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Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

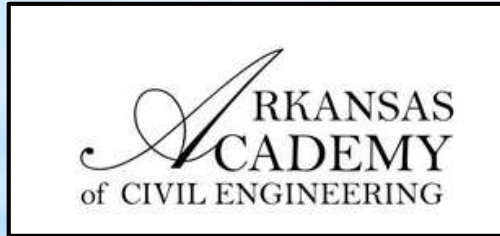
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

University of Arkansas College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award



Scott E. Bennett, P.E.
2019 Distinguished Alumni

Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering



**Trinity
Smith**

*Division Head -
Roadway Design*



Greg Nation

*Section Head -
Public Transportation*

*Appointed to the
**Board of the
South West
Transit Association***

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Agenda Item 1

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2019

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Agenda Item 2

Consideration of Minute Orders

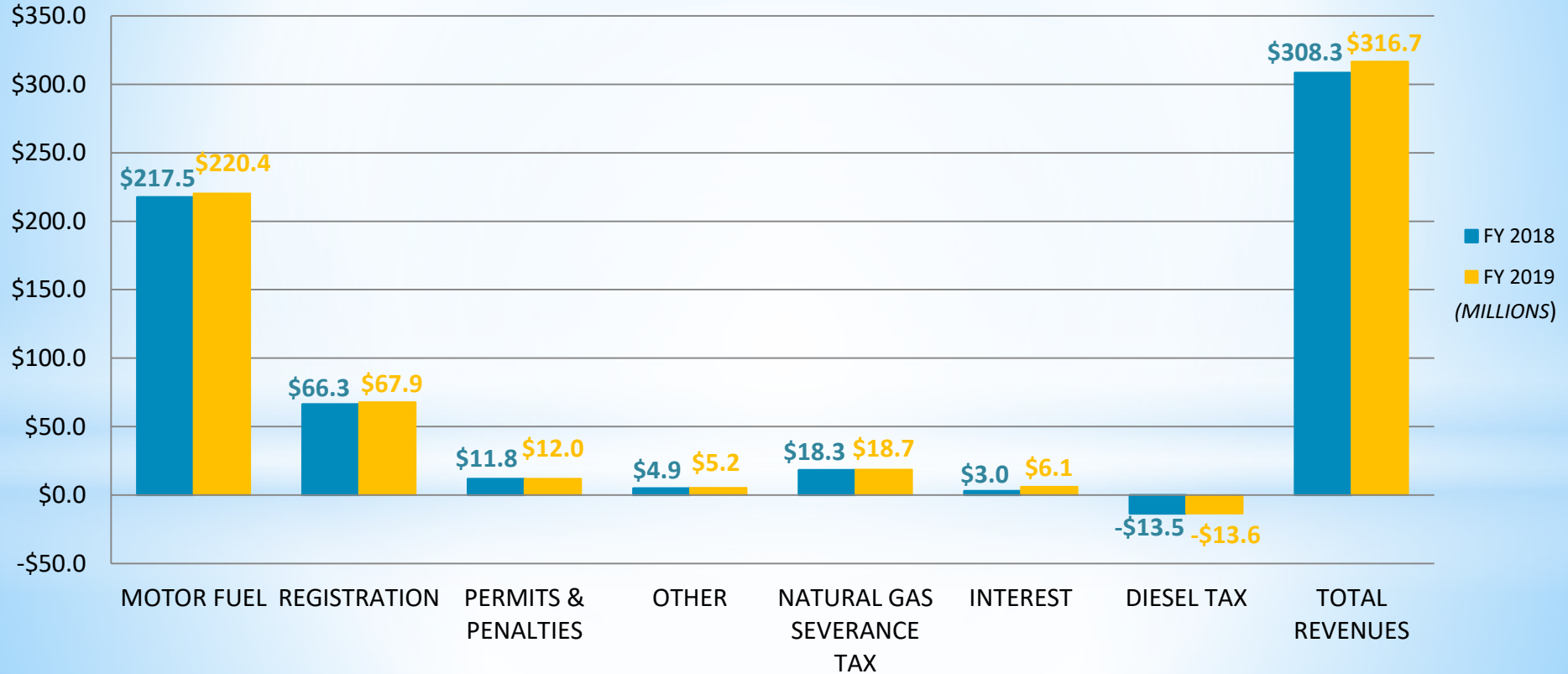
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Agenda Item 3

