

**Bruce Street**  
**District 5 Engineer**



**Batesville Rotary Club**  
Monday, June 19, 2017



1929  
Arkansas  
Highway and  
Department of  
Lands

1977  
Arkansas State  
Highway and  
Transportation  
Department

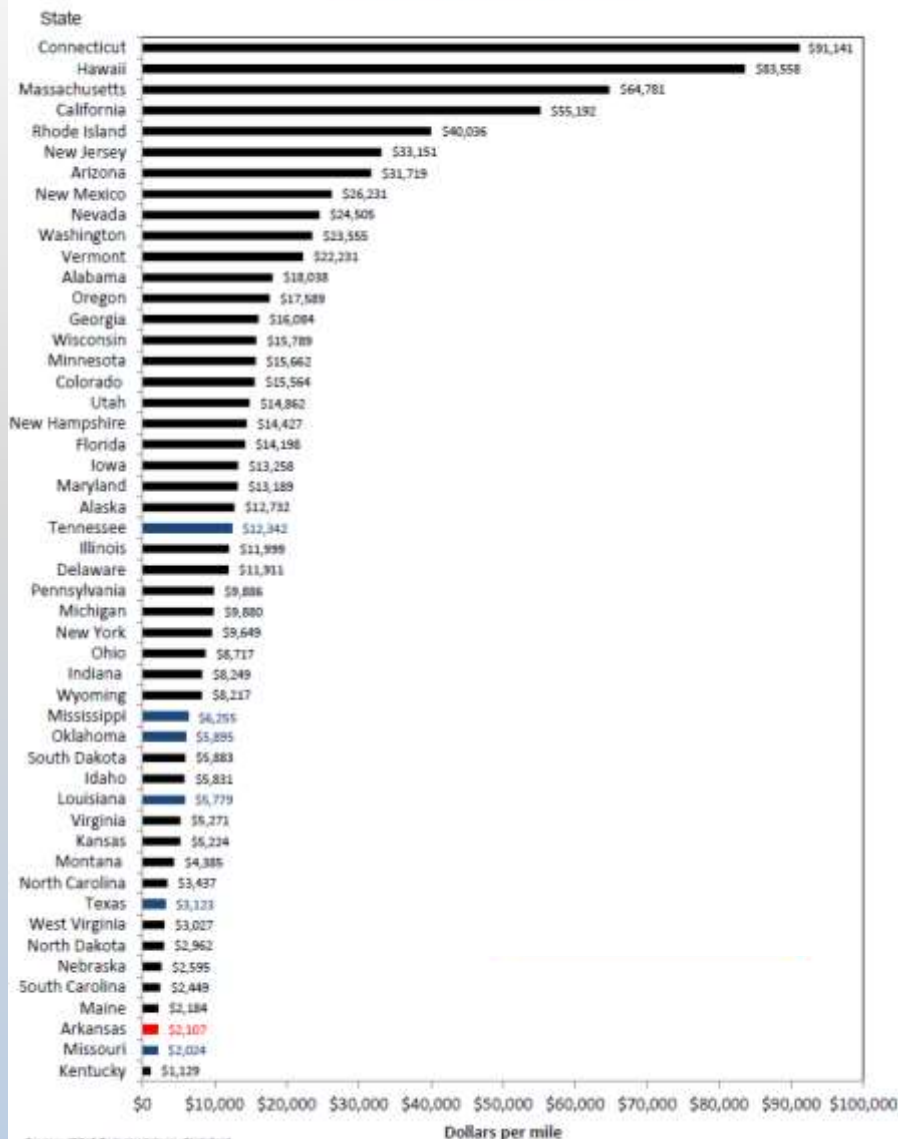
2017  
Arkansas  
Department of  
Transportation

*Provide safe and **efficient** transportation solutions to support Arkansas' economy and enhance the quality of life for generations to come.*

