

2008 Annual Report



Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

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Mission Statement: To provide a safe, efficient, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for the user.

Director's Message

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is pleased to present its 2008 Annual Report.

The 2008 Report of the AHTD spotlights many of the successes that the Department experienced during the past twelve months.

The success that we enjoyed in 2008 can be credited to the hard work and dedication of the members of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and the Department staff across the state.

The Department opened bids on 187 highway projects in 2008. Construction got underway in every corner of the state. Among the new projects were the widening of East Broadway (Highway 70) in North Little Rock, a new Arkansas Welcome Center in Lake Village, work on the extension of Interstate 530 southward beyond Pine Bluff and the beginning of the Vilonia Bypass.

Major improvements got underway in West Memphis for the Interstate 40/Interstate 55 interchange and in Little Rock for the Interstate 430/630 interchange. Widening projects began on Highway 167 in El Dorado, Highway 67 in Lawrence County and Highway 1, north of Marianna.

Other road projects were completed and opened to traffic. Among the ribbon cuttings we celebrated this year were a new interchange on Interstate 40 in Conway, a new railroad overpass on Highway 100 in Maumelle and the opening of the Flippin Bypass.

The skills of our maintenance personnel was evident at the Southeast Regional Equipment Operators Rodeo held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Their hard work and expertise once again produced impressive results. For the sixth year in a row, our team finished in the top-three in the competition.

The pages of this report include many of the success stories of the Department over the past year. I hope that you find this summation of 2008 informative.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Flowers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

AHTD Director Dan Flowers

2008 Arkansas State Highway Commission



Commission Chairman Jonathan Barnett, of Siloam Springs, was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee effective January 15, 1999. Barnett has been in the construction business all of his adult life as a self-employed building contractor. His company, Jonathan Barnett Enterprises, specializes in commercial and residential construction. He served as the chairman of the Special Committee on Commissions and Boards for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Barnett also was elected to serve as the chairman of the Special Committee on Commissions and Boards for the Southeast Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO). His term expired in January of 2009. He was replaced by Dick Trammel of Rogers.



Commission Vice Chairman Carl Rosenbaum, of Little Rock, was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee effective January 16, 2001. Rosenbaum currently serves as the chairman of Safefoods Corporation in North Little Rock and Arkansas Glass Container Corporation in Jonesboro. In addition to his business career, Rosenbaum has served on a number of civic boards and organizations. Rosenbaum's previous experience in public service includes serving as a member of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, as International Director of Rotary International, serving on the advisory board of UAMS Arkansas BioVentures as well as the advisory council of the Eighth District Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. His term will expire in January 2011.



Commissioner R. Madison Murphy, of El Dorado, was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee effective January 14, 2003. He began work as a junior accountant for Murphy Oil in 1980 and moved up to junior auditor and associate auditor. In 1982, he moved to London, England, to serve as an associate auditor for Murphy Eastern Oil. He later served as the supply coordinator for crude oil and products, the manager of treasury and financial controls and the manager of supply, trading and refinery planning. In 1987, Murphy moved to New Orleans to serve as executive assistant for the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company. He returned to El Dorado in 1988 as vice president of planning for Murphy Oil and later served as the company's treasurer, chief financial and administrative officer, and chairman of the board. He is currently a member of the board for Murphy Oil, Deltic Timber Corporation and Bancorp South, Inc., as well as president of the Murphy Foundation. His term will expire in January 2013.



Commissioner John Ed Regenold, of Armorel, was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee effective January 26, 2005. He is a longtime business and civic leader in east Arkansas. He is chairman of the Armorel Planting Company. Former Governor Huckabee previously appointed Regenold to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. He is also a member of the St. Francis Levee Board and is a Commissioner for the District 17 Drainage District. He is the chairman of the Mississippi County Hospital System Board and a member of the board of the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation. His term will expire in January of 2015.



Commissioner Cliff Hoofman, of North Little Rock, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 18, 2007. Hoofman, an attorney and cattle farmer, served in the House of Representatives for eight years before serving in the State Senate for 20 years. While in the Senate, he served as floor leader for Governor Bill Clinton from 1983 to 1986. He was Chairman of the Budget Committee and he served as Senate Chairman of the Legislative Council from 1997 through 2000. After his tenure in the legislature, Hoofman served four years in the Attorney General's office as Director of Legislative Affairs. Prior to his service at the Capitol, Hoofman served two years as City Attorney for the City of North Little Rock. His term will expire in January of 2017.

New Highway Construction

The State administered highway system in Arkansas totals 16,438 miles. Nationally, Arkansas' highway system ranks 12th in mileage and ranks 43rd in total highway user revenues per mile.