State Highway Revenue Update

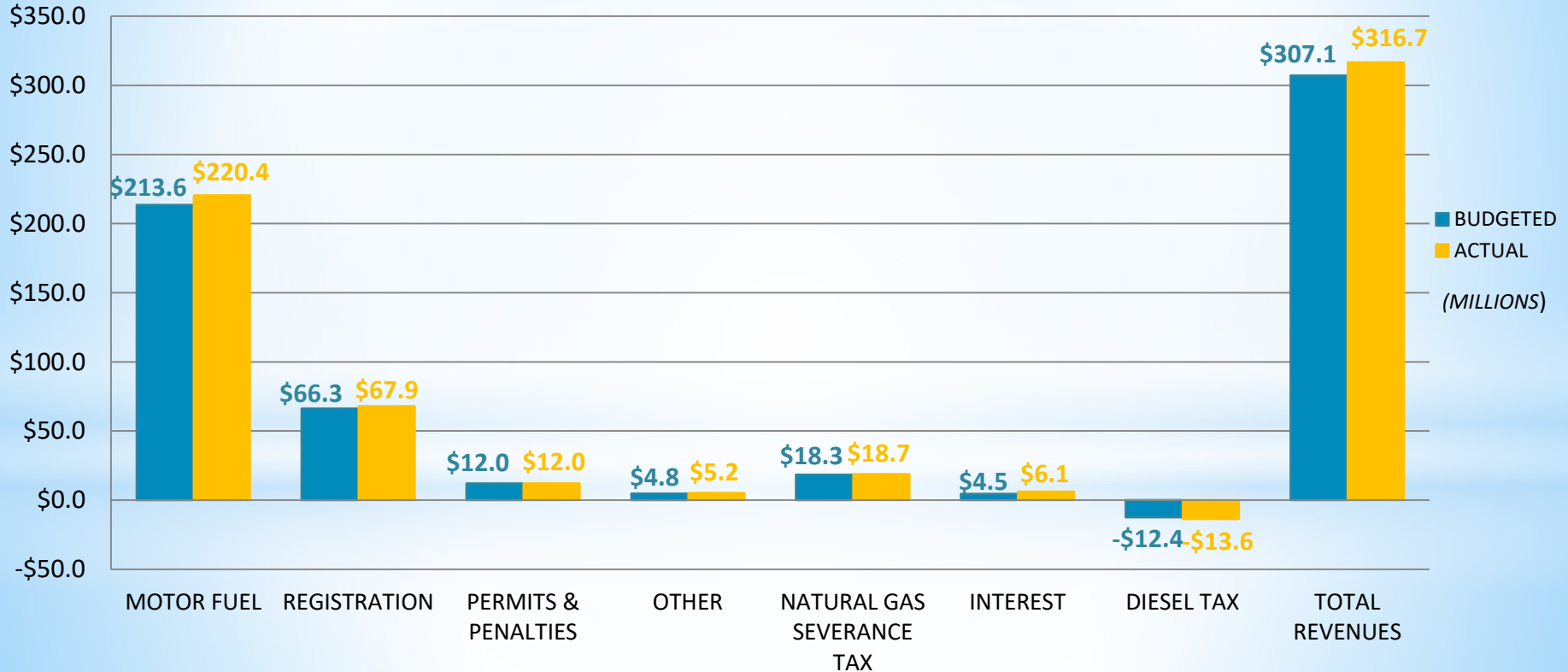
MARCH 2018-2019 REVENUE

VARIANCE	\$2.9	\$1.6	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.4	\$3.1	-\$0.1	\$8.4
% CHANGE	1.3%	2.4%	1.7%	6.1%	2.2%	103.3%	-0.7%	2.7%



