



Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department  
**2010 Annual Report**





*Highway 65, Drew County*



*Highway 82 Bridge, Chicot County*

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



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# Director's Message

With this 2010 Annual Report, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department presents the highlights and successes that the Department has experienced over the past calendar year.

These successes reflect the hard work and dedication of the members of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Department staff working across the state.

In 2010, the Department continued its momentum on roadway projects utilizing funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million to use on road improvements across the state. As the year ended, the Department had let to contract 133 ARRA projects, representing approximately 300 miles of improvements to Arkansas highways.

One of the most noteworthy of those projects was the Bella Vista Bypass in northwest Arkansas. A \$10 million federal TIGER grant (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) received in 2010 has allowed the Department to begin construction on this project, which is a key link in the Interstate 49 corridor. The first contract was scheduled to be awarded in early 2011 on the 19-mile bypass, designed to relieve congestion on Highway 71 through Bella Vista and continue north into Missouri.

The year 2010 was a productive one for the Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance. In July, the Committee presented Governor Beebe with a report that contained revenue source objectives and proposals for discussion during the 2011 legislative session. Those objectives included protecting the existing tax base of roadway

funding, restoring construction and maintenance purchasing power, preserving and enhancing the safety of our highway systems and adding new capacity to our systems.

In August, the AHTD was proud to be the host organization for the 69th annual meeting of SASHTO (Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) in Little Rock. Over 600 participants gathered from this region of the country to learn more about topics and trends in the transportation industry. To close my term as president of the organization, I had the honor of passing the SASHTO gavel to Mike Hancock, Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Bids were opened on 230 highway projects in 2010. The largest single contract ever awarded by the Arkansas Highway Commission totaled \$78 million and began Phase 3 of modifications at the Interstate 430/Interstate 630 interchange in Little Rock. Other contracts awarded in 2010 included Phases 2 and 3 of the new White River Bridge at Clarendon, Interstate 55 rehabilitation and bypasses for the cities of Russellville, Sheridan and Vilonia.

The state's sixth new Arkansas Welcome Center in recent years opened in Lake Village. Officials from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Department of Parks and Tourism and Governor Mike Beebe cut the ribbon on the Center.

The Department was the recipient of numerous awards of national significance in 2010. Among them was an "America's Transportation Award" for a Recovery Act Rehabilitation Project in the state and a "Top Project of the Decade Award" for the Interstate 40 Mississippi River Bridge Seismic Retrofit project. The

award was shared with the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

This report includes details on these accomplishments and many more over the past year.



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

AHTD Director Dan Flowers

# 2010 Arkansas State Highway Commission



**Commission 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.



**Commission Chairman 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.



**Commission Vice Chairman 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.



**Commissioner Dick Trammel**, of Rogers, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 12, 2009. He currently serves as Executive Vice President, member of the Board of Directors and Board Secretary of Arvest Bank, Rogers. He is past President and current member of the Board of the Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Rogers-Lowell United Way board and twice served as Drive Chairman. Trammel is a past President of the Rotary Club of Rogers and past Governor of Rotary International District 6110. Trammel is a founding Director, Director Emeritus and past Chairman of the Northwest Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute (NARTI). He is a charter member, past Chairman and past board member of the Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College. His term will expire in January of 2019.

# New Highway Construction

The State administered highway system in Arkansas totals 16,443 miles. Nationally, Arkansas' highway system ranks 12th in mileage and ranks 42nd in total highway user revenues per mile.

For 2010, 230 projects totaling \$567,915,542 million were let to contract for state highways, county roads and city streets. That figure is up from the previous year.

The most expensive project let

to contract was located in Pulaski County and was Phase 3 of improvements to the Interstate 430/630 interchange.

Below are the top ten projects let to contract during 2010.

## Top Ten Contracts Awarded in 2010

Rank	Project	Location	Award Amount
1	Interstate 430/630 Interchange Modifications - Phase 3	Pulaski	\$78,123,925
2	Arkansas Boulevard-Highway 71 base & surfacing	Miller	\$38,182,804
3	White River Bridge - Phase 2	Monroe	\$31,382,533
4	White River Bridge - Phase 3	Monroe	\$29,357,212
5	Vilonia Bypass - base & surfacing	Faulkner	\$26,012,127
6	Sheridan Bypass - base & surfacing	Grant	\$25,885,924
7	Hindsville to Huntsville Bypass	Madison	\$22,997,127
8	Interstate 55 rehabilitation	Mississippi	\$22,210,773
9	Russellville Bypass	Pope	\$16,947,528
10	Highway 226 widening	Craighead	\$14,961,951

## Total Award Amounts 2004 - 2010

Year	Number of Jobs	Total Amount
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
2009	222	\$498,401,522
2010	230	\$567,915,542



Highway 167,  
Grant County



Interstate 430/630 interchange,  
Little Rock



Scenic Highway 82,  
Union County

# Ribbon Cuttings

Department staff, along with state and local officials, took part in numerous ribbon cuttings to officially open recently completed projects across the state in 2010.