During 2008, 187 projects totaling \$373,741,532 million were let to contract for state highways, county roads and city streets.

The most expensive job was located in Union County and will

widen 2.5 miles of Highway 167 to four lanes in the city of El Dorado.

Below are the top ten projects let to contract during 2008.

Top Ten Contracts Awarded in 2008

Rank	Project	Location	Award Amount
1	Widening of Highway 167	Union	\$41,824,191
2	Interstate 55/Highway 131 Interchange	Crittenden	\$26,693,323
3	Grading and structures for Interstate 530 Extension	Jefferson	\$22,672,617
4	Interstate 430/Interstate 630 Interchange Improvements	Pulaski	\$17,336,629
5	Highway 35 and Benton Parkway Railroad Overpasses	Saline	\$15,150,002
6	New location of Highway 65 in Grady	Lincoln	\$13,070,382
7	Extension of Interstate 530	Jefferson Lincoln Cleveland	\$11,849,156
8	Widening of Highway 67	Craighead	\$11,060,853
9	Widening of Highway 107	Pulaski	\$10,939,649
10	Replacement of four bridges on Highway 71	Washington	\$ 9,865,136

Total Award Amounts 2002 - 2008

Year	Number of Jobs	Total Amount
2002	256	\$648,103,382
2003	250	\$474,156,141
2004	247	\$425,122,871
2005	228	\$382,804,881
2006	173	\$377,251,887
2007	202	\$374,889,601
2008	187	\$373,741,532



The Interstate 530/Interstate 69 Connector Interchange at Pine Bluff.



Construction of the new Arkansas Welcome Center at Blytheville.



Widening of Highway 1 near Marianna.

Dedications

Ribbon cuttings were held around the state in 2008 to open new projects.

The new **Interstate 40 Interchange in Conway** was opened to traffic on May 2nd. AHTD Director Dan Flowers and Commissioner Cliff Hoofman joined Conway Mayor Tab Townsel and other local elected officials to cut a ribbon and officially open the interchange. The ceremony coincided with Conway's annual Toad Suck Daze Festival and the new interchange was a big factor in getting thousands of visitors in and out of Conway that weekend.

The \$9.1 million interchange is located one-half mile west of the existing Highway 25 partial interchange. The new interchange features three straight ramps and one loop ramp. Right of way has been purchased to replace the loop ramp with a straight ramp when future improvements are made to Highway 25, north of the site.

The opening of the new **Highway 100 Railroad Overpass in Maumelle** took place on May 16th. AHTD Director Dan Flowers and Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum joined Maumelle Mayor Mike Watson, local elected officials and a large crowd from the community to cut the ribbon on the project.

The new structure eliminated at-grade crossings on Highway 100 and replaced them with a mile-long, four-lane overpass with sidewalks and bicycle lanes. The project also added a traffic signal



The new Interstate 40 Interchange at Conway.



Highway 100 railroad overpass at Maumelle.



Highway 412 Bypass at Flippin.

at the southern end of the bridge at Rolling Oaks Drive.

Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Jonathan Barnett and AHTD Director Dan Flowers joined with local officials on May 29th to note the completion of the **Highway 412 Flippin Bypass**. The \$11 million project, begun in April 2004, created a three-mile, five-lane roadway on new location just south of Flippin.

Commissioner Barnett noted that this project is just one of many construction jobs on Highway 412 that have been completed, are underway or are scheduled along this major east-west northern corridor that connects Oklahoma to Missouri. During the past ten years, over \$250 million in projects have been completed, over \$110 million in projects are under construction and another \$60 million are programmed for improvements to Highway 412.

Recognition

The Highway and Transportation Department has been recognized for outstanding work in various areas.

The Department was the recipient of a **2008 Globe Award for Environmental Excellence** from the American Road & Transportation Builders Association Transportation Development Foundation. The awards recognize highway and bridge improvement projects for their contributions to environmental protection and mitigation. The Department, along with contractor Gilbert Central Corporation, were recognized for a project that added passing lanes to Highway 65 in the Buffalo River area of north Arkansas.

John Miller, Section Head of Archeology in the Environmental Division, and Federal Highway Administration Environmental Coordinator Randal Looney were recognized with an award from the **Caddo Nation**. The award recognizes their efforts to work directly with the Caddo Nation when it comes to new construction projects and the overall goal of preserving the history of the Caddo.

Pathfinder, Inc. of Jacksonville recognized the Department for its work with the organization.



Highway 65 near the Buffalo River.

