

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



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AHTD 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



SCOTT E. BENNETT

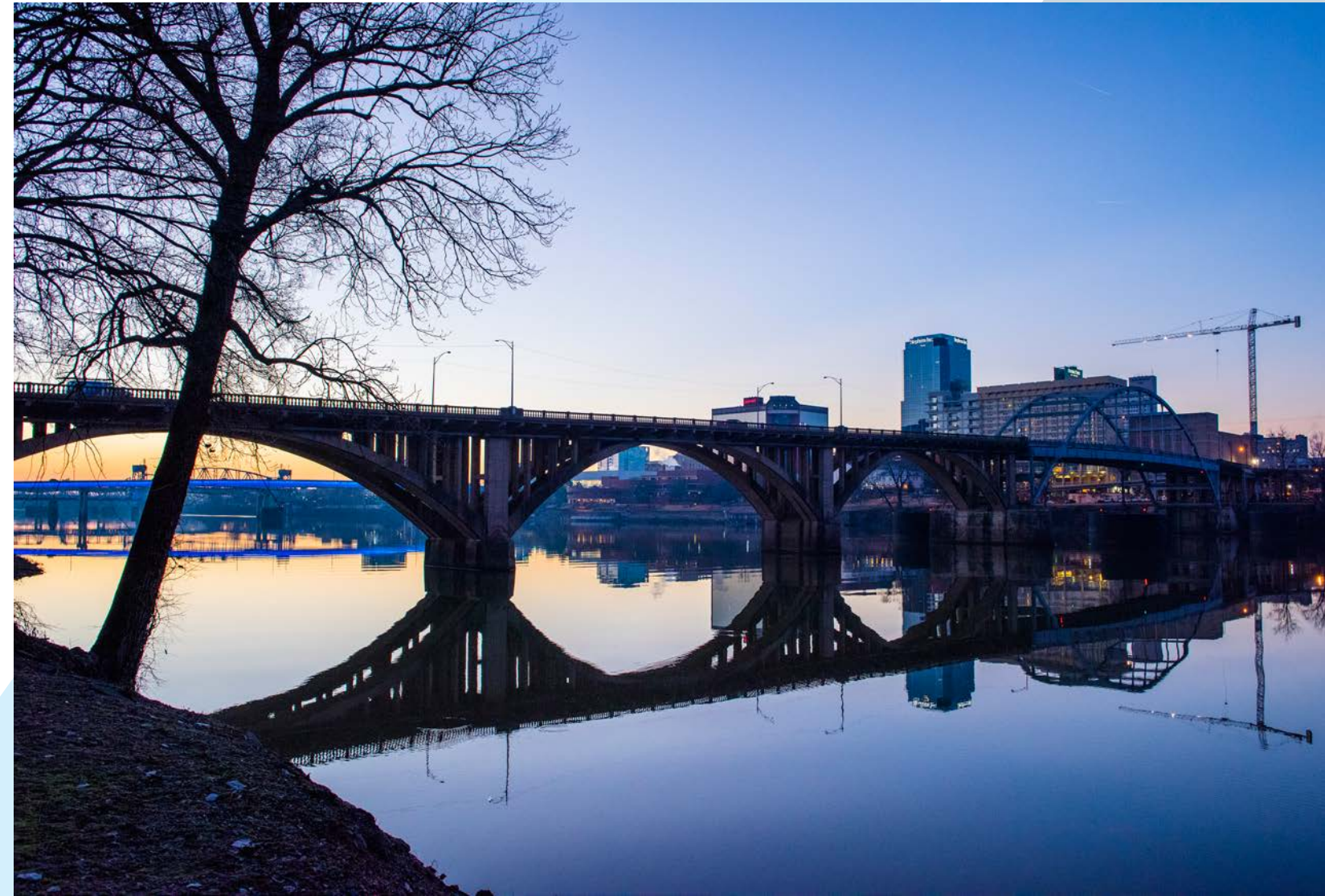
The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is pleased to present its Annual Report for 2015. It was a productive year and we are proud to share the work we have been able to accomplish within the pages of this report.