On January 12, busloads of local students joined Governor Mike Beebe in dedicating the new \$2.8 million **Arkansas Welcome Center** in **Lake Village**. The new Center is a 3,100 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility located on 1.6 acres. The most unique feature is the 3,700 square-foot, multi-level fishing and observation deck over Lake Chicot. The lake Village Center is the sixth new Welcome Center to be opened since 2003 under a funding project using 20 percent state money and 80 percent Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds. The other new Centers are located in El Dorado, Texarkana, Fort Smith/Van Buren, Corning and Blytheville. Construction on a seventh new Center has begun in West Memphis.

A \$21 million project to replace two at-grade railroad crossings with two new overpasses in **Benton** was dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 3. The project included a new overpass on **Highway 35** and one over **Benton Parkway**, improvements to Highway 35, and a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 183.

Dignitaries gathered in **Paragould** on June 22 to remove a "Road Work" sign to officially complete an \$11.7 million **Highway 412** widening project. Four miles of Highway 412 were widened to four lanes east of town.

On August 6, a ribbon cutting marked the completion of the widening of **Highway 69 (Harrison Street)** in **Batesville**. The \$13 million project widened three miles of the existing roadway to five lanes, from Highway 167 to Gap Road.

A ribbon was cut to celebrate the opening of the newly modified **Highway 67/167** southbound exit ramp at Highway 5 in **Cabot** on September 15. The \$414,000 project relocated the ramp to connect to Rockwood Road.

A \$9.5 million project to widen **Highway 167** in **Batesville** was officially opened on September 23. The improvements extend for approximately one mile, from Highway 223 southward to Highway 69.

Governor Beebe joined AHTD and local dignitaries in **Newport** to cut a ribbon on a new **Highway 267 Connector** road on October 4. The purpose of the project was to add a new location connector road between Highway 18 and Highway 384, just east of Highway 167 in Newport.

A widening project on **East Broadway (Highway 70)** in **North Little Rock** was dedicated on October 29th. Two phases of work widened the highway to five lanes from Interstate 30 eastward to Highway 165.

A large crowd gathered on November 19th in **Paragould** to dedicate completion of a **Highway 49** widening project. The work widened 1.4 miles of Highway 49 to five lanes between Highway 135 and Highway 412.

A contingent of highway

officials gathered in **Crossett** on December 15 to dedicate completion of work on **Highway 82**. The roadway was widened to five lanes beginning at Highway 133 and continuing eastward for approximately 2.5 miles.



*Arkansas Welcome Center, Lake Village*



*Highway 35, Benton*



*Highway 69, Batesville*

# Recognition

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and its employees were recognized for outstanding work in numerous areas in 2010.

The Department received a **Top Project of the Decade Award** from TRC, a national engineering consulting and construction management firm. The Award was presented to the AHTD and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in honor of the Interstate 40 Mississippi River Bridge Seismic Retrofit project. Because the bridge stands on the edge of the New Madrid Seismic Zone, the AHTD and TDOT gave priority status to seismic evaluation and retrofit of the bridge and approaches. All work was done while maintaining bridge traffic.

The AHTD was a recipient of a regional **America's Transportation Award** presented by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. The award for "Best Recovery Act Medium Project" was presented for Arkansas' Recovery Act Rehabilitation Project that has improved

170 miles of roadways at 52 locations statewide. The work included resurfacing, guardrail replacement, pavement markings and shoulder improvements.

The **Arkansas Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)**, an agency of the Department of Defense, presented AHTD's District Four with a **Patriot Award** in recognition of extraordinary support of Department employees who serve in the Arkansas National Guard and Reserves.

The **Arkansas Highway Police** held a graduation ceremony for 19 new patrol officers after the class completed eight weeks of training. Awards were presented to two graduates. PTL Ruddy Short was recognized for the top score in firearms. The Academic Excellence Award was presented to PTL Justin Smith.