**Adopted June 7, 2017**

## Administrative Cost Per Mile

Arkansas Ranks 48th in the Nation



Source: "2013 Federal Highway Statistics"  
Note: Excludes Toll Facilities

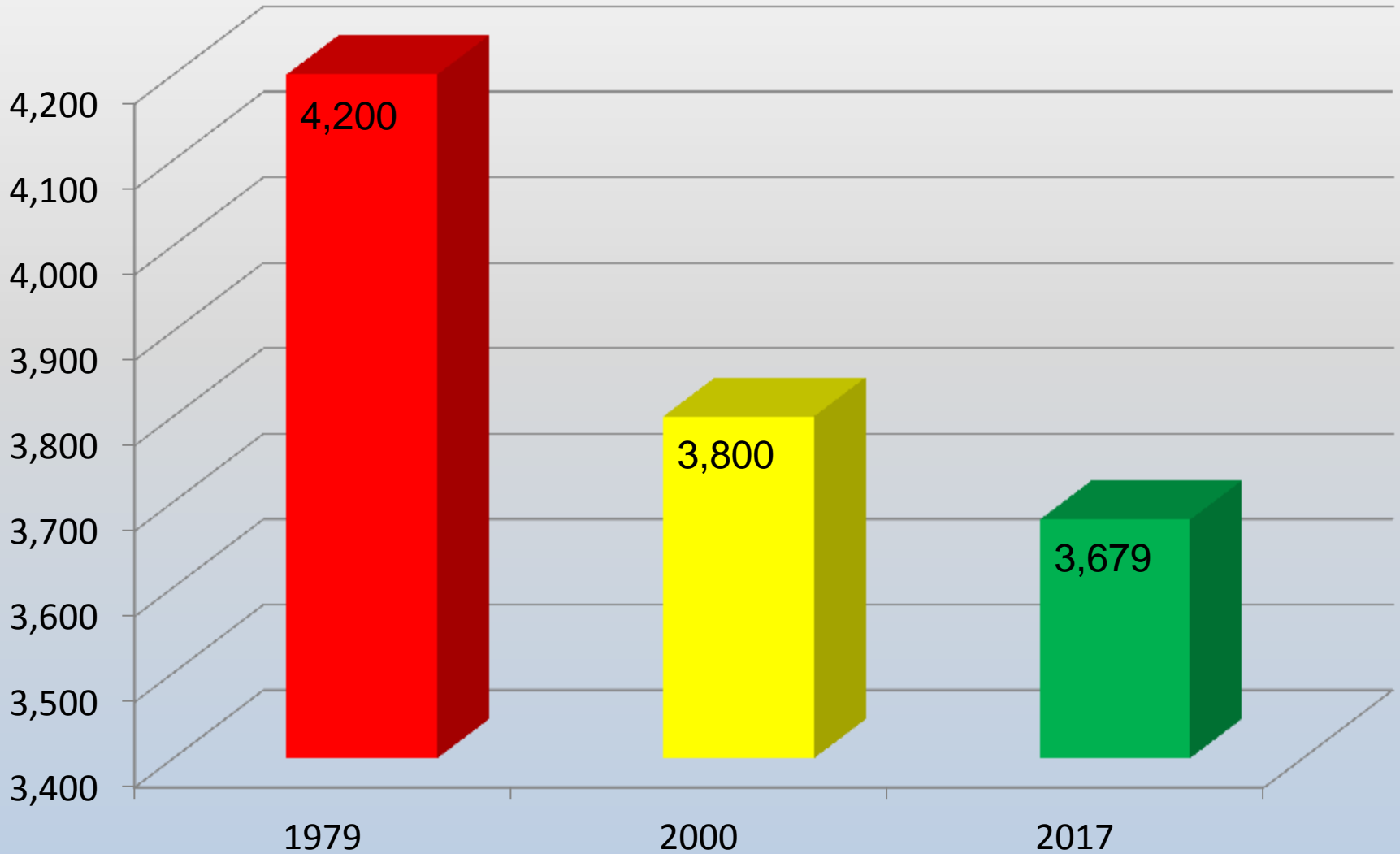
Arkansas = \$2,107

Surrounding States Average = \$4,334

National Average = \$9,224

Arkansas has the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lowest  
Administrative Cost Per  
Mile  
in the Nation