The Department's two major road improvement programs continued to make good progress and had a significant impact on our highway system. As 2015 ended, a total of 23 projects had been completed as part of our Interstate Rehabilitation Program. That represents 170 miles of Interstate miles that have been improved. Our Connecting Arkansas Program had six projects under construction at the end of 2015. Another 28 projects are scheduled through 2019 that will connect all parts of the State with four-lane highways when the program is completed.

Overall, the Department let to contract 198 projects totaling just over \$670 million in 2015. The largest of those improvements was on Interstate 40 in Crittenden County. Projects in all ten of our Districts can be seen in this report. Each of these projects reflects our commitment to keeping our roadways in the best condition possible and placing the public's safety as "priority one."

The accomplishments in this Annual Report could not have been met without the commitment and hard work of the members of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Department staff. I want to thank all of them for making 2015 a successful year.

In addition, all of us at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department thank the people of Arkansas for their show of support for the Department and the programs that we carry out.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott E. Bennett".

SCOTT E. BENNETT, P.E.
Director of Highways and Transportation

HIGHWAY Commission



TRAMMEL

Commission Chairman Dick Trammel, of Rogers, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 12, 2009. He currently serves as executive vice president and is a member of the board of directors for Arvest, Benton County. 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. He is a founding director, director emeritus and past chairman of the Northwest Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute (NARTI) and is a charter member, past chairman and past board member of the Board of Trustees for Northwest Arkansas Community College. His term on the Highway Commission will expire in January of 2019.



SCHUECK

Commission Vice Chairman Tom Schueck, of Little Rock, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 14, 2011. He has 41 years of experience in forming and managing companies that are involved in heavy construction. Among the companies he has founded are Schueck Steel, Custom Metals, Prospect Steel, L-Con Constructors, L-Con Marine Fabricators and Heritage Golf. Schueck served most recently on the Arkansas Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission. Prior to that, he served on the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, the Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission, and he is a past member of the UAMS Foundation. He currently serves on the boards of The Nature Conservancy and the Arkansas Industrial Development Foundation. His term on the Highway Commission will expire in January of 2021.



MOORE

Commissioner Robert S. Moore, Jr., of Arkansas City, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to a 10-year term on the Arkansas State Highway Commission. Moore took the Oath of Office in January 2013. A native of Arkansas City, Moore graduated from McGehee High School, Ouachita Baptist University and received his law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law. Moore's previous experience in public service includes three terms as a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, and served as Speaker of the House for the 88th General Assembly. In addition to his tenure in the legislature, Moore worked as an Assistant Attorney General under Jim Guy Tucker and, in 1977, Governor David Pryor appointed Moore as Chairman of the Arkansas Transportation Commission. He also served two decades, under Governors Clinton, Tucker and Huckabee, as Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board before being elected to the House. Moore is a Vietnam Veteran having spent five years in the U.S. Army. He owns and operates Moore Farms and remains involved in matters relating to the economic revitalization of Arkansas City, Desha County, and Southeast Arkansas. Moore and his wife Beverly live on their farm in Arkansas City. They have two sons, Rob and Lee, as well as three grandchildren. His term on the Highway Commission will expire in January of 2023.



SCOTT

Commissioner Frank D. Scott, Jr., of Little Rock, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective October 17, 2013. Scott serves as a bank executive for First Security Bank, focused on commercial lending, market growth strategies and new business development. He received his Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of Memphis. He then obtained a Master's of Business Administration with an emphasis on strategic management from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Scott served in Governor Beebe's administration from 2007-2011, in the roles of Deputy Director of Policy and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. In 2012, Scott joined First Security Bank. In addition to his work at First Security, Scott serves on the board of directors for the Little Rock Port Authority. He replaced John Burkhalter who left the Commission to enter the race for Lieutenant Governor. His term on the Highway Commission will expire in January of 2017.



FARMER

Commissioner Dalton A. "Alec" Farmer Jr., of Jonesboro, was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson effective January 27, 2015. Farmer is president of Farmer Enterprises, Inc., a family-owned farm and property investment and management company. He also serves on the Board of the Childress Gin and Elevator Company, and as manager for Alec Farmer Farms, LLC. Farmer graduated with honors from Arkansas State University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1990 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. Farmer is a former chairman of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and a former special Commissioner of the Arkansas State Police Commission. He was also an original member of the Arkansas Agricultural Board. His term on the Highway Commission will expire in January of 2025.