FY 2019 BUDGETED VS. ACTUAL - MARCH

VARIANCE	\$6.8	\$1.6	\$0.0	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$1.6	-\$1.2	\$9.6
% CHANGE	3.2%	2.4%	0.0%	8.3%	2.2%	35.6%	-9.7%	3.1%



MARCH 2018-2019 FUEL CONSUMPTION

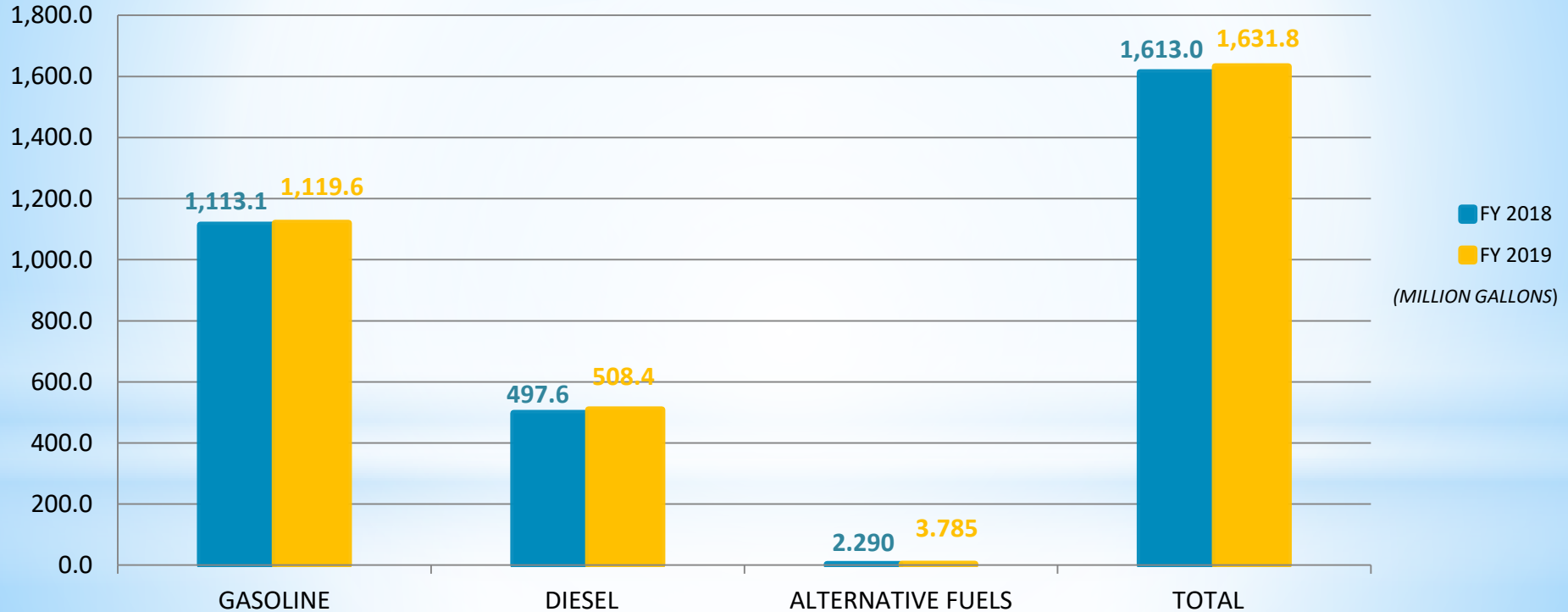
VARIANCE
% CHANGE

6.5
0.6%

10.8
2.2%

1.49
65.3%

18.8
1.2%





Arkansas Fuel Consumption

Rolling 12-month Comparison

Fuel	Previous 12 Months (millions)	Current 12 Months (millions)	Variance
Gasoline	1,498,671,862	1,502,709,904	0.27%
Diesel	664,255,078	680,353,482	2.42%
Alternative	2,540,942	4,207,181	65.58%
Total	2,165,467,882	2,187,270,567	1.01%

