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1929  
Arkansas  
Highway and  
Department of  
Lands

1977  
Arkansas State  
Highway and  
Transportation  
Department

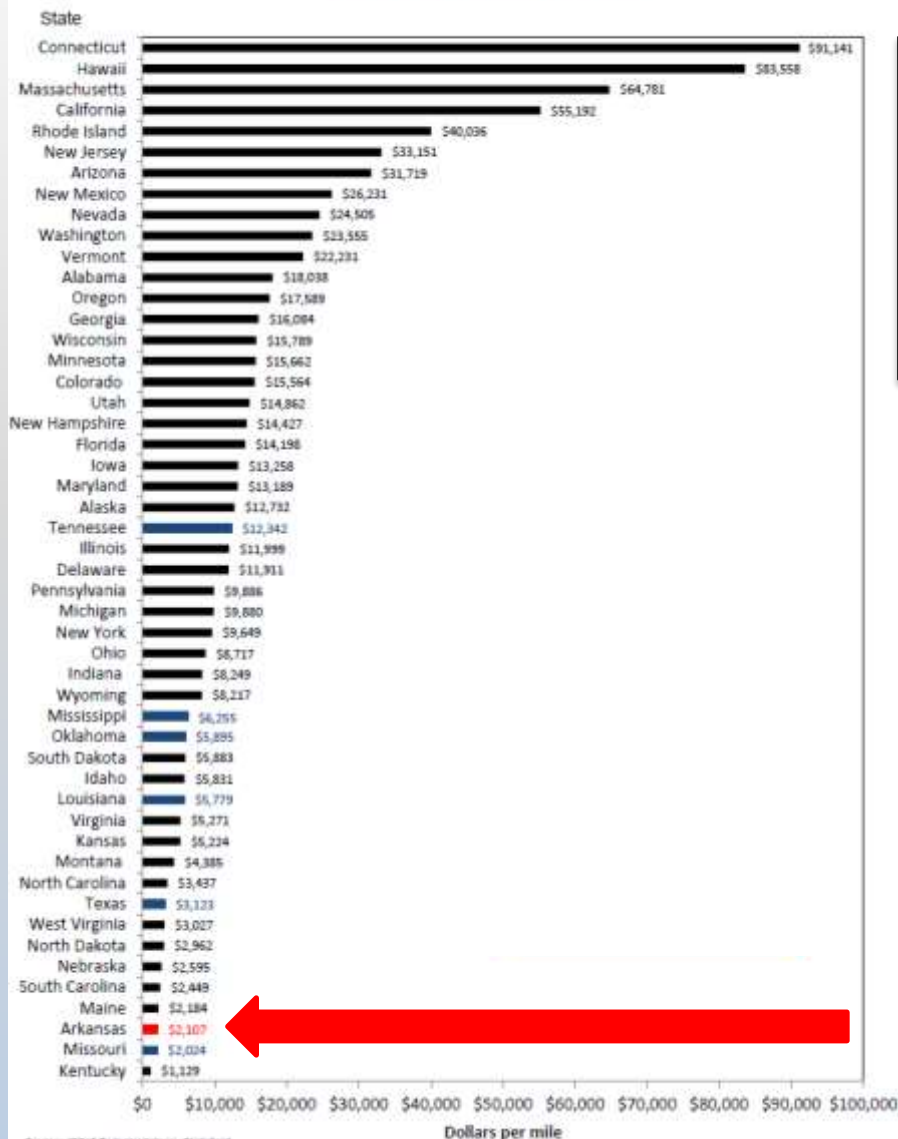
2017  
Arkansas  
Department of  
Transportation