2015

TOP TEN CONTRACTS of 2015

Arkansas' Highway System

There were 16,418 miles on Arkansas' highway system in 2015, making it the 12th largest system in the country. Eight Interstate highways made up 703 of those miles. There were also approximately 7,328 bridges on the system.

A top priority for the AHTD was keeping those roadways in the best condition possible. Crews worked on projects across the State in 2015 that continued to improve the condition of Arkansas' highways.

To meet the demands on a growing highway system, 198 projects totaling \$670,032,356 were let to contract in 2015. The largest of those was a resurfacing project on 13 miles of Interstate 40 in Crittenden County near Shearerville.

On the following page are the top ten projects let to contract during 2015.



TOP TEN CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2015

Rank	Project	Location (County)	Award Amount
1	Interstate 40	Crittenden	\$38,530,761
2	Interstate 30	Miller & Hempstead	\$37,192,629
3	Interstate 40	St. Francis	\$33,184,732
4	Interstate 30	Hempstead	\$30,379,496
5	Interstate 49	Washington	\$28,288,806
6	Interstate 530	Jefferson	\$28,187,928
7	Interstate 40	St. Francis	\$26,928,393
8	Interstate 40	St. Francis	\$26,710,417
9	Interstate 430	Pulaski	\$24,369,947
10	Interstate 49	Crawford & Washington	\$22,169,030

TOTAL AWARD AMOUNTS 2008 - 2015

Year	Number of Jobs	Total Amount
2008	187	\$373,741,532
2009*	222	\$498,401,522*
2010*	230	\$567,915,542*
2011*	223	\$547,825,706*
2012**	256	\$700,685,723**
2013**	279	\$647,280,714**
2014***	270	\$916,223,363***
2015***	198	\$670,032,356***

* Totals include projects utilizing \$350 million in one-time funds from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

** Includes IRP projects authorized by a November 2011 vote funded with bond proceeds.

*** Includes IRP and CAP projects authorized by a half-cent sales tax increase in 2012.

CONSTRUCTION Highlights

District One

COUNTIES: *Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis and Woodruff*

Two construction projects that are part of the Interstate Rehabilitation Program were completed in District One in 2015. In July, crews completed reconstructing approximately four miles of Interstate 40 near Brinkley at a cost of \$30 million. In addition, two miles of Interstate 40 were reconstructed at West Memphis. That project also included rehabilitation of six bridges bringing its cost to \$32 million. Both projects were awarded to Koss Construction Company.

Another project was begun in Lee County that is widening five miles of Highway 1 to five lanes. APAC-Tennessee, Inc. was awarded the contract for \$13.8 million. Completion is expected in late 2016.



Interstate 40 near Brinkley

District Two

COUNTIES: *Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson and Lincoln*

A Lincoln County project, near the town of Star City, that paved almost eight miles of Highway 530 and constructed embankments at the southern end of the improvements was completed in August of 2015. In addition, the work also included constructing a Highway 11/425 connector. The project was awarded to Graves and Associates, Inc. in 2012 for \$32 million.



Highway 530 at Star City

District Three

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

Construction got underway in 2015 to replace the existing Interstate 30 Red River Bridge located between Hope and Texarkana. Constructed in 1967, the bridge is being replaced with a 1,304-foot bridge with 42 feet of clear roadway width for each direction of Interstate 30. The new bridge will be similar in length to the existing bridge, but will be significantly wider, allowing for two 12-foot wide lanes and 10-foot wide shoulders for each direction of travel. Jensen Construction Company was awarded the contract in June of 2015 for \$37,192,629. Reinforced concrete drilled shafts that are 10-feet in diameter and over 100-feet in depth will provide the foundation for the river span columns. The new bridge is being



Interstate 30 Red River Bridge at Fulton

constructed on a new alignment just south of the existing river crossing. Due to the realignment, approximately one mile of new concrete pavement will be constructed as part of this project. A nearby Interstate 30 bridge over County Road 176 will also be replaced as part of the job. The project is close to 20% complete and is estimated to be finished by the fall of 2017.