State Fiscal Year 2019 Sales Tax

Mon	Projected Net	Actual Receipts	Variance	Monthly Variance	Annual Variance
Jul	16,170,000	16,310,940	140,940	0.87%	0.87%
Aug	16,800,000	16,506,635	(293,365)	-1.75%	-0.46%
Sept	16,800,000	16,374,358	(425,643)	-2.53%	-1.16%
Oct	16,590,000	15,656,851	(933,149)	-5.62%	-2.28%
Nov	15,680,000	16,042,508	362,508	2.31%	-1.40%
Dec	17,150,000	16,863,880	(286,120)	-1.67%	-1.45%
Jan	17,010,000	16,134,869	(875,131)	-5.14%	-1.99%
Feb	15,120,000	14,764,859	(355,141)	-2.35%	-2.03%
Mar	16,310,000	16,131,534	(178,466)	-1.09%	-1.93%
Apr					
May					
Jun					
Total	147,630,000	144,785,983	(2,844,017)		

Half-Cent Sales Tax Projected vs Actual

Projected Net	Actual Receipts	Variance	Percent Variance
\$997,923,640	\$990,134,009	\$(7,789,632)	-0.78%

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Agenda Item 4

Status of Federal Highway and
Transit Funding Issues

Federal Highway Funding Issues

President Trump and Democrats Agree
to Pursue \$2 Trillion Infrastructure Plan

No Specific Plan

President to Propose How to Pay for Plan

Highway Funding Issues

- **Alabama** – Law Passed

- ✓ Raises Gas Tax from 18 to 28 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Raises Diesel Tax from 19 to 29 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Will Provide \$323 Million Annually



- **Ohio** – Law Passed

- ✓ Raises Gas Tax from 28 to 38.5 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Raises Diesel Tax from 28 to 47 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Will Provide \$865 Million Annually



- **Illinois** – Bill Under Consideration

- ✓ Raises Gas Tax from 19 to 38 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Raises Diesel Tax from 21.5 to 38 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Will Provide \$2 Billion Annually



Highway Funding Issues

- **Louisiana** – Bill Under Consideration

- ✓ Raises Gas Tax From 20 to 38 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Raises Diesel Tax From 20 to 36 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Will Provide \$1 Billion Annually



- **Maine** – Two Bills Under Consideration

- ✓ One Bill
 - ❖ Raises Gas Tax From 30 to 36.5 Cents Per Gallon
 - ❖ Raises Diesel Tax From 31.2 to 37.7 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ Second Bill – Seasonal Approach
 - ❖ Raises Gas Tax From 30 to 37 Cents Per Gallon June 1st Until November 1st
 - ❖ Lowers Gas Tax From 30 to 27 Cents Per Gallon November 1st Until June 1st
 - ❖ Diesel Tax Would Not Change



Highway Funding Issues

- **Minnesota** – Bill Under Consideration
 - ✓ Raises Gas & Diesel Tax From 28.5 to 48.5 Cents Per Gallon
 - ✓ Will Provide \$6.5 Billion Over 10 Years
- **Missouri** – Bill Under Consideration
 - ✓ Raises Gas & Diesel Tax From 17 to 23 Cents Per Gallon
 - ✓ Will Provide \$288 Million Annually
- **Wisconsin** – Bill Under Consideration
 - ✓ Raises Gas & Diesel Tax From 32.9 to 42.5 Cents Per Gallon
 - ✓ Will Provide \$491 Million Over 2 Years



Highway Funding Issues

- **Michigan** – Bill Under Consideration

- ✓ Raises Gas & Diesel Tax From 26.3 to 71.3 Cents Per Gallon
- ✓ The 45 Cents Per Gallon Increase Would Nearly Triple Current Fuel Tax Rates
- ✓ Will Provide \$1.5 Billion Annually



Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant



Program Focuses on Rural Crossings

Department Awarded \$685,600

298 Crossings in 52 Counties

Installation By Department Forces

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Agenda Item 5

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

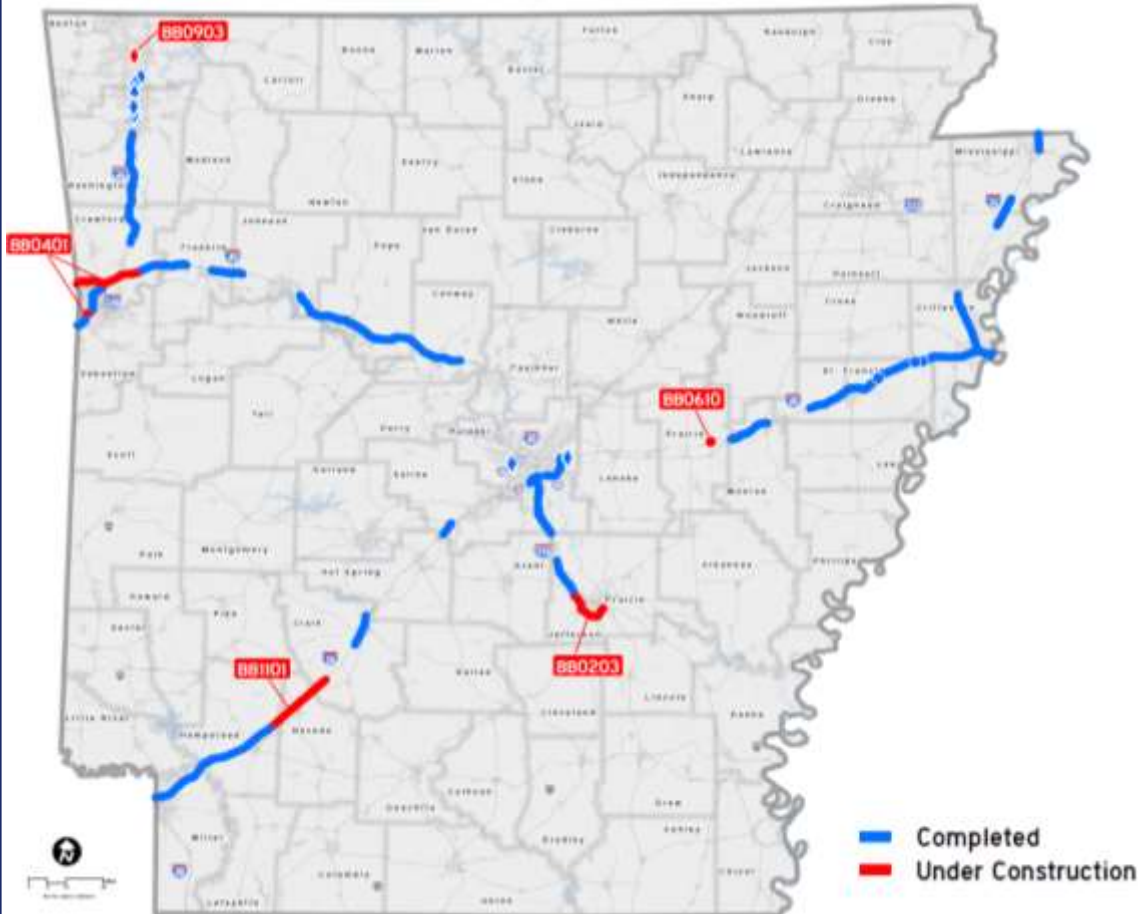
Interstate Rehabilitation Program



Completed

Number of Projects:	47
Miles:	291