AHTD Director **Dan Flowers** was named **president** of the **Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering** for 2010-2011 at the group's annual meeting in Fayetteville. The Academy is comprised of alumni of the University of Arkansas Depart-

ment of Civil Engineering as well as honorary members who have been chosen in recognition of their accomplishments. The Academy recognizes graduates for outstanding contributions to the civil engineering profession and for supporting the school's civil engineering students and faculty.

**Director Flowers** was also inducted into the **Arkansas Construction Hall of Fame**. The Hall of Fame was established by the Arkansas Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America to honor outstanding individuals in the construction industry.

**James Moore**, Section Head for Equal Employment Opportunity/Disadvantage Business Enterprise, received a **Special Recognition Award** at the 2010 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officers (AASHTO) National Civil Rights Symposium. The award is presented for recognition of an individual who has made a noteworthy contribution in advancing civil rights through commitment and dedication.



*Top Project of the Decade Award (l. to r.) Bob Chamber, TRC; Ed Wasserman, TDOT; Dave Zarider, TRC; Phil Brand, Division Head - Bridge, AHTD; and Fred Stevenson, TRC.*



*(l. to r.) Butch Brown, Executive Director of the Mississippi DOT and 2010 SASHTO president, presents the American Transportation Award to Dan Flowers, AHTD Director.*



*(l. to r.) Freddie Jones, Civil Rights Administrator for the Virginia DOT, presents James Moore with an award of recognition for his advancement of civil rights.*



# Public Involvement

The Department visits local communities throughout the year when planning for new roadways in order to receive early and ongoing input from citizens in local communities.

Our Public Involvement meetings are held around the state and 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 26 public meetings across the state in 2010. Over 1,900 people attended in order to exchange information with our staff.

Public meetings were held in Blytheville, Bryant, Cabot, Carthage, Cash, Conway, Dover, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Garfield, Greers Ferry, Helena-West Helena, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Mayflower, Rogers, Springdale, Searcy and Quitman.



*(top to bottom) Photos on this page are from public meetings held in Cash, Dover and Greers Ferry.*

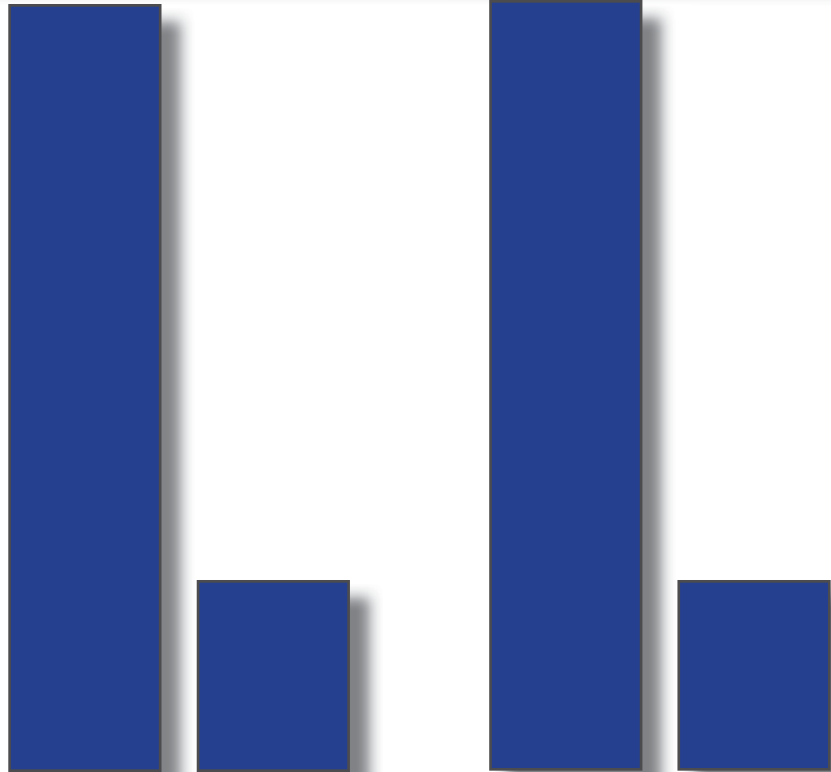


# AHTD Workforce

At the close of the year 2010, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department workforce numbered 3,663 employees. That is an increase of 94 employees compared to the close of 2009.

For 2010, there were 2,922 males (80%) and 741 females (20%), with 2,919 non-minorities (80%) and 744 minorities (20%).

Since 2006, the representation of minorities in the Department has increased slightly. The number of female employees increased by 22 in 2010.