District Four

COUNTIES: *Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, Sebastian and Washington*

A project in Sebastian County, near Barling, constructed 5.5 miles of Highway 71 (future Interstate 49) on new location through Fort Chaffee. The project, referred to as Chaffee Crossing, was awarded to APAC-Tennessee, Inc. for \$22.6 million in 2012. The AHTD was able to move quickly on the project in part because the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority provided 45 acres of right-of-way for the new location. The temporary name for the new section of roadway will be Highway 549 until all of the future Interstate 49 is complete.



Future Interstate 49 at Chaffee Crossing

District Five

COUNTIES: *Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone and White*

Work is now substantially complete on the reconstruction of five miles of the main lanes on Highway 167 near Bald Knob and the interchange ramps at Highway 157, B.K. Lake Road and Highway 167 in Bald Knob. Koss Construction Company was awarded the contract in 2013 for \$19.8 million. Work is also complete on a second project that replaced a bridge over Midway Branch on Highway 225, near the town of Greers Ferry. Jensen Construction Company was awarded the contract for \$8.1 million in 2012. Improvements are also complete on the installation of a westbound passing lane on Highway 66 west of Mountain View. Measuring just over one mile, the \$2.9 million project was awarded to White River Materials, Inc. in 2013.



Highway 66 West of Mountain View

CONSTRUCTION Highlights

District Six

COUNTIES: *Garland, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski and Saline*

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Interstate 430-630 Big Rock Interchange in west Little Rock on July 8th and traffic flowed through the entire interchange just a few days later. Plans for its modifications were announced in 2004. It took three contract phases to complete the project, the first phase beginning in January of 2009. Including construction and other related items, the total cost of the improvements to the interchange was approximately \$150 million. All of the work was done while approximately 100,000 vehicles went through the project area on Interstates 430 and 630 each day.

"It's amazing to see what has transpired at this interchange over the past six years," stated Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola. "I am proud to be standing at one of the most remarkable construction projects ever in this city."



Interstate 430-630 Big Rock Interchange



Highway 51 Ouachita River Bridge



Highway 7 south of Ola

District Seven

COUNTIES: *Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita and Union*

Work got underway in Arkadelphia in 2015 on a new bridge where Highway 51 crosses over the Ouachita River. The project was awarded to Robertson Contractors, Inc. for \$14.8 million in 2014. The new bridge will span both the Ouachita River and the Union Pacific Railroad. The project will provide much more reliable access to Arkadelphia by eliminating the existing curve in the roadway and raising the highway above an area that is sometimes prone to flooding. Anticipated completion is targeted for the summer of 2017.

District Eight

COUNTIES: *Conway, Faulkner, Johnson, Montgomery, Perry, Pope, Van Buren and Yell*

Construction is nearing completion in Yell County on improvements to Highway 7 just south of the community of Ola. The work is improving the alignment of one-half mile of the highway by straightening out a curve in the area and is also replacing a bridge over Keeland Creek. The job was awarded to Patriarch Contracting, LLC for approximately \$3.6 million in late 2014. A large volume

of earthwork including large rock excavations have been a part of the project. Completion is expected in the summer of 2016.

District Nine

COUNTIES: *Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton and Searcy*

The Interstate 49 corridor in Benton County was a hub of activity during the year as crews continued to widen the roadway from four to six lanes and make major improvements to several of the interchanges. The widening of two miles in the vicinity of New Hope Road near Rogers was completed as were improvements to the Wagon Wheel Road interchange. Work continued on the Highway 71B and Highway 264 interchange locations. In addition, ground was broken on the first section of the Springdale Northern Bypass on April 15th. The first phase of the four-lane divided highway will be 4.5 miles in length and will carry traffic from Interstate 49 westward to Highway 112. Eutaw Construction Company of Aberdeen, Mississippi, was awarded the contract at a cost of \$100.6 million, the single largest road construction contract awarded by the Arkansas State Highway Commission. The project also includes construction of 12 bridges.



Highway 412 Bypass Groundbreaking

District Ten

COUNTIES: *Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett and Randolph*

Crews in Lawrence County completed work on the Highway 63 Bridge over the Black River in the fall. A ribbon cutting was held on October 1st with Black Rock Mayor Bonnie Ragsdale and other dignitaries. The new five-lane structure replaces the old two-lane structure that has now been removed. The \$39.2 million project was awarded to Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa, in November of 2012. The new plate girder bridge measures 2,592 feet in length and carries approximately 9,000 vehicles each day over the Black River.