## Department Employees



# Promises Made



# Promises Kept



## 1999 IRP

- 50 Projects
- 356 Miles
- \$973 Million



## 2011 IRP

- 83 Projects
- 494 Miles
- \$1.51 Billion



## 2012 CAP

- 36 Projects
- 185 Miles
- \$1.9 Billion



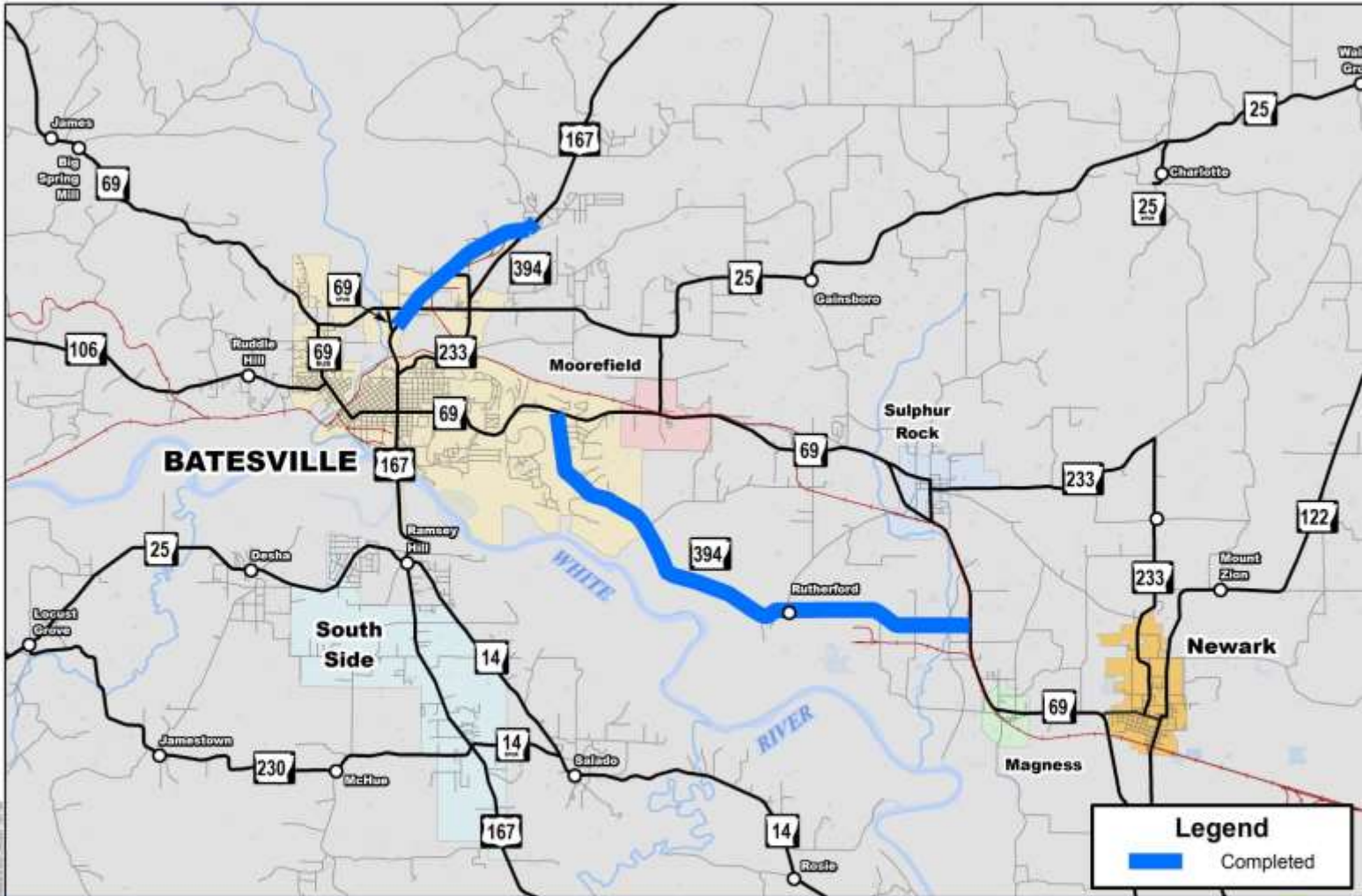
# Local Project



# Updates



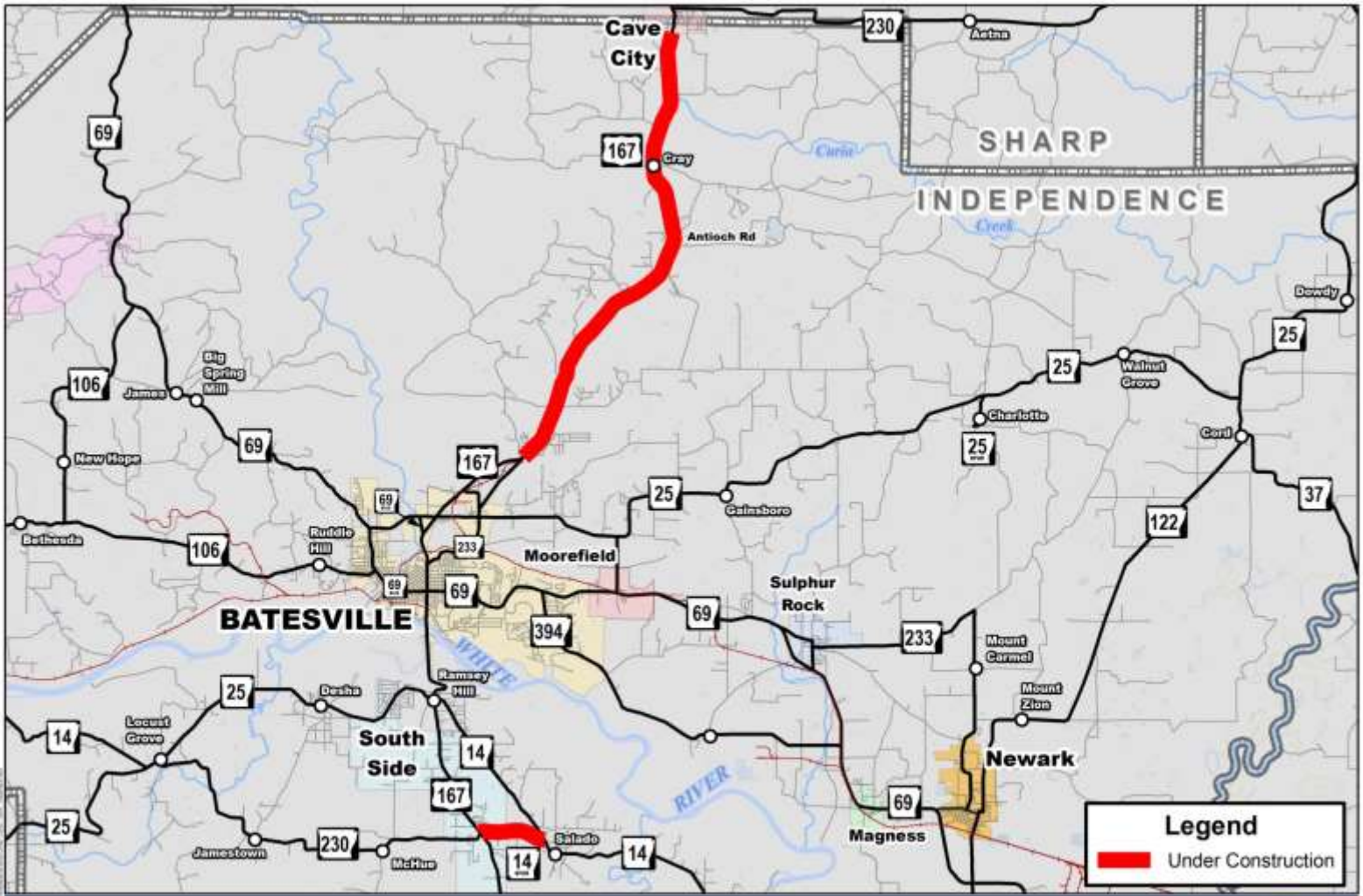
# Recently Completed



**Completed Projects**  
Batesville Area  
Independence County



# Under Construction



**Projects Currently Under Construction**  
**Batesville Area**  
Independence County







# Planned for Independence Co.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program  
Independence County - 2016-2020 (STIP)



**LEGEND**  
Job Type  
Bridge  
Roadway  
Job Status  
Scheduled



0 2.5 5 Miles  
NO. 100-3000-1000-11

# Maintenance



# Updates



# District 5 Winter Weather Preparedness







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# District 5 Winter Maintenance

## AR Highway and Transportation Department Saves Taxpayers Nearly \$100,000 Per Unit Acquiring Federal Surplus Freightliners

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) is responsible for providing consistent control over maintenance and construction activities for their highway system totaling 16,398 miles, or 16.4% of the 100,123 miles of public roads in Arkansas. Last year, 139 projects totaling approximately \$758 million were performed on the highway system.

AHTD is also responsible for maintenance, inspections and load analysis for 7,273 state-owned bridges as well as inspections and load analysis of 4,313 county-owned bridges and 997 city owned bridges.

When AHTD needs a Freightliner for their fleet, they contact the AR State Agency for Surplus Property (ARSASP). Here's why:



A Federal Surplus Property Freightliner Truck was acquired for \$6,500. Plus, a surplus hydraulic system with a 12-foot dump bed for \$18,950.00. The total initial cost of the surplus truck in service and handling fees was \$25,450.



The AHTD will add a snow plow for \$10,250 and Material Spreader Box for \$13,500, bringing the final cost of the Freightliner to \$49,500, compared to a new 2013 model outfitted with the same options for \$146,250.



AHTD has acquired 21 AM General Freightliners including model years from 1990 through 2007.