The Department has worked with Pathfinder for 20 years in the battle against roadside litter. Residents of Pathfinder play a vital role in the battle by picking up trash along our highways on a regular basis. Pathfinder presented the AHTD with a plaque for its cooperation with the organization.

The Department was recognized by **United Way** at its Heart of Arkansas campaign celebration. The AHTD was the recipient of the United Way's Pinnacle Award. The award is given to those organizations who reach 100 percent or more of their potential. In addition, the Department was included in the "Top 50 Campaigns" in Arkansas and was one of seven state agencies that were recognized for outstanding work. In 2008, Department personnel raised over \$30,000 for United Way.

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, was the destination for the Department's top Rodeo competitors as they traveled east to compete in the **6th Annual Southeast Regional Equipment Operators Rodeo**. The team finished in third place overall. The finish gave the AHTD a top-three finish in each of the six years the regional event has been held. Teams from Arkansas, Mississippi, North



Staff from Pathfinder, Inc. present a plaque to AHTD officials.

Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia competed in the Rodeo.

After being recognized as the Arkansas Highway Police top inspector during the 2008 Arkansas Inspector Competition held in Springdale, PFC James Canard represented the Highway Police in the **2008 North American Inspector Championship** held in Houston, Texas. The championship included inspectors from the United States, Canada and Mexico. Canard was a member of a six-person team that came home with the *Top Team Award*. The award goes to the team with the highest combined average scores in each of the following inspection categories - North American Standard Level I Inspection, Level V Passenger Vehicle Inspection and HAZMAT/Transportation of Dangerous Goods Inspections.

The Arkansas Highway Police continues to be recognized as the Top Law Enforcement Agency in the state supporting **Special Olympics Arkansas**. Throughout 2008, Highway Police personnel raised funds by hosting a softball tournament, golf tournament and truck convoy. As a result of the fundraising events, the Department was able to present Special Olympics with a check for \$20,000.



2008 AHTD Regional Rodeo Team

Public Involvement

The Highway and Transportation Department insists upon early and ongoing input from citizens in local communities when planning for new roadways.

Our Public Involvement meetings are an effective way to share design plans and maps for new roadways and also receive feedback from citizens and local officials that live in the project area. The meetings also allow the Department staff to answer any questions that may arise.

The Department held 38 public meetings across the state in 2008. Over 2,682 people attended in order to exchange information with our staff.

Public meetings were held in Alma, Alpena, Blytheville, Brinkley, Caulksville, Central City, Enola, Fayetteville, Fordyce, Fort Smith, Hatfield, Hope, Hot Springs, Jacksonville, Manila, Marianna, Marion, Monette, Lake Village, Little Rock, North Little Rock, Paragould, Pine Bluff, Portia, Prescott, Prairie Grove, Royal, Searcy, Sheridan, Springdale, Stuttgart, Texarkana, Van Buren and West Memphis.



Visitors sign in at a meeting in Central City.



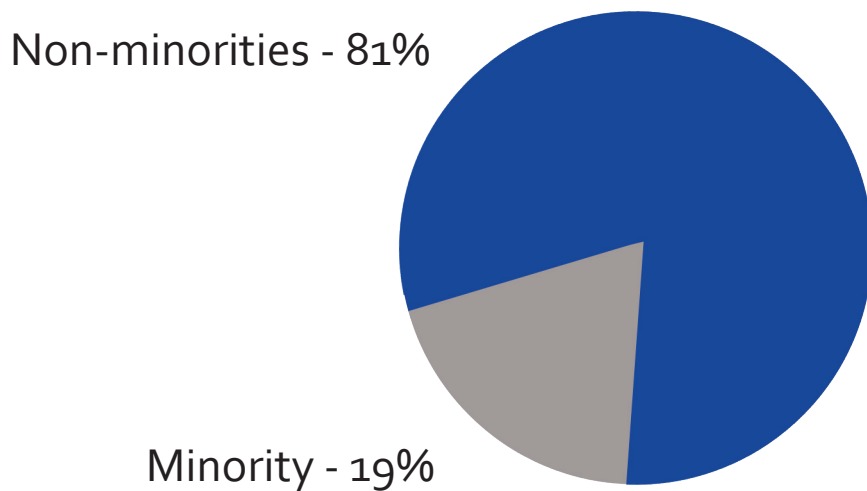
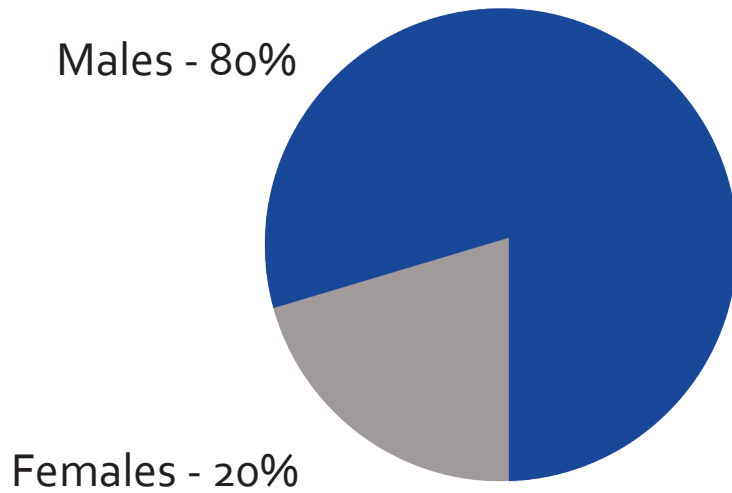
Local residents fill out an opinion survey in Pine Bluff.