Highway 63 Bridge at Black Rock

PROGRAMS In Progress



Rehabilitating Interstate 530 in Jefferson County

The Interstate Rehabilitation Program

In 2015, construction crews continued to work on the AHTD's Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP). In a special election held November 8, 2011, the citizens of Arkansas voted to allow the Arkansas Highway Commission to issue up to \$575 million in GARVEE bonds to help finance improvements and repairs to existing Interstates in Arkansas.

This Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) is virtually identical to the 1999 IRP, and in combination with existing federal and state revenues, is expected to support more than \$1 billion in construction on our Interstate highways over the life of the program.

There are 82 projects included in the program. At the close of 2015, a total of 23 IRP projects had been completed. That represents 170 miles of construction at a cost of \$448 million. Presently, there are 14 projects under construction at a cost of \$346 million that will, when completed, add an additional 80 miles to the total of Interstate miles completed. Looking forward, 45 projects are scheduled to rehabilitate an additional 241 miles. Costs for the upcoming projects total \$617 million.

The Connecting Arkansas Program

The Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP) is one of the largest highway construction programs ever undertaken by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Through a voter-approved constitutional amendment, the people of Arkansas passed a 10-year, half-cent sales tax to improve highway and infrastructure projects throughout the state. Thirty-five projects in 19 corridors will improve Arkansas' transportation system by expanding selected two-lane roadways to four-lane highways and adding new lanes to identified interstate highways.

In 2015, six projects were under construction. The six jobs are improving 28 miles of highway at a cost of \$255 million. A total of 35 projects are scheduled through the year 2019.



Widening of Interstate 40 in Pulaski County

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE in 2015



13,053,400 IMPRESSIONS

The number of times our tweets were seen by the public.

3.9% ENGAGEMENT RATE

Percentage of audience that retweeted, marked as a favorite or expanded our tweets.

25,603 FOLLOWERS

@ahtd gained 7,940 new followers in the calendar year.

18,850 LINK CLICKS

Number of times the public was directed to information we included in a tweet.



19 UPLOADS

The number of original content videos AHTD published to its Vimeo account.

29,700 PLAYS

The number of times AHTD video content was watched during 2015.



4,177,520 PAGEVIEWS

Pageviews is the total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

2,858,860 SESSIONS

A session is the period of time a user is actively engaged with a website or app.

2 MINUTES **45** SECONDS

The average length of a session on iDriveArkansas.com.

959,895 USERS

Users that have had at least one session within the selected date range. Includes both new and returning users.

33% AVERAGE NUMBER OF NEW USERS

An estimate of the percentage of first time visits.

GROUNDBREAKINGS & Ribbon Cuttings

The Christmas Barge

Peel, AR

A new barge for the Peel Ferry on Bull Shoals Lake was christened on April 16th. Named the "Christmas Barge," it doubles the six vehicle capacity of the old "Toad Suck" barge. It was built by Sisco Marine of Panama City, Florida, at a cost of \$653,000. Measuring 80 feet long and 30 feet wide, the barge can hold up to 100 passengers and 12 vehicles. Work began on the barge in July of 2014. It arrived in Peel in four sections. It took five semi-trucks to haul it onto location next to the shore of the lake. It was assembled on site, and all the hardware was then installed. It was launched into the water on January 10th. Located 30 miles north of Yellville on Highway 125, the Peel Ferry is the last operating ferry in Arkansas. It crosses Bull Shoals Lake and reconnects to Highway 125 as it leads into Missouri.



The "Christmas Barge"

Highway 412 Bypass

Springdale, AR

Ground was broken on April 15th for the first leg of the Highway 412 Bypass north of Springdale. The new highway will carry traffic from Interstate 49 westward to Highway 112. The project was awarded to Eutaw Construction Company of Aberdeen, Mississippi, at a cost of \$100.6 million, the single largest road construction contract awarded to date by the Arkansas State Highway Commission. The first leg of the bypass will be a four-lane, divided highway 4.5 miles in length. The project also includes the construction of 12 bridges. The first phase of construction should be completed by mid-2019.

