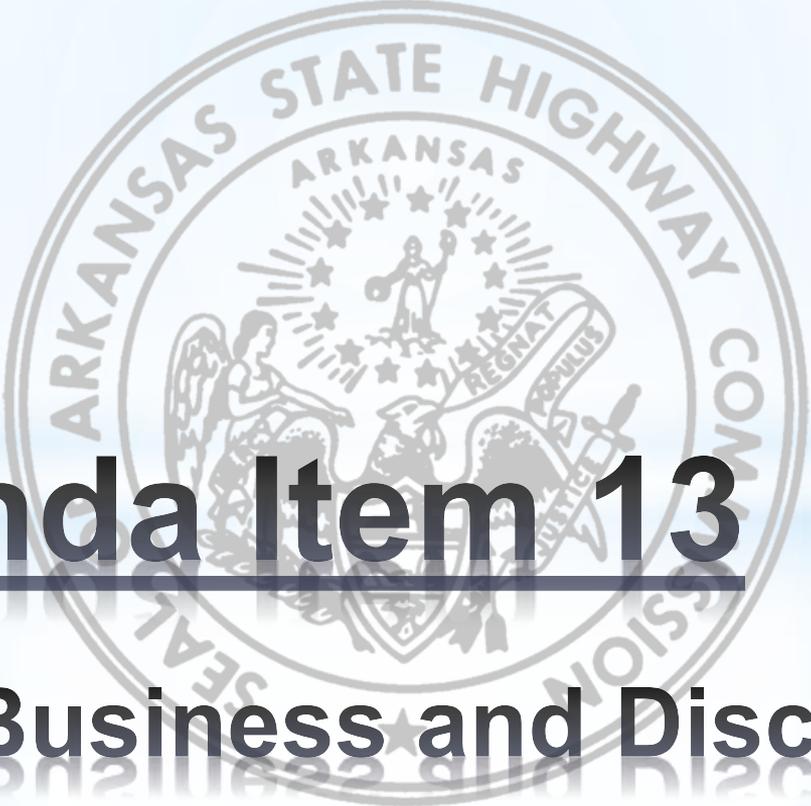
**Mena Rotary Club | Chairman Trammel**

11:30 a.m. | Mena, Ark.

**April 5**

**Transportation Research Committee | Director Bennett**

8:00 a.m. | Little Rock, Ark.

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# Agenda Item 13

**Other Business and Discussion**



# Funding Grants

Arkansas received two Federal Railroad Administration awards:

- \$292,000 to install flashing lights & crossing gates in Paragould
- \$190,000 to install flashing lights & crossing gates on Greene County Road 818



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# **Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**