AHTD staff and residents look at plans in Little Rock.

Department Workforce

The AHTD workforce numbered 3,598 employees at the end of 2008. That is a decrease of 1 employee (.99%) compared to the close of 2007. For 2008, there were 2,871 males (80%) and 727 females (20%), with 2,917 non-minorities (81%) and 681 minorities (19%). Since 2006, the representation of minorities in the Department has increased slightly.



Organization

The Arkansas Highway Commission and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department have enjoyed over 50 years of progress under the structure envisioned by two State Senators, Y.M. Mack and Lawrence Blackwell.

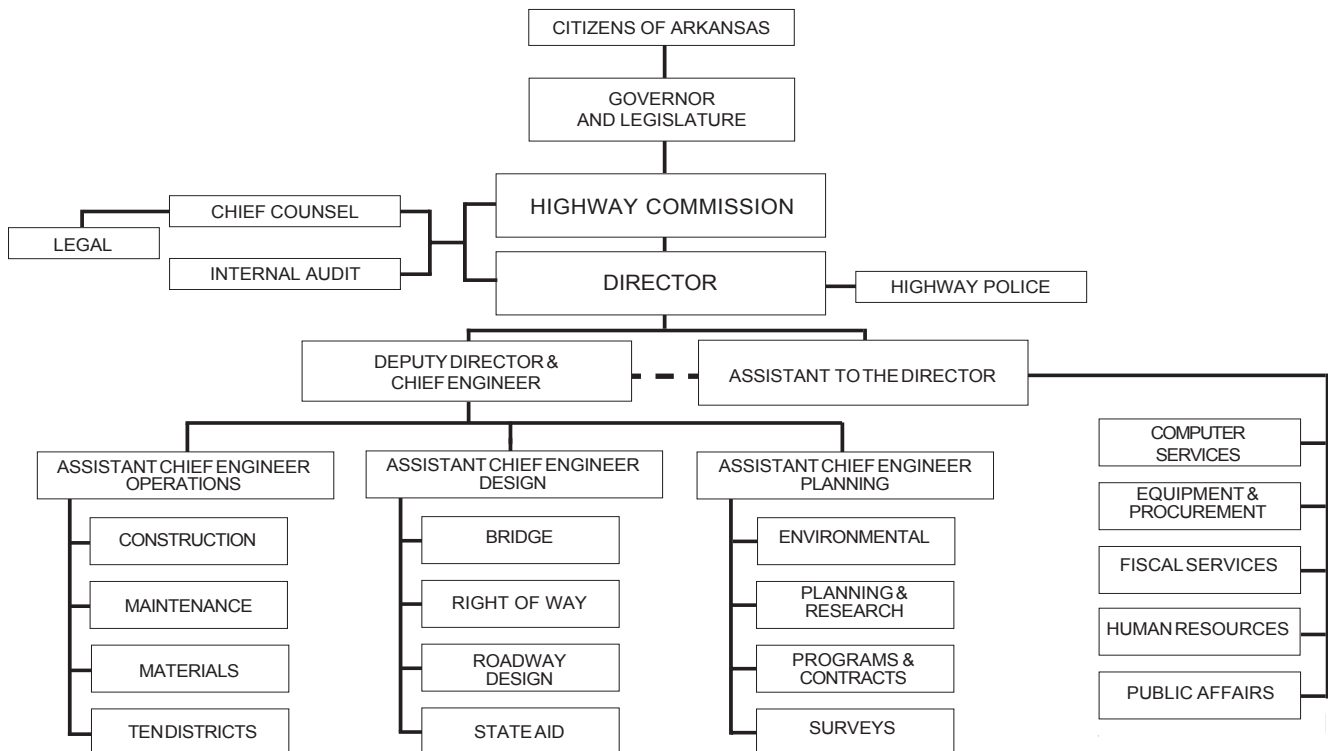
Together, they wrote Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitu-

tion. This landmark amendment, commonly known as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, provides that each of the five Arkansas Highway Commissioners serves a ten-year staggered term, with a new commissioner being appointed by the Governor every two years.