*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



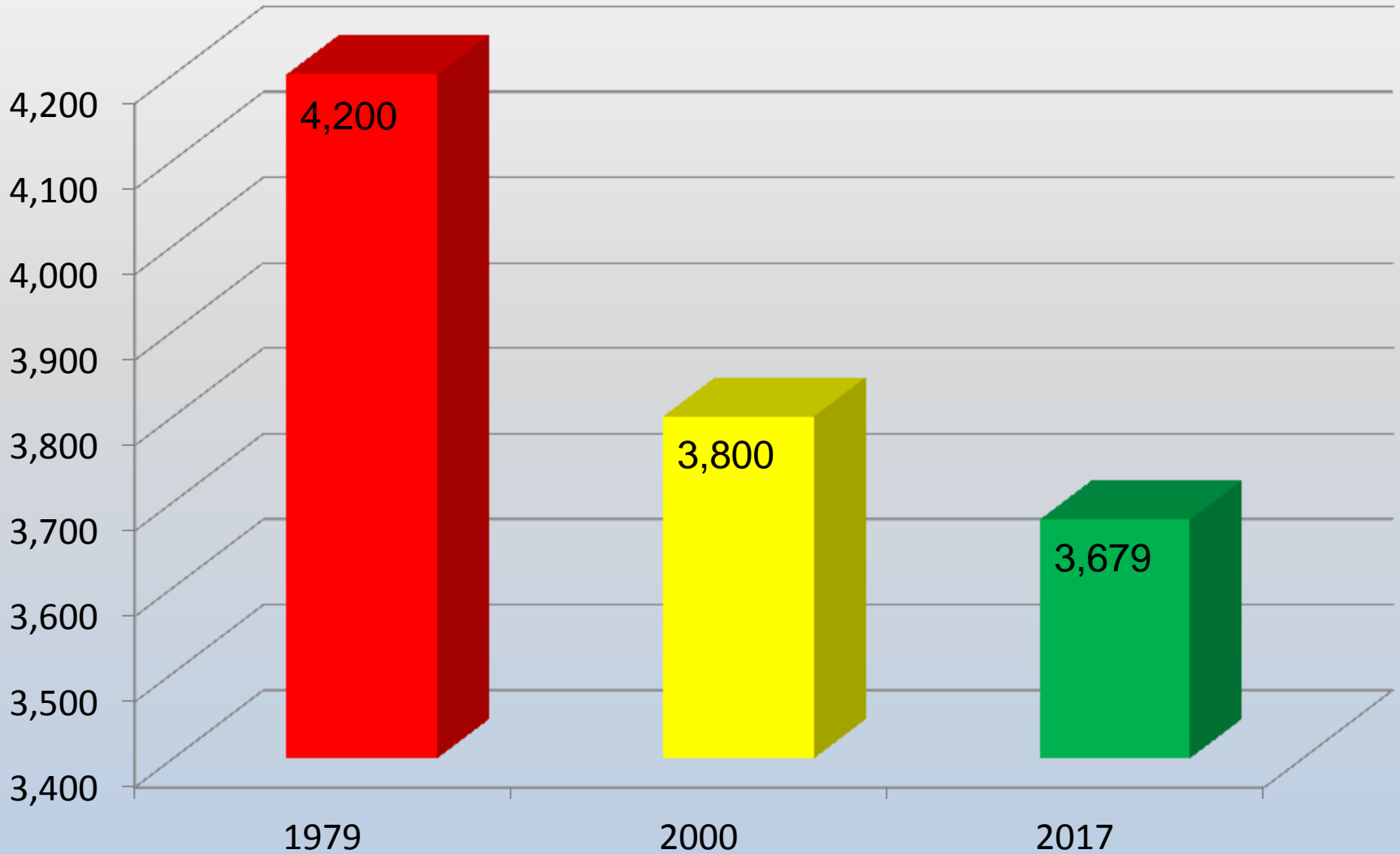
Arkansas = \$2,107

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 Interstate Rehabilitation Program



**50 Projects**  
**356 Miles**  
**\$973 Million**

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**Prior to Program**  
**63% Poor or**  
**Mediocre**