# District 5 Winter Maintenance



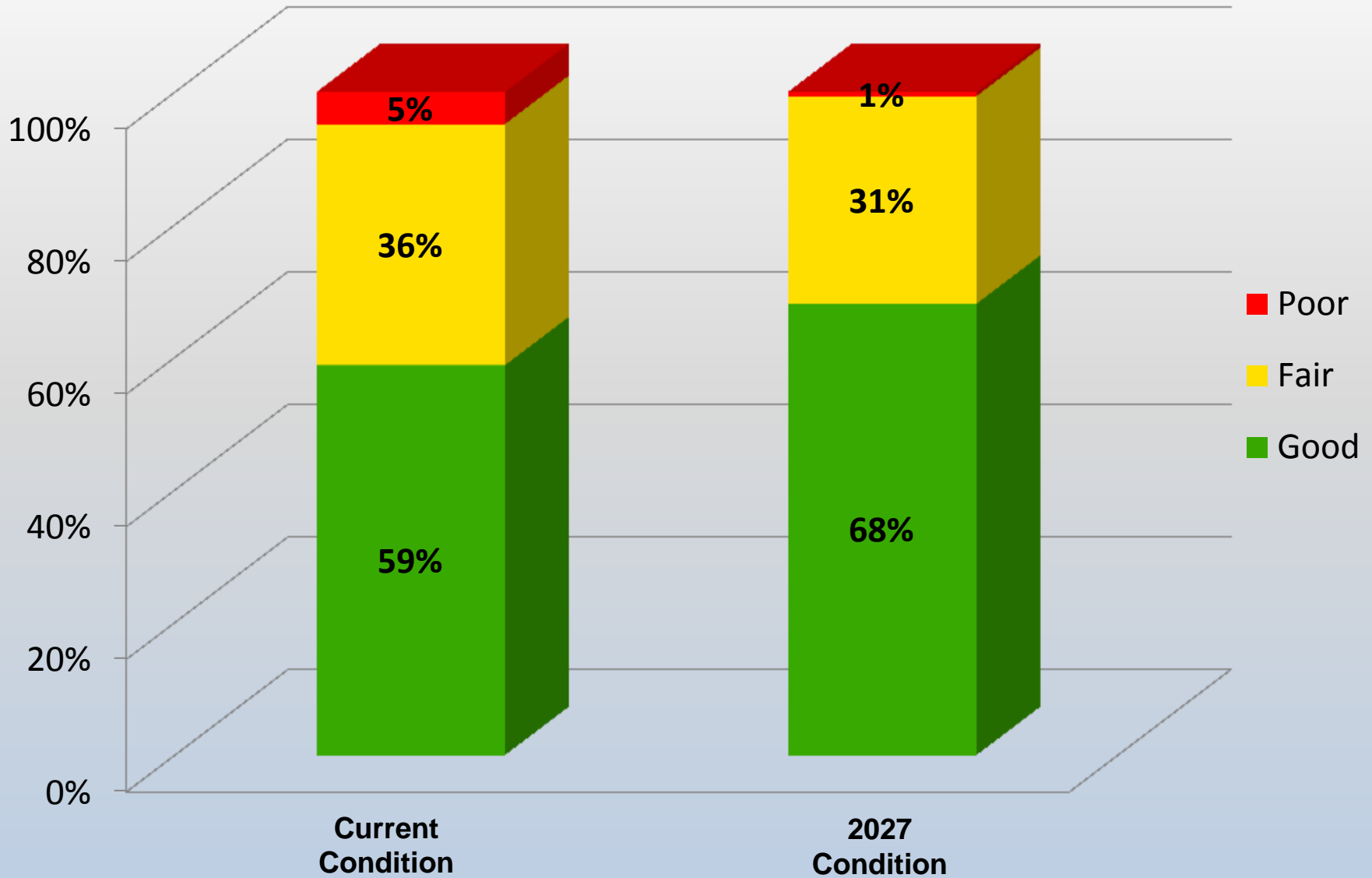


# Highway Condition

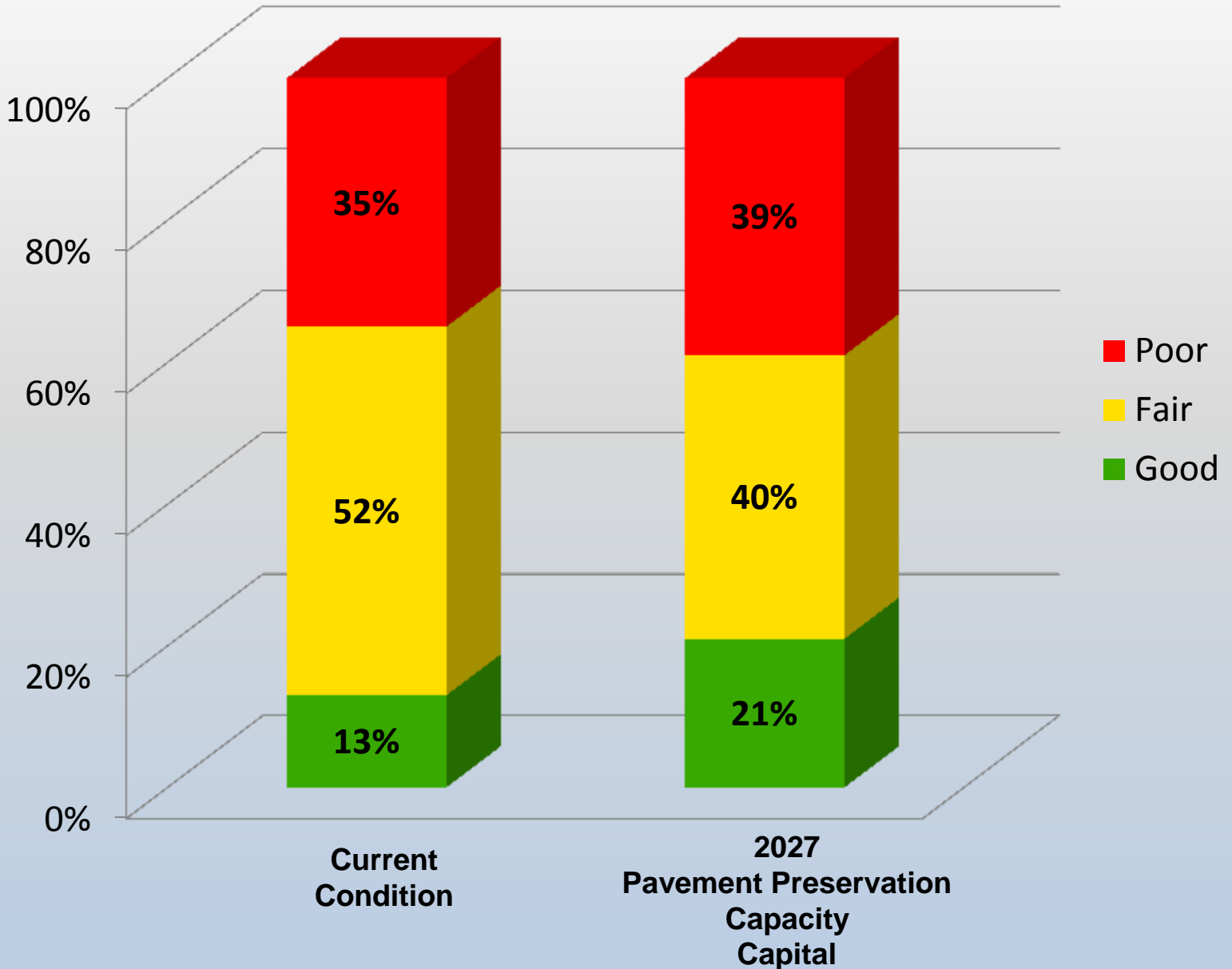


# and Needs

# Interstates



# All State Highways – Including Interstates







Stone County  
Highway 9, Section 11  
Log mile 0.00 – 18.4  
Cleburne County line to  
Jct. Highway 9 and  
Highway 66