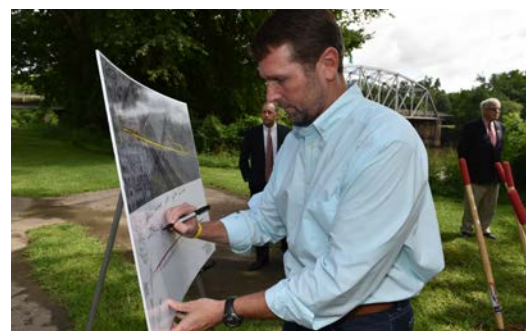


Highway 412 Bypass Groundbreaking Event

Highway 51 Ouachita River Bridge

Arkadelphia, AR

Work on a new \$15 million Highway 51 Ouachita River Bridge officially got underway on June 19th in Arkadelphia as Commissioners Robert S. Moore, Jr. and Frank D. Scott, Jr. joined AHTD Director Scott Bennett and local officials to turn dirt on the project. The new bridge will not only add width to the roadway over the river, but will also cross



Director Scott Bennett at the Ouachita River Bridge Groundbreaking Ceremony



Commissioner Frank D. Scott, Jr. at the Highway 79B Ribbon Cutting



Governor Asa Hutchinson at the Chaffee Crossing Ribbon Cutting

the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge, straighten out multiple curves and eliminate the flood-prone underpass. The new bridge contract was awarded to Robertson Contractors and work is expected to be completed in the summer of 2017.

Highway 79B (University Drive)

Pine Bluff, AR

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff was the site of a ribbon cutting opening a safer, wider Highway 79B near the campus. The highway serves as a gateway to the campus. The \$6.7 million project widened 1.6 miles of the roadway and straightened out a curve in the area. The improved highway opened to traffic on June 23rd.

Highway 549

Chaffee Crossing – Barling, AR

A ribbon was cut in Barling on July 14th on a segment of future Interstate 49. Governor Asa Hutchinson joined local dignitaries, Highway Commissioners and AHTD Director Scott Bennett to open six miles of what will be called Highway 549 for now, but will be a part of Interstate 49 in the future. The new segment of highway stretches through Chaffee Crossing from Highway 22 in Barling westward to Highway 71 on the south side of Fort Smith. The Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority provided 45 acres of right of way for the project. Construction began on the \$130 million roadway in 2006.

GROUNDBREAKINGS & Ribbon Cuttings

Highway 412 Bypass Paragould, AR

Highway Commissioner Alec Farmer, AHTD Director Scott Bennett and District Ten personnel joined a crowd of Paragould area leaders on July 29th to officially dedicate the recently opened first section of the new Paragould Bypass. Participants signed a replica Highway 412 Bypass sign. The new southern bypass will be a two-lane, 10-mile roadway constructed in two phases. The first phase was for the five miles between Highway 49 South and Highway 412 East. A \$21 million grading and structures contract was awarded to Robertson Contractors in early 2012 and was followed by a \$7 million contract with Delta Asphalt for the base and surfacing. A second phase will connect the final five miles from Highway 49 South to Highway 412 West.



Highway 412 Bypass Dedication

Highway 549 Bella Vista Bypass Bella Vista, AR

A new section of the Bella Vista Bypass opened to traffic in northwest Arkansas on August 21st. The new two-mile section extends from Highway 71B westward to Highway 72. Kolb Grading began work on the \$14 million project in mid-2012. This is the third of four projects that will complete the bypass. The fourth and final section of the bypass will lead to the Missouri state line and is programmed for the future.



Commission Chairman Dick Trammel at the Bella Vista Bypass Ribbon Cutting

Highway 63 Black River Bridge Black Rock, AR

Work on a new Black River Bridge and its approaches, near Black Rock, began in early 2013 and on October 1st of 2015, that new bridge opened to traffic. The contract was awarded to Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa, for \$40 million. The new five-lane structure replaces the old two-lane structure that has now been removed.



Black River Bridge Ribbon Cutting

PUBLIC Involvement

New highways... existing highways... It's the role of the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department to provide the best system of highways possible, and to keep them well maintained.

Behind the scenes, there is a great deal of planning that goes into building those new roadways. Among the considerations for a highway on new location are the terrain, environmental issues, existing structures in the path of a new highway, connecting roadways and construction costs.