**After Program**  
**72% Good**



## Completed

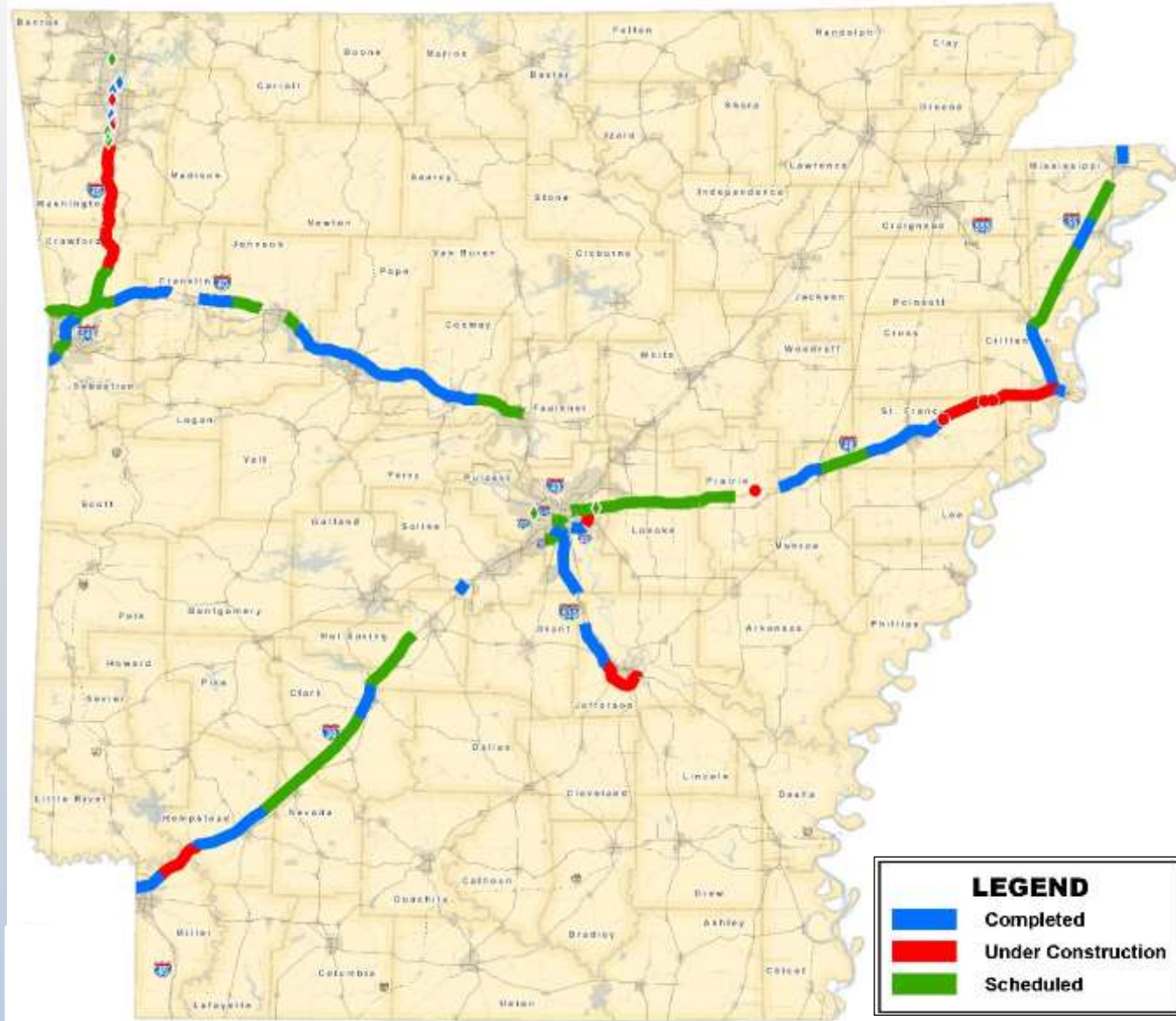
33 Projects  
212 Miles  
\$632 Million

## Under Construction

14 Projects  
91 Miles  
\$552 Million

## Scheduled

36 Projects  
191 Miles  
\$343 Million



# Connecting Arkansas Program

## Completed

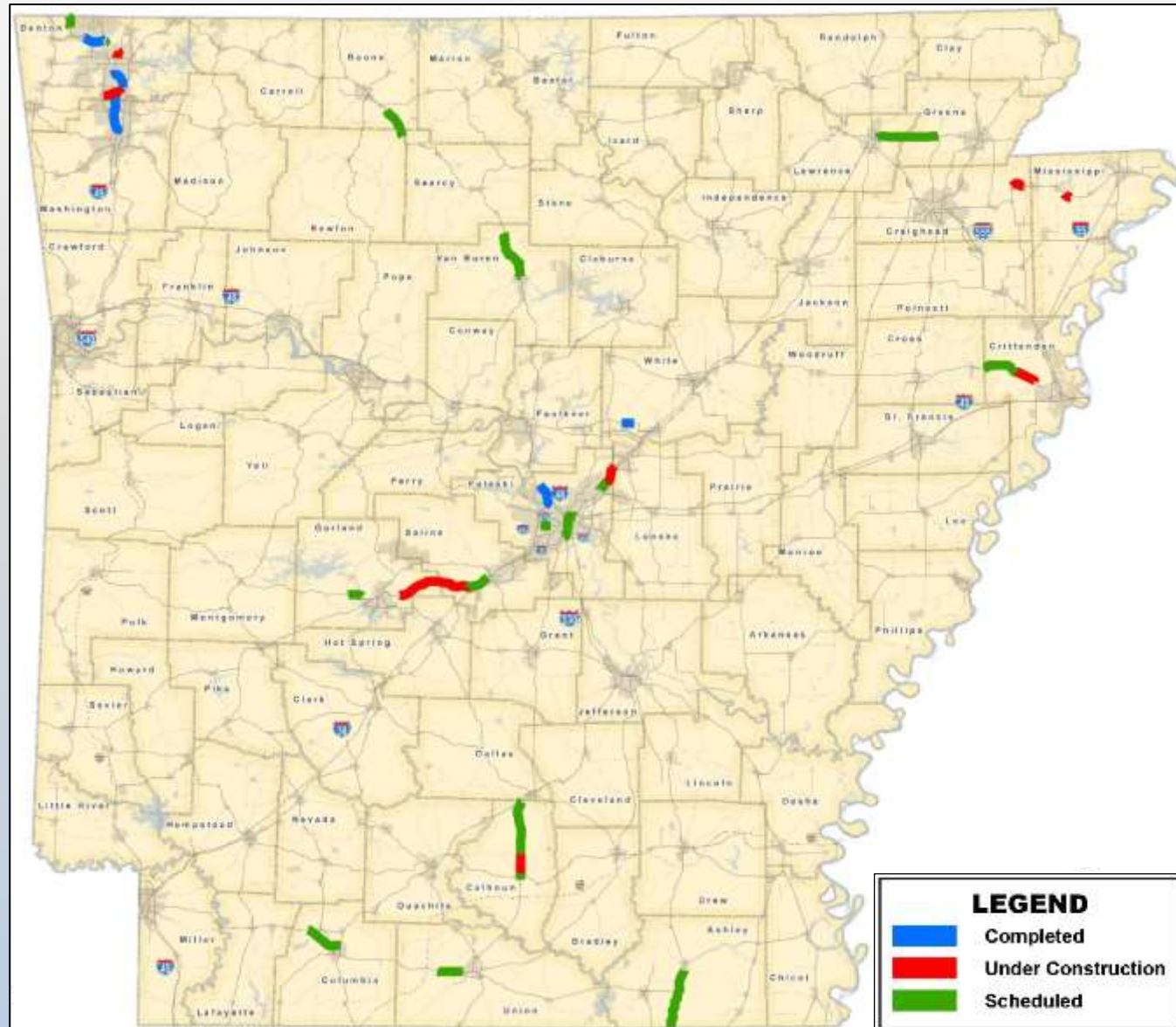
6 Projects  
27 Miles  
\$188 Million