Amount (Millions):	\$1,027

Interstate Rehabilitation Program



Under Construction

Number of Projects:	5
Miles:	53
Amount (Millions):	\$287

Let To Contract

Number of Projects:	52
Miles:	344
Amount (Millions):	\$1,314

Interstate Rehabilitation Program



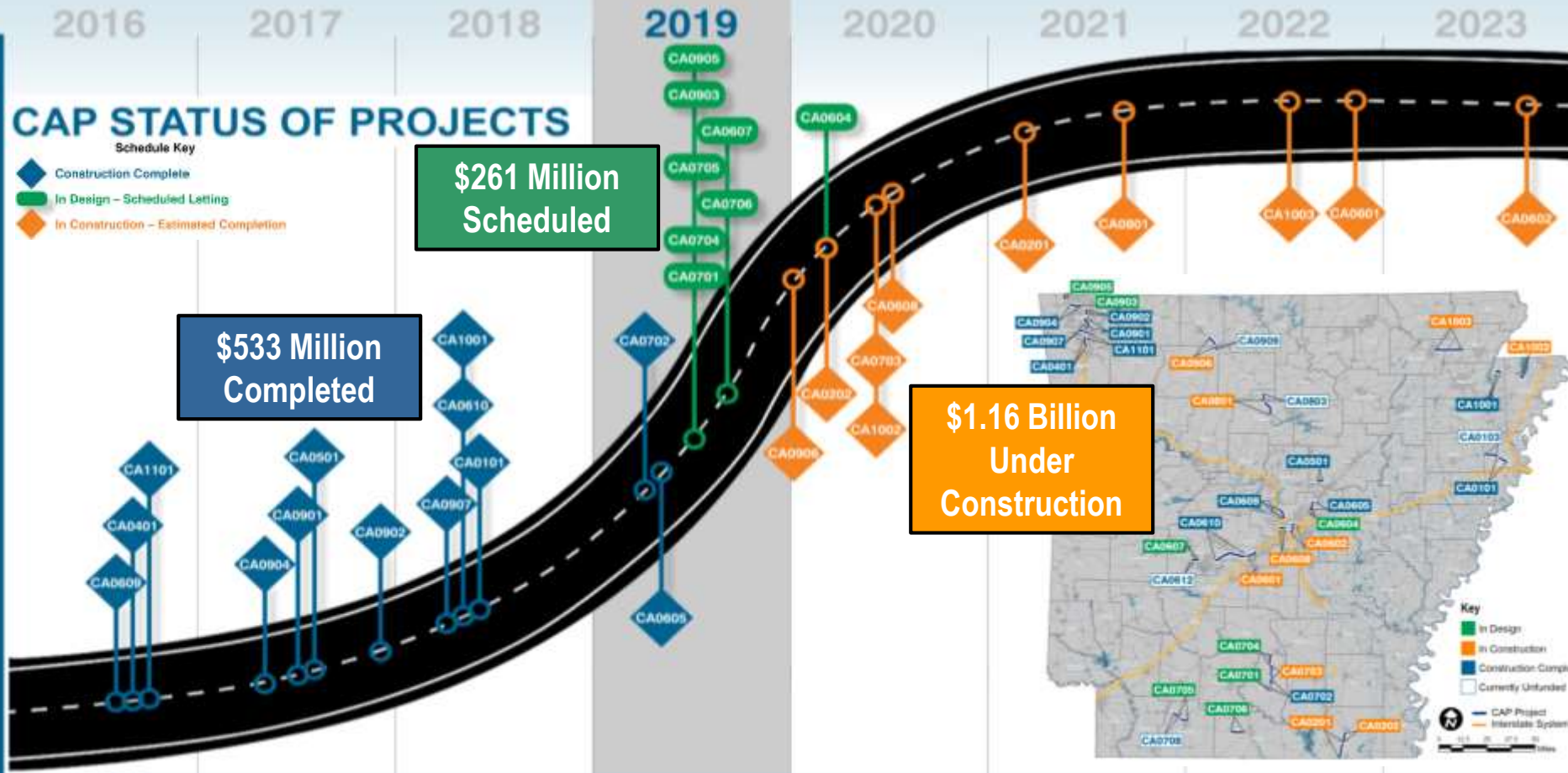
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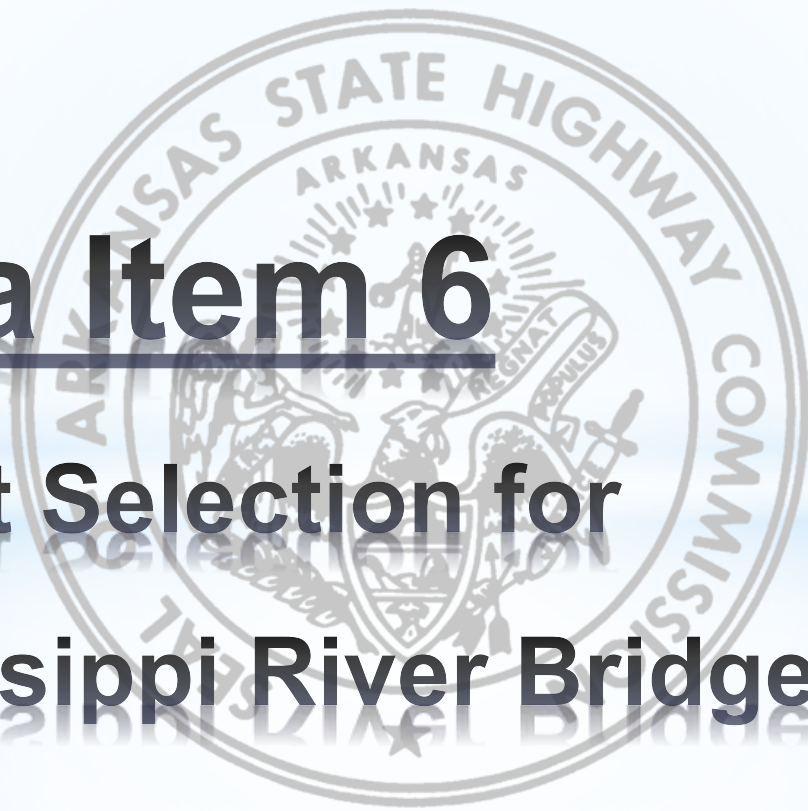
Number of Projects:	27
Miles:	160
Amount (Millions):	\$219