We at the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department believe it's important for the AHTD to involve local residents in the planning process. Each year, the Department makes it a point to hold public meetings across Arkansas. The purpose is to share design plans for new projects with local residents who, in return, share their ideas and opinions because, after all, nobody knows the area better than those that live there. Their feedback is important to the planning process. The public meetings are also an opportunity for AHTD staff to answer any questions residents may have and address any concerns.

For the year 2015, public information meetings were held in 10 communities across Arkansas. Information on future highways was exchanged with close to 600 residents.

Public meetings were held in Arkadelphia, Bryant, El Dorado, Hope, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Monticello, Siloam Springs and Springdale.



Local residents attend a public meeting regarding the 30 Crossing project in Little Rock.

RECOGNITIONS & Accomplishments

Bronze Quill Awards

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department was recognized in March with two Bronze Quill Awards from the Arkansas Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. The awards were received in recognition of the Department's IDriveArkansas campaign and were received in the categories of "Marketing Communications" and "Customer Relations." The IDriveArkansas site was created to provide the latest travel information for drivers in the State. It features real-time traffic information, construction zone information and other travel-related information. The goal of the marketing campaign is to brand the site as the primary source for travel information.

Perpetual Pavement Award

The Department was one of seven transportation agencies in the country to receive a Perpetual Pavement Award from the Asphalt Pavement Alliance. The award honors those Departments for their work in building successful "long-life" asphalt roadways. Nominated roadways must be 35 years old or older, have had no structural failures and have had at least 12 years between resurfacing. The AHTD won the award for 2.5 miles of Highway 71 in Sevier County. The section begins at the northern city limits of De Queen and extends northward to De Queen Lake Road.

America's Transportation Awards

Two awards were presented to the Department during the southeast regional contest for the 2015 America's Transportation Awards program. The awards recognize the greatest transportation projects accomplished each year.

The AHTD won in the "Best Use of Innovation" category for the Don Tyson Parkway Interchange Project. The award celebrates excellence in innovative management techniques and use of technology. The Don Tyson Parkway Interchange provides a connection from the Don Tyson Parkway to Interstate 49. It gives motorists an alternative to Highway 412 and has created a new east-west corridor through the city of Springdale.

The Department was also a winner in the "Quality of Life/Community Development" category for its \$25.2 million State Aid City Street Program. The category recognizes a transportation project that has contributed to the general quality of life and economic development of local communities. The City Street Program provides municipalities with necessary funding to preserve, update and maintain vital roads in their respective communities. These communities now have newly paved streets that contribute to a higher quality of life.

AASHTO Subcommittee on Construction Conference

The AHTD hosted the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official's (AASHTO) Subcommittee on Construction Conference in August of 2015. The Subcommittee is the national voice and leading source of guidance for transportation construction. Approximately 165 officials from across the country attended the event. Representatives from 40 states spent the week participating in panel discussions, presentations and on-site tours during the event. Several Department staff members made presentations during the week.



Bronze Quill Awards



Perpetual Pavement Award



America's Transportation Awards



AHTD Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Emanuel Banks speaks at the AASHTO Subcommittee on Construction Conference.

ORGANIZATION & Workforce

The Arkansas State Highway Commission and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department have been working to provide Arkansas with the best transportation system possible since the Mack-Blackwell Amendment of 1953. Under that amendment, 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 related to AHTD operations.

The Department Director is appointed in order to develop a professional staff and to oversee construction and maintenance on Arkansas' highway network.