## Under Construction

8 Projects  
45 Miles  
\$380 Million

## Scheduled

22 Projects  
113 Miles  
\$1.31 Billion



# Local Project



# Updates

# Interstate 530

## Completed

2 Projects

11.2 Miles

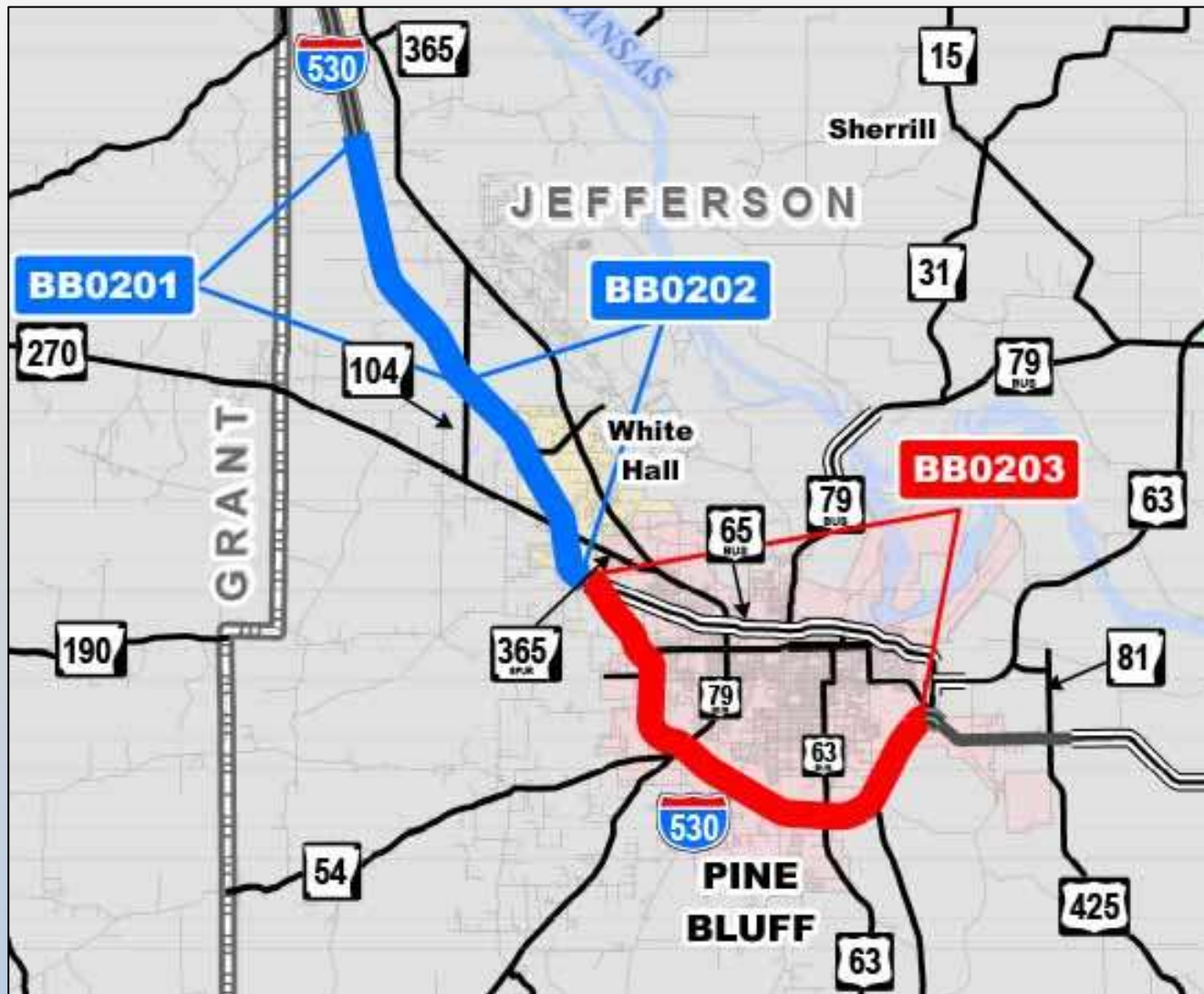
\$58 Million

## Under Construction

1 Project

10.4 Miles

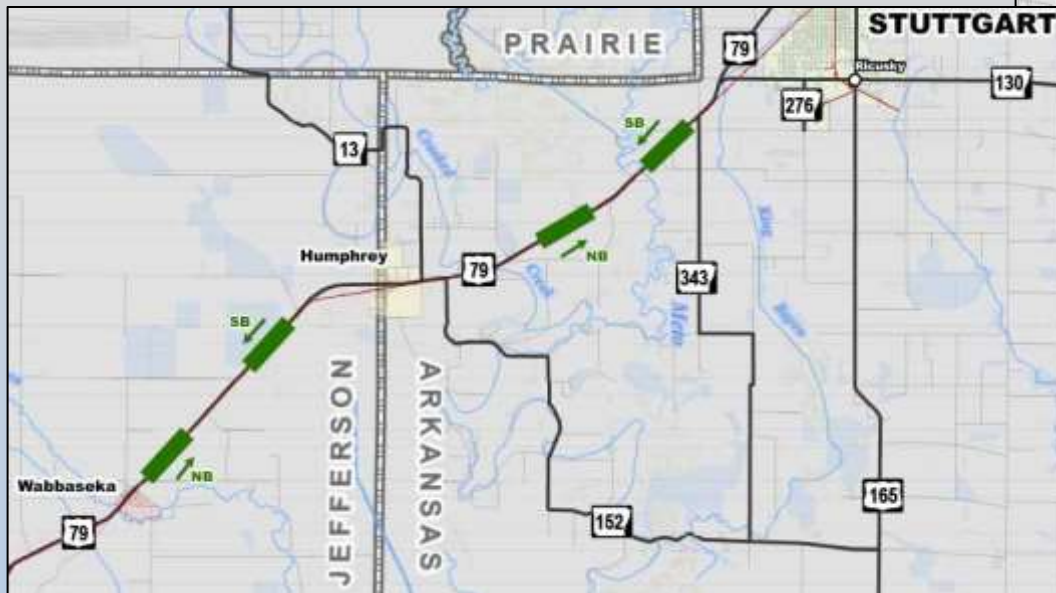
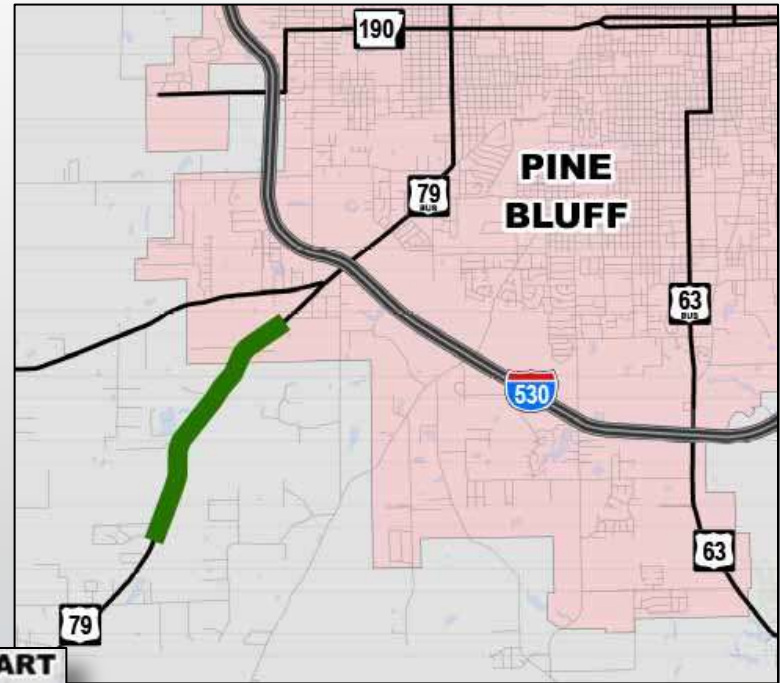
\$67.2 Million



# U.S. Highway 79

## Scheduled

2 Projects  
7.2 Miles  
\$20 Million



# Highway 190



**Scheduled**  
**2 Projects**  
**2.5 Miles**  
**\$10 Million**

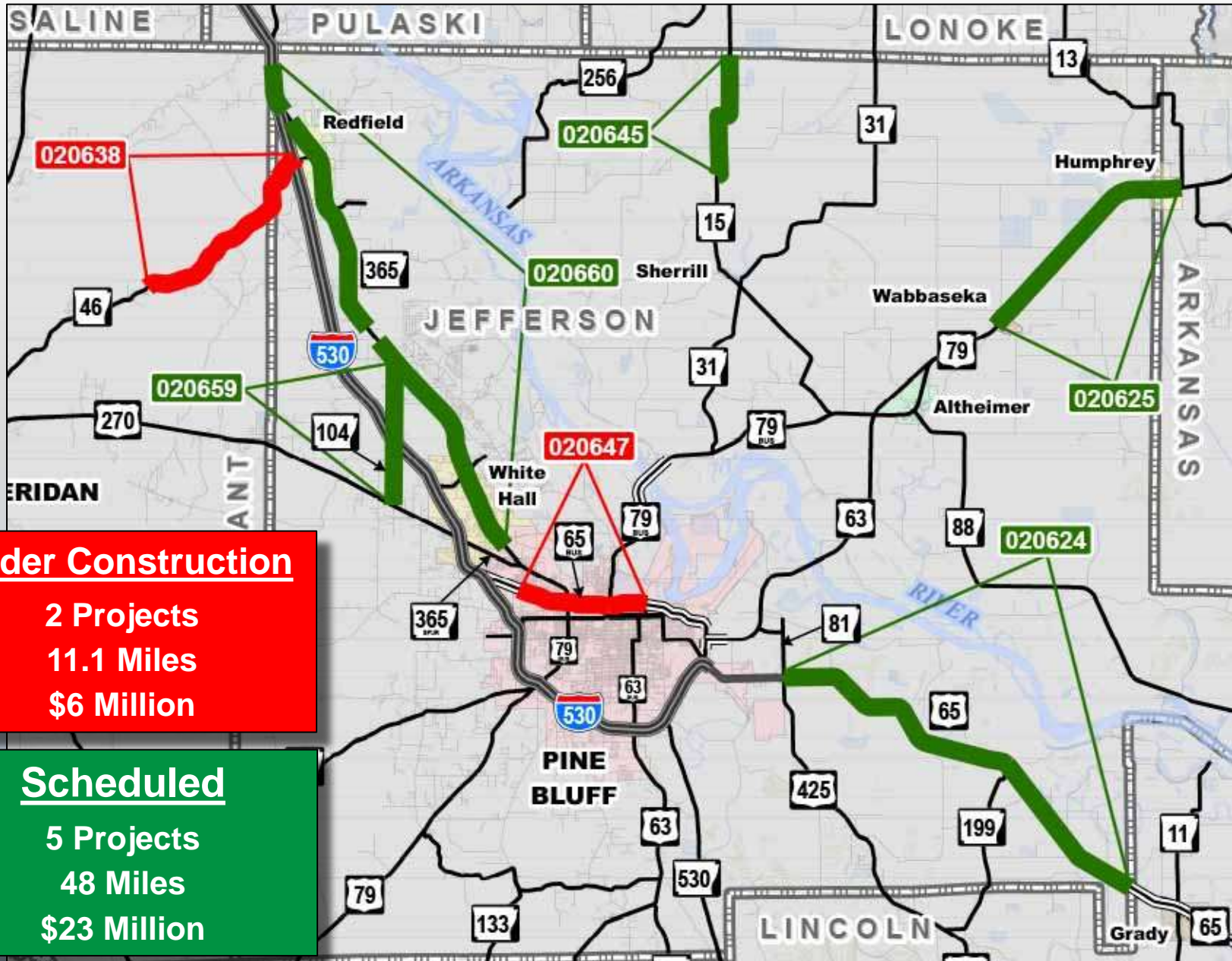


# Highway 270 & 365 Spur

Scheduled  
4.6 Miles  
\$15 - \$20 Million



# Pavement Preservation Projects



**Under Construction**  
 2 Projects  
 11.1 Miles  
 \$6 Million

**Scheduled**  
 5 Projects  
 48 Miles  
 \$23 Million



# Highway Condition



# and Needs

# Challenges

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

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

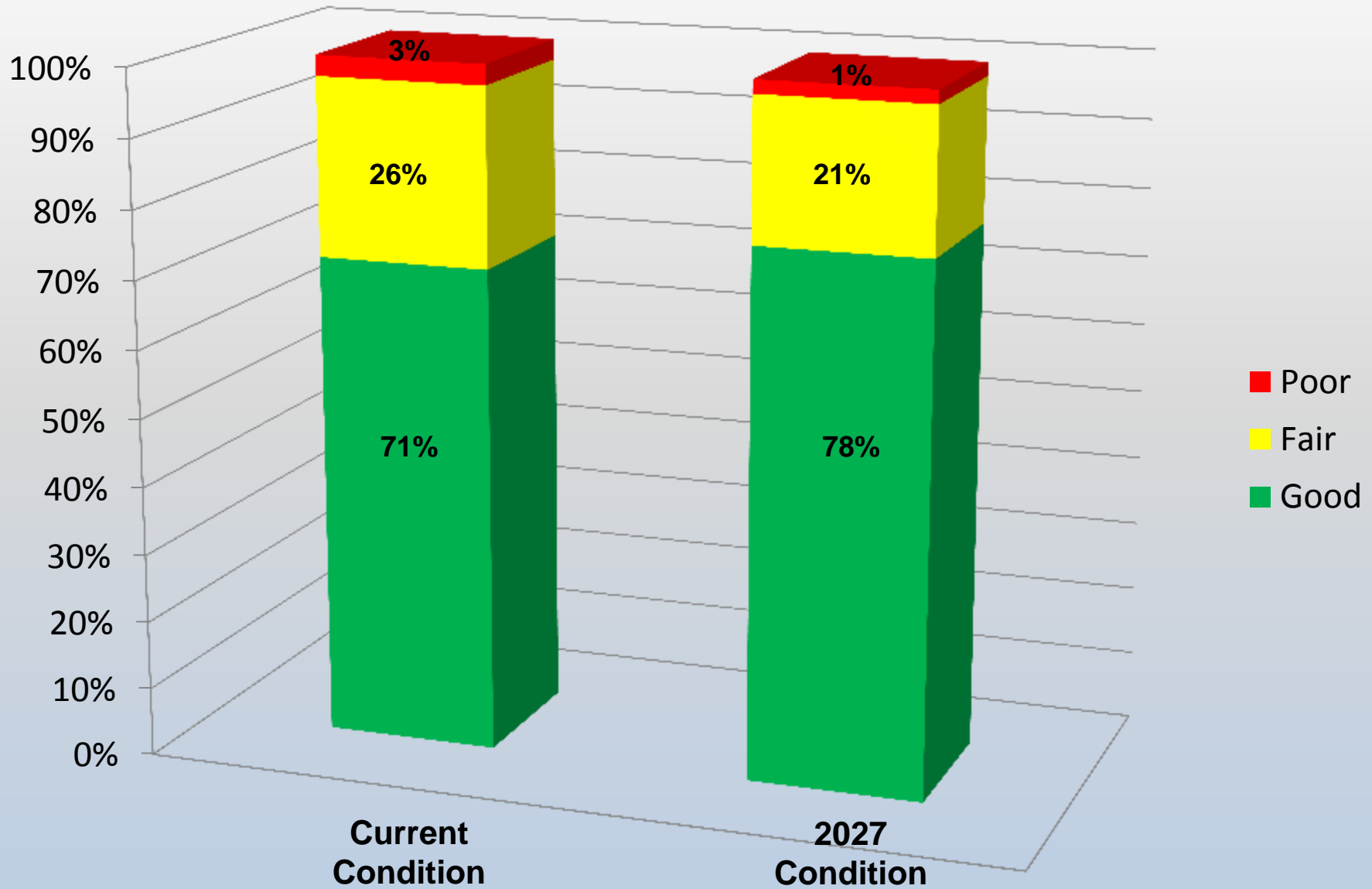
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➤ **\$9 billion** in needs

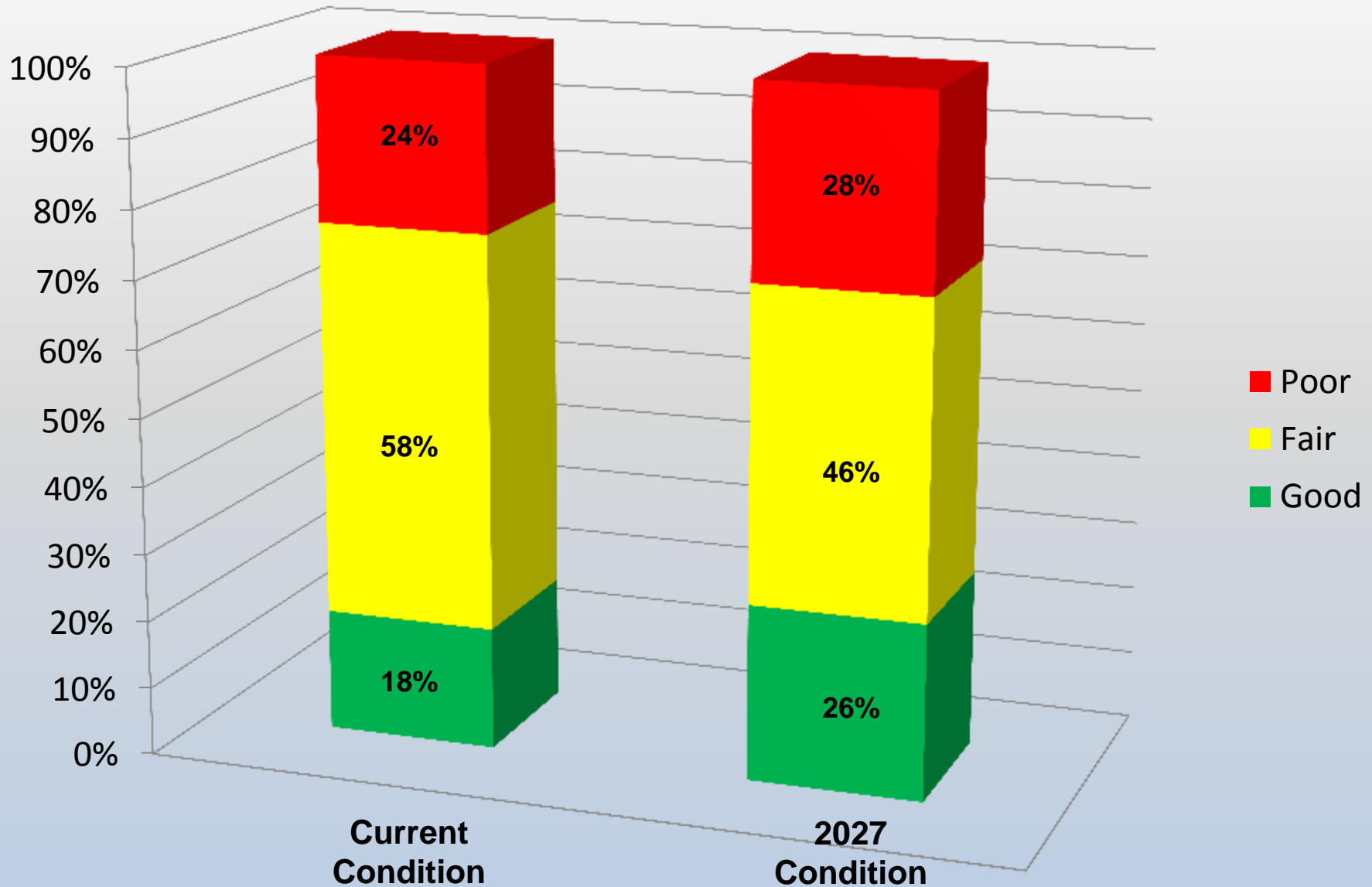
➤ **\$4.4 billion** in available revenue



# Interstates



# All State Highways – Including Interstates



## Pay a **Little** Now



Overlay  
**\$100,000**  
per lane mile

## Pay a **Whole Lot** Later



Reconstruction  
**\$1,500,000**  
per lane mile

## 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.



**Jefferson County  
Highway 199, Section 3  
Log mile 0.24 - 3.78  
Near Moscow**

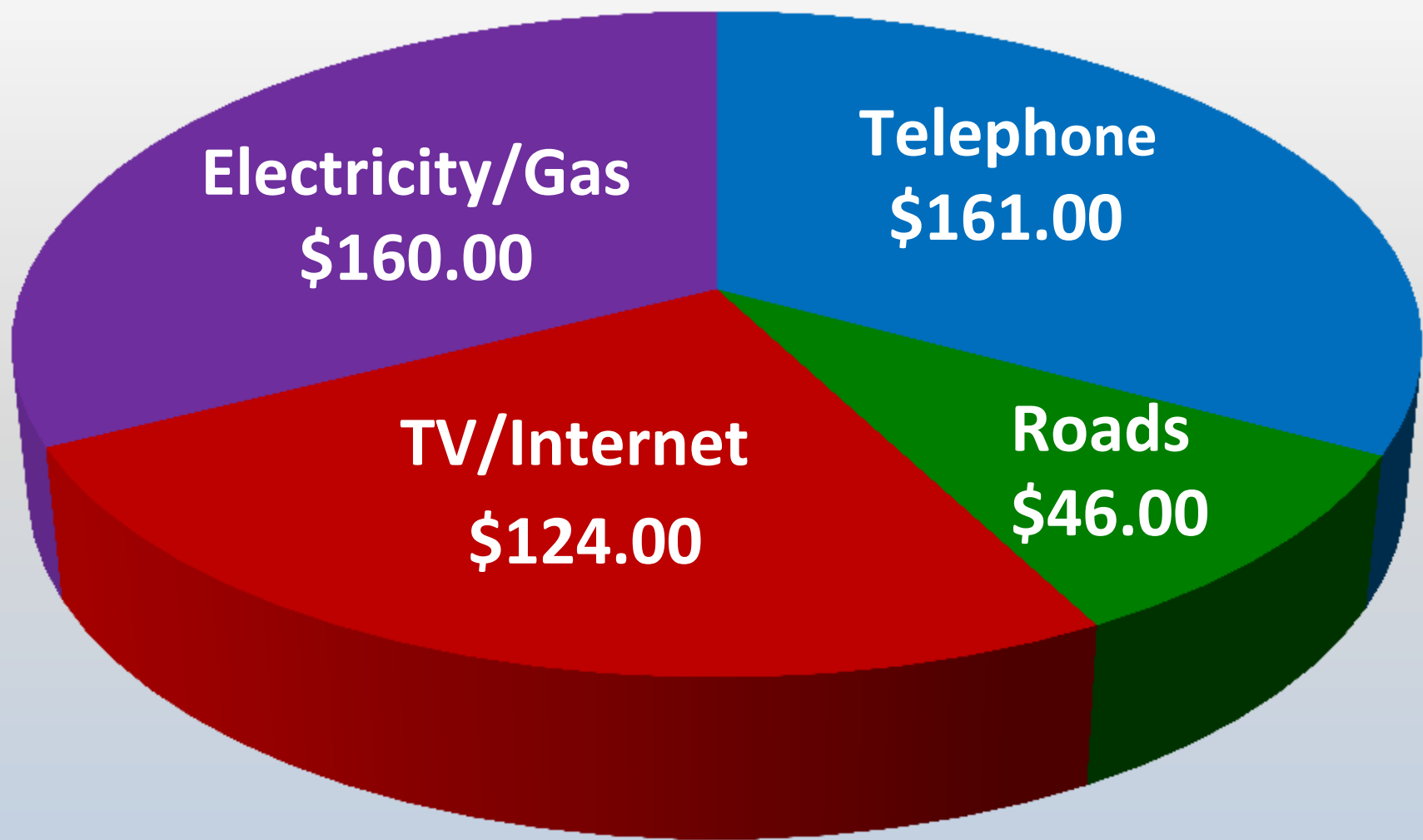


**Lonoke County  
Highway 15, Section 9  
Log mile 0.0 - 2.0  