Total Program

Number of Projects:	79
Miles:	504
Amount (Millions):	\$1,533

Connecting Arkansas Program





Agenda Item 6

Consultant Selection for

I-40 Mississippi River Bridge Inspection

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Agenda Item 7

2019 Legislative Session Update

2019 Legislative Session

92nd General Assembly

2019 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



2019 Legislative Session



2019 Legislative Session

Act 294 – Retirement Health Benefit Adjustment

- ✓ Removes retirees' health insurance supplement, which ranges from \$75 to \$125 per month, depending on the length of service, from the cost-of-living adjustment.

Act 295 – Retirement Contribution Amounts

- ✓ Allows the system's trustees to increase from the current 6 percent to 7 percent of salary the amount paid by working members.



2019 Legislative Session

Act 1019 – Modify Construction Manager/General Contractor Authority

- ✓ Takes the total number of projects allowed under the program from three to five;
- ✓ Allows those projects to run concurrently, instead of requiring that a new project may not start until any prior project has been let;
- ✓ Extends the length of the program from 2022 to 2024.



2019 Legislative Session

Act 885 – Site Selection for School Districts

- ✓ Requires local school districts to notify us of planned site selection for new construction, allowing us to perform a traffic impact analysis.



Act 158 – ARDOT Appropriation

- ✓ Passed out of the session early, with no significant issues

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.
Act 158 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2019
4
5 By: Joint Budget Committee

As Enrolled: 01/29/19
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1214

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.


Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
23 Arkansas Department of Transportation for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees and the maximum annual salary
25 for such employees; and no greater salary than that established herein shall
26 be paid to any employee from appropriations hereinafter made for said
27 department. The annual salaries to be paid to each employee authorized herein
28 shall be determined by the State Highway Commission within the limitations as
29 set out in this section and the funds and the appropriations made available
30 for such purposes. All positions established herein shall be exempt from the
31 provisions of the Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Act
32 (Arkansas Code § 21-5-201, et seq.), or its successor, but shall not be
33 exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
34 Restrictions Act. Provided further that the salaries for the pay period
35 beginning June 2019 and ending July 2019 can be paid from the salaries and
36 overtime authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.