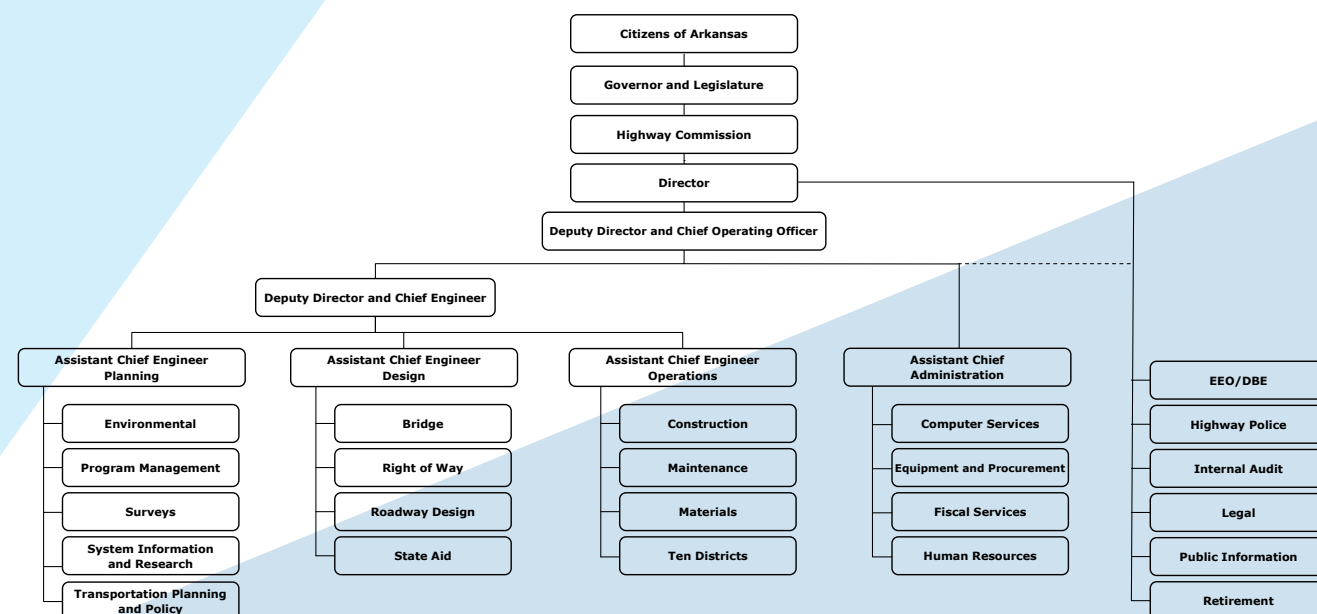
At the end of the year 2015, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department employed 3,718 full-time, regular employees.

The 2015 workforce was made up of 2,992 males and 726 females. Of that total, 774 were minority employees and 2,944 were non-minority.



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EMANUEL BANKS, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer
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LORIE TUDOR, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer

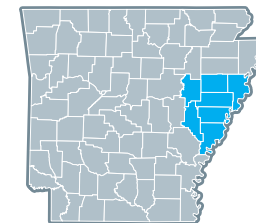
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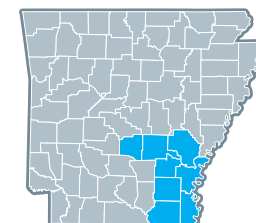
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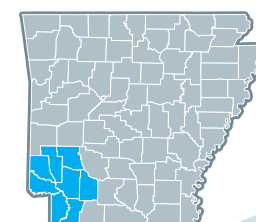
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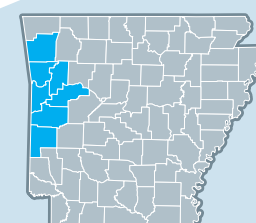
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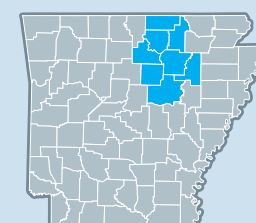
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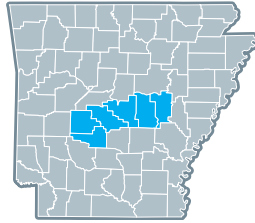


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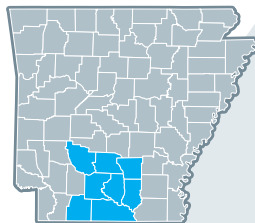
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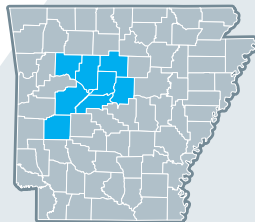
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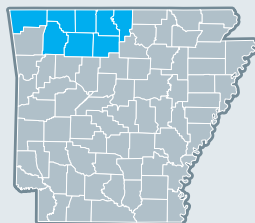
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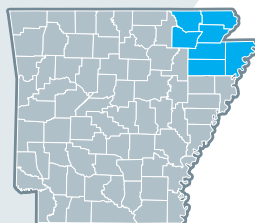
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