The Commission is assigned all powers necessary to fully and effectively administer Arkansas laws and regulations relating to AHTD operations.

The Department Director is appointed by the Commission and is responsible not only for developing a professional staff, but also building, maintaining and overseeing 16,438 miles of highway.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART

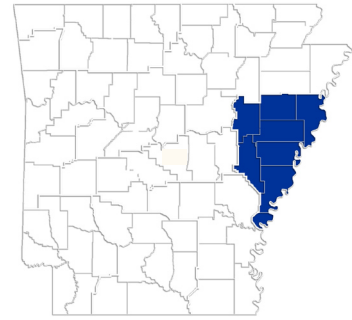


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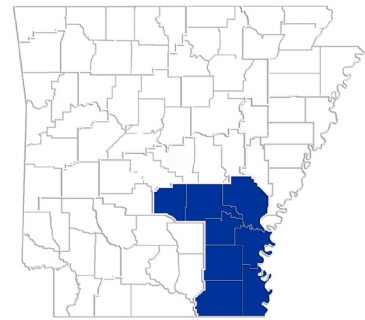
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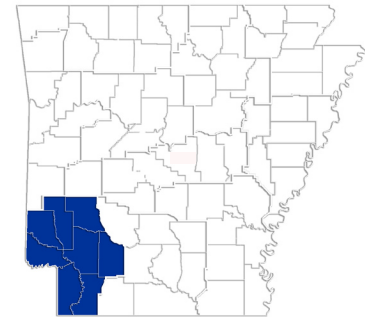
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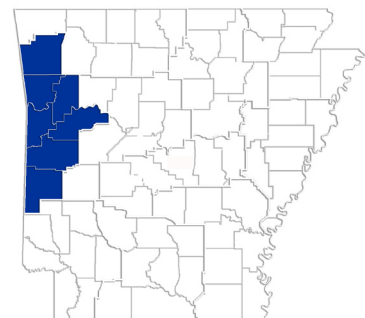
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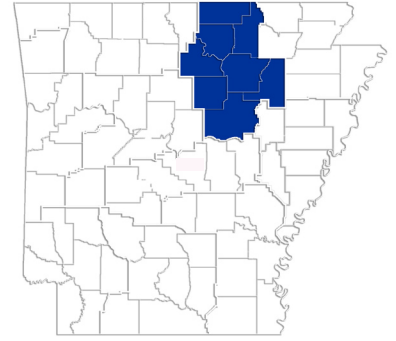


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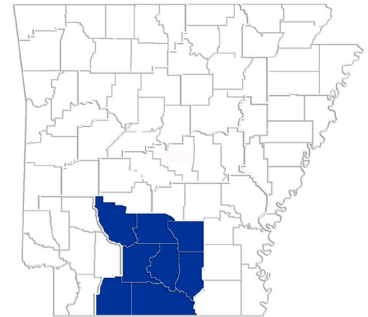
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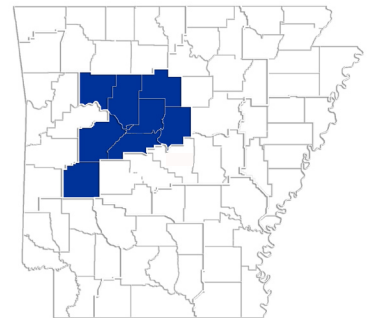
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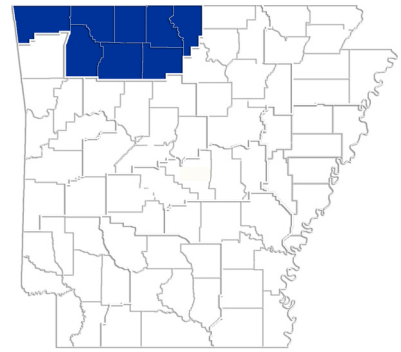


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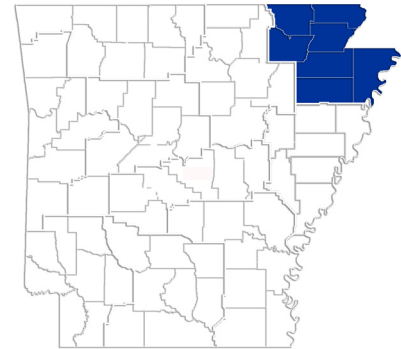
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