Jefferson County line to  
Highway 165**





# Average Monthly Household Expenditures



# 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."

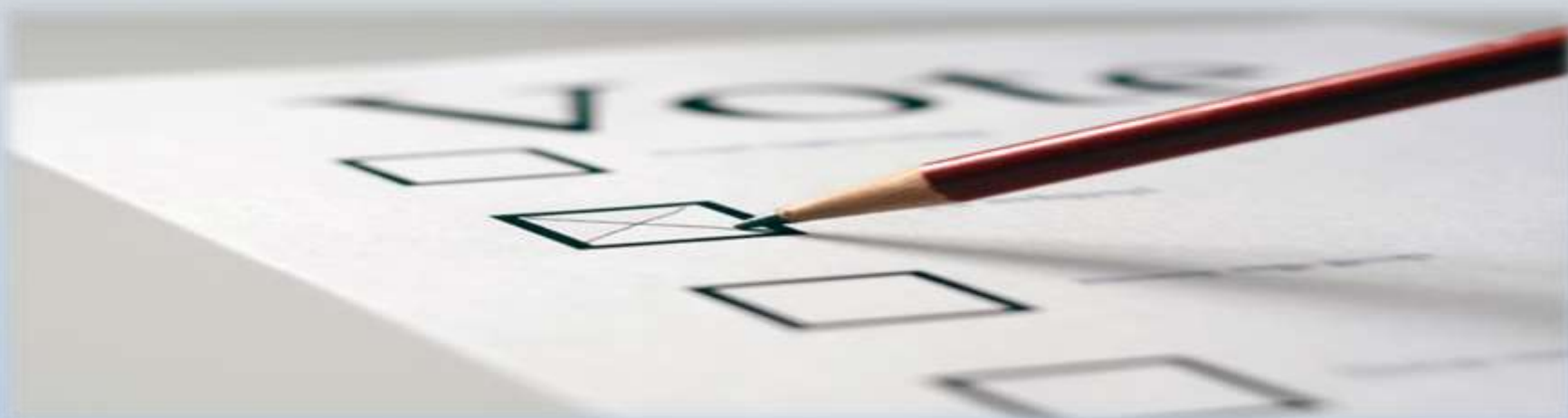
Governor Asa Hutchinson



## □ 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**

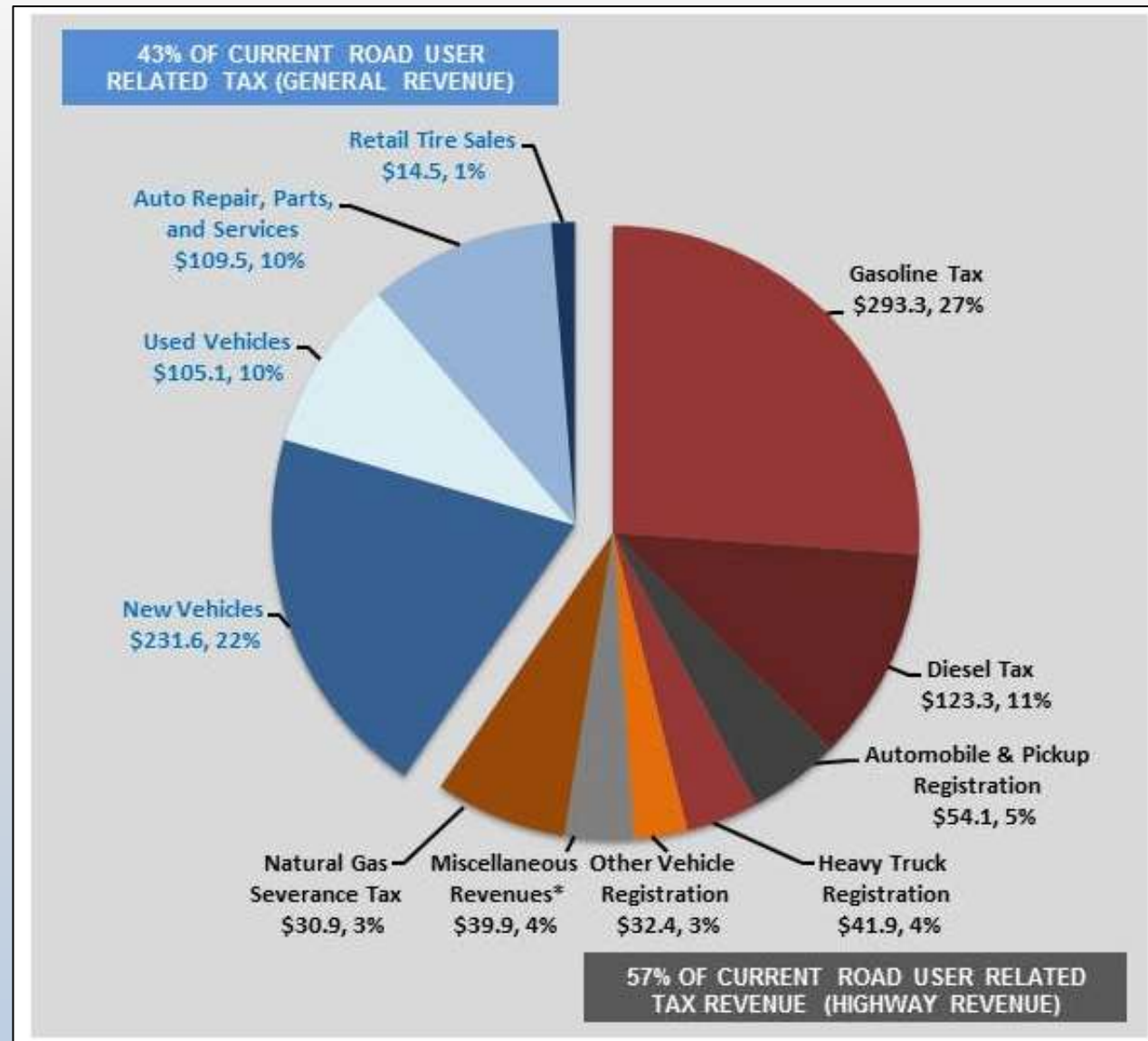
## Distribution:

### 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

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# Questions?