Males - 80%  
Females - 20%

Non-minorities - 80%  
Minority - 20%



*Bids are opened on new construction projects at the Central Office in Little Rock.*



*Progressing with construction on the Interstate 430/630 interchange.*



*Greeting fair goers at the AHTD booth at the Arkansas State Fair.*

# Organization

The Arkansas Highway Commission and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department have enjoyed nearly 60 years of progress under the structure envisioned by two State Senators, Y.M. Mack and Lawrence Blackwell.

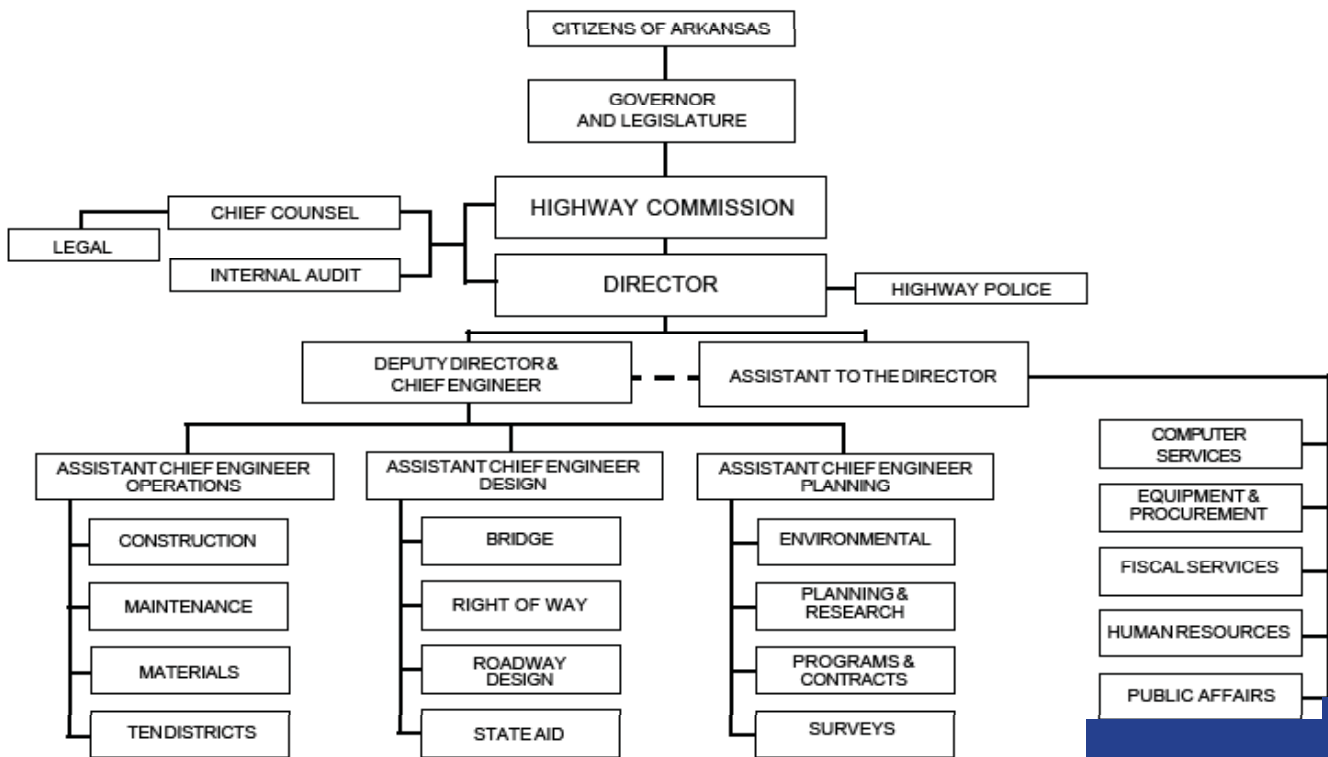
Together, they wrote Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitution. This landmark amendment,

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 overseeing construction and maintenance on the 16,443 mile highway system.



(l. to r.) Assistant Chief Engineer - Design, Phil McConnell; Assistant to the Director, Ralph Hall; Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning, Scott Bennett; AHTD Director Dan Flowers; Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations, Emanuel Banks; Deputy Director & Chief Engineer, Frank Vozel; and Chief Counsel, Robert L. Wilson.

# District Information

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## District 1

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## District 2

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## District 3

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Counties: Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Pike and Sevier



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Stone and White



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# District Information

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## District 10

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*Highway 88, Polk County*



*Highway 163, Cross County  
Crowley's Ridge*



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