White County  
Highway 5, Section 14  
Log mile 16.7 - 19.0  
Jct. Highway 36 and  
Highway 5 to Cleburne  
County line







# Funding



# Update



- Great amount of uncertainty at the federal level
- State funds stagnant at best





# Federal vs. State Funding

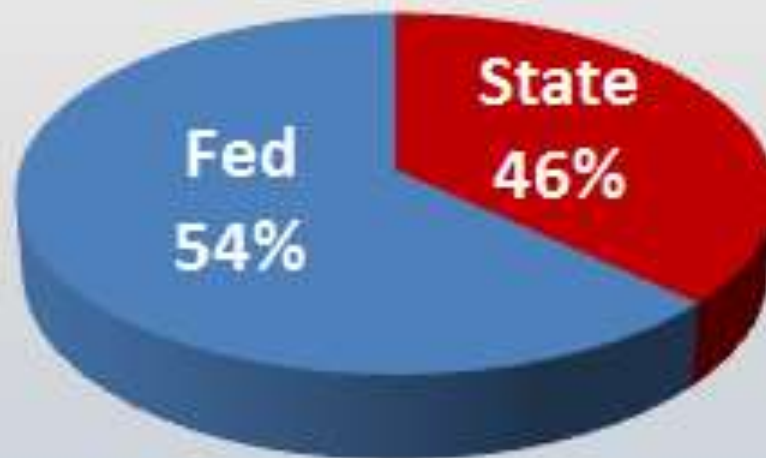
## 1993

Hwy. Funding Breakdown

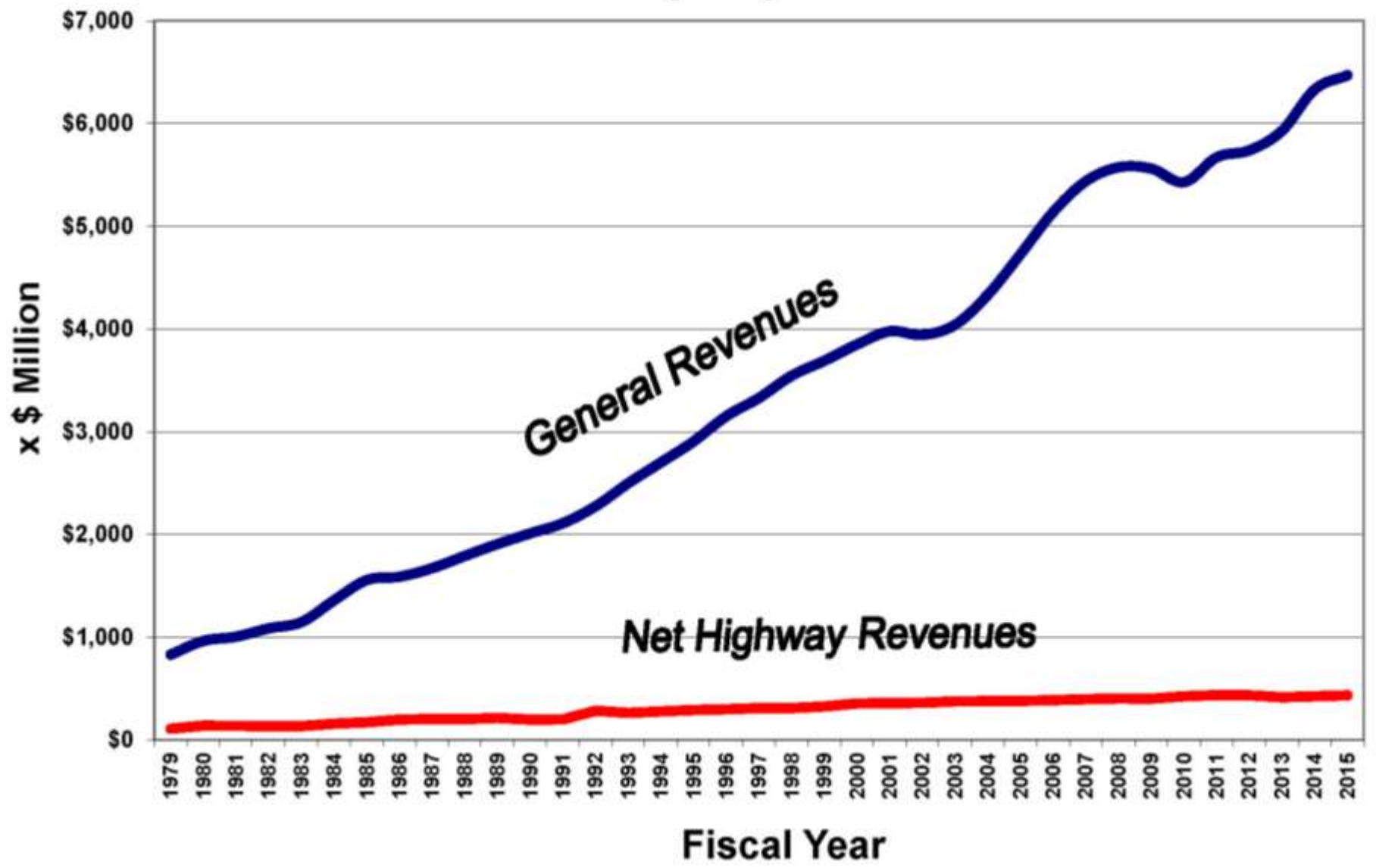


## 2016

Hwy. Funding Breakdown



# Arkansas State General Revenues vs AHTD Net Highway Revenues



## THEN

22 years ago, in 1995,  
**33 miles** of Highway  
could be widened.

## NOW

As of 2015, using the  
same resources, only  
**15 miles** of Highway  
could be widened.





## THEN

22 years ago, in 1995,  
**200 miles** of Highway  
could be overlaid.

## NOW

As of 2015, using the  
same resources, only  
**54 miles** of Highway  
could be overlaid.



# Challenges

➤ **12<sup>th</sup>** largest system in the country

➤ **42<sup>nd</sup>** in highway revenue per mile.

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➤ **\$22.9 billion** in needs

➤ **\$4.4 billion** in available revenue



# Where



# Are We Going?



"As to the long-term solutions, it emphasizes that it is difficult to get a referral of this General Assembly out to the voters, and that I hope the leadership of our state and the business community and others **will look at an initiated act that might go on the ballot for a highway program,**" he said. "Otherwise, we'll continue to debate the long-term solution in future sessions."

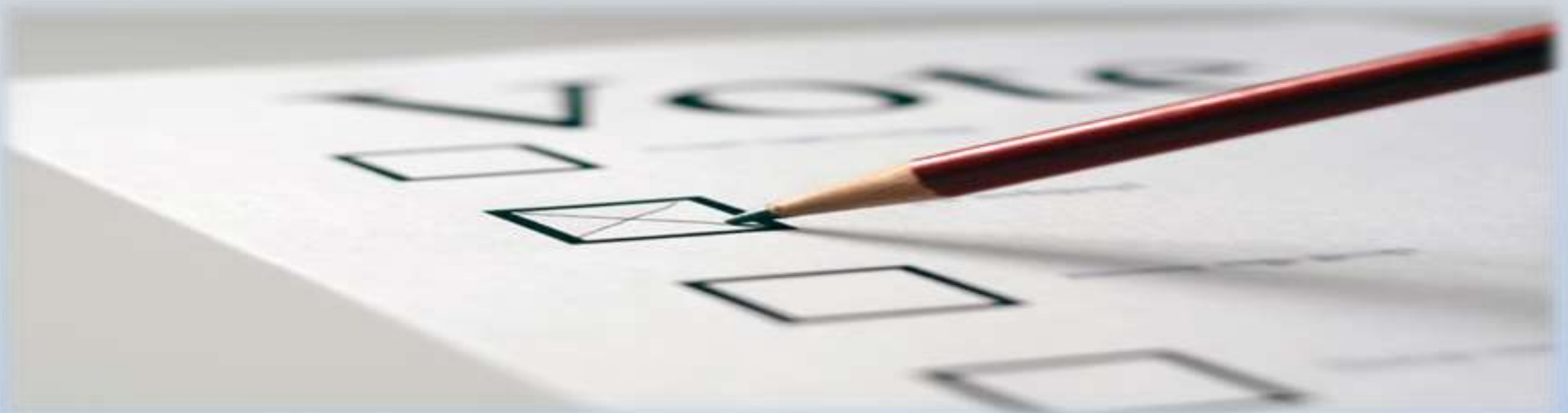
Governor Asa Hutchinson



## □ Governor’s Highway Funding Working Group

- ✓ Immediate: \$ 50 Million
- ✓ Short-term (0-3 years): \$110 Million
- ✓ Mid-term (3-5 years): \$250 Million
- ✓ Long-term (6-9 years): \$400 Million

All figures are annual amounts for state highways.



# Options for Generating Additional Revenue

Source	\$200 Million for Highways <sup>(1)</sup>	\$300 Million for Highways <sup>(1)</sup>	\$400 Million for Highways <sup>(1)</sup>
Fuel Tax	14.2¢	21.3¢	28.4¢
Sales Tax on Fuel (wholesale)	8.33%	12.5%	16.67%
Registration Fee	\$104	\$156	\$208
General Sales Tax <sup>(2)</sup>	0.58%	0.87%	1.16%

<sup>1</sup> Amount shown is annual net to highways – after deduction for CFA/CSF and 30% to cities and counties.

<sup>2</sup> Transfer of 4.5% (“general” portion of statewide sales tax)



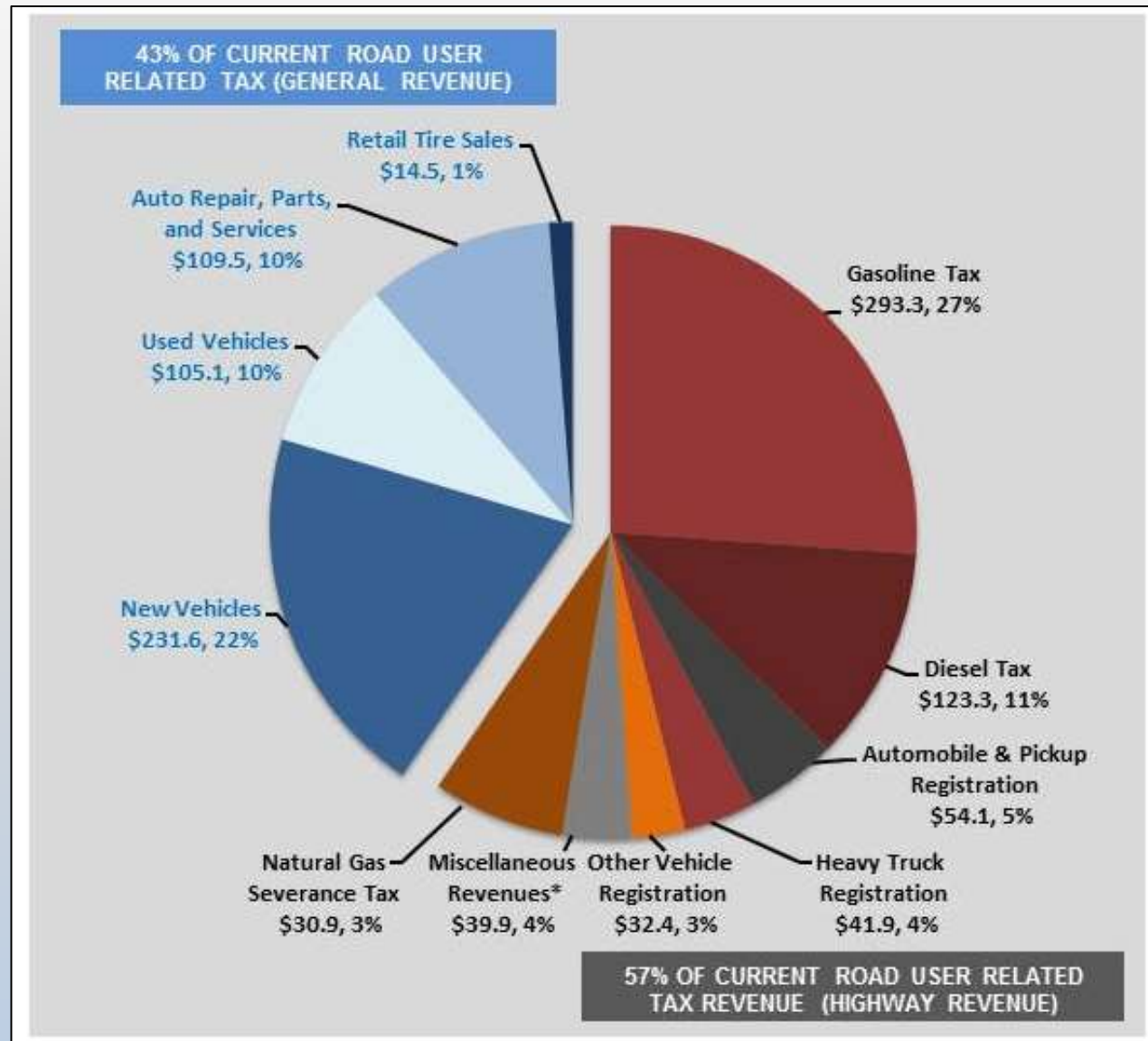
# Road User Related Tax Revenue (SFY 2016)

Total Road User Revenue  
**\$1,076.5 Million**

**Distribution:**

General Revenue  
**\$460.7 Million (43%)**

Highway Revenue  
**\$615.9 Million (57%)**



# Possible Initiated Act

## CITIZENS OPINION SURVEY ON HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS

MAIL OR EMAIL RESPONSES TO:  
 ARDOT  
 Public Information  
 P.O. Box 2261  
 Little Rock, AR 72203  
[info@arkansashighways.com](mailto:info@arkansashighways.com)

Are you satisfied with the condition of the existing state highway system?

Yes     No

What highways in your area need improvements, and what type of improvements do they need?

Priority 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Priority 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Priority 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Priority 4: \_\_\_\_\_

If you want better highway conditions, the Arkansas Department of Transportation will need additional funds. Would you support a new highway program that would generate additional revenue?

Yes     No

Which of the following sources do you recommend be utilized in obtaining additional funds (check all that apply):

- Increase in gas tax
- Increase in diesel tax
- Increase in sales tax (dedicated to highways)
- Increase in vehicle registration fees
- Add sales tax on wholesale price of motor fuels
- Transfer existing sales and use tax on motor vehicles and related parts and service (currently collected but not paid to highways)
- Other (please specify):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to sign a petition to put a highway revenue proposal on the 2018 general election ballot?

Yes     No    If Yes, what County do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Contact Information: name, email, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

meeting name - date

Online Form Available Here:

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# Questions?