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2019 Legislative Session



Act 293 – Scenic Highways

- ✓ Designates State Highway 549, to be known in the future as Interstate 49 as a Scenic Highway.



2019 Legislative Session

**Act 292 – Camden Expedition
Scenic Highway**

Act 469 – True Grit Trail

Act 671 – Delta Music Trail

Act 292 – Gold Star Highway

HR 1019 – Estes Memorial Bridge



2019 Legislative Session



Act 288 – Cell Phone Use in School Zone

- ✓ Makes the offense of using a cell phone while driving in a school zone a primary offense for which a law enforcement officer may stop a driver for non-compliance.

Act 738 – Distracted Driving

- ✓ Amends laws relating to distracted driving to comply with federal law, defines the offense and associated minimum fines, and makes various other changes. Changes will make the State eligible for grants under federal law (most likely utilized by State Police).

2019 Legislative Session



Act 468 – Autonomous Vehicles

- ✓ Authorizes the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on the highways pursuant to a pilot program approved by the Highway Commission.



Act 1052 – Autonomous Vehicles at Railroad Crossings

- ✓ Requires autonomous vehicles to be designed to safely negotiate railroad crossings in compliance with state and federal law and regulations.

2019 Legislative Session

**Act 331 – Highway Commission
Appointments**

Act 859 – Overweight Farm Permits

Act 678 – Agency Operation Plans

Act 784 – Speed Limit



2019 Legislative Session



HJR 1008 – Amend the Process for the Submission, Challenge, and Approval of Proposed Initiated Acts, Constitutional Amendment, and Referenda

HJR 1018 – Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to Continue a Levy of a One-Half Percent Sales and Use Tax

SJR 15 – Amending the Term Limits to Members of the General Assembly

2019 Legislative Session

Act 789 – An Act to Ensure that the General Assembly has Adequate Information to Make Informed Decisions on Highway Funding

Act 298 – An Act to Establish an Annual Review of the Arkansas Department of Transportation; and for Other Purposes

Act 299 – An Act Concerning Legislation Proposed by the Director of State Highways and Transportation



2019 Legislative Session

Act 416 Summary

Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 58 Million
Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Registration Fees	\$ 2 Million
Casino Revenue	<u>\$ 35 Million</u>
Total to ARDOT	\$ 95 Million



2019 Legislative Session

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

- To Be Voted on in General Election – November 2020
- ½ Cent Sales Tax Permanent After 2023
- Continues to Provide **\$205 Million** to ARDOT Annually
- Continues to Provide **\$43 Million** to Cities Annually
- Continues to Provide **\$43 Million** to Counties Annually

2019 Legislative Session

Summary

Act 416

\$ 95 Million

House Joint Resolution 1018

\$205 Million

Total to ARDOT

\$300 Million



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Agenda Item 8

Upcoming Events

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May 6

Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce | Director Bennett

3:30 p.m. | Jonesboro, AR

May 14

Diamond Award: District 7 | Director Bennett

11:00 a.m. | Camden, AR

May 16

AR Rural Development Conference | Commissioners Farmer & Taldo

9:30 a.m. | Hot Springs, AR

AR Trucking Association Annual Conference | Director Bennett

1:15 p.m. | Little Rock, AR

Upcoming Events

May 20-23

AASHTO Spring Meeting | Director Bennett
Park City, UT

May 24-29

Annual Leave | Director Bennett

May 30

Statewide ROADeo Finals

Upcoming Events

June 5

TRC | Director Bennett

1:30 p.m. | Hot Springs, AR

June 12

Arkansas Highway Commission Meeting

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Agenda Item 9

Other Business and Discussion

Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts Hall of Fame



Alec Farmer

Inducted February 13, 2019

into the


*Arkansas Association of
Conservation Districts Hall of Fame*

Proceeds from Equipment Auctions

Two Equipment Auctions This Year

Fall Auction	\$ 1,212,542.66
Supplemental Spring Auction	<u>\$ 227,973.50</u>
Total Amount To ARDOT:	\$ 1,440,516.16



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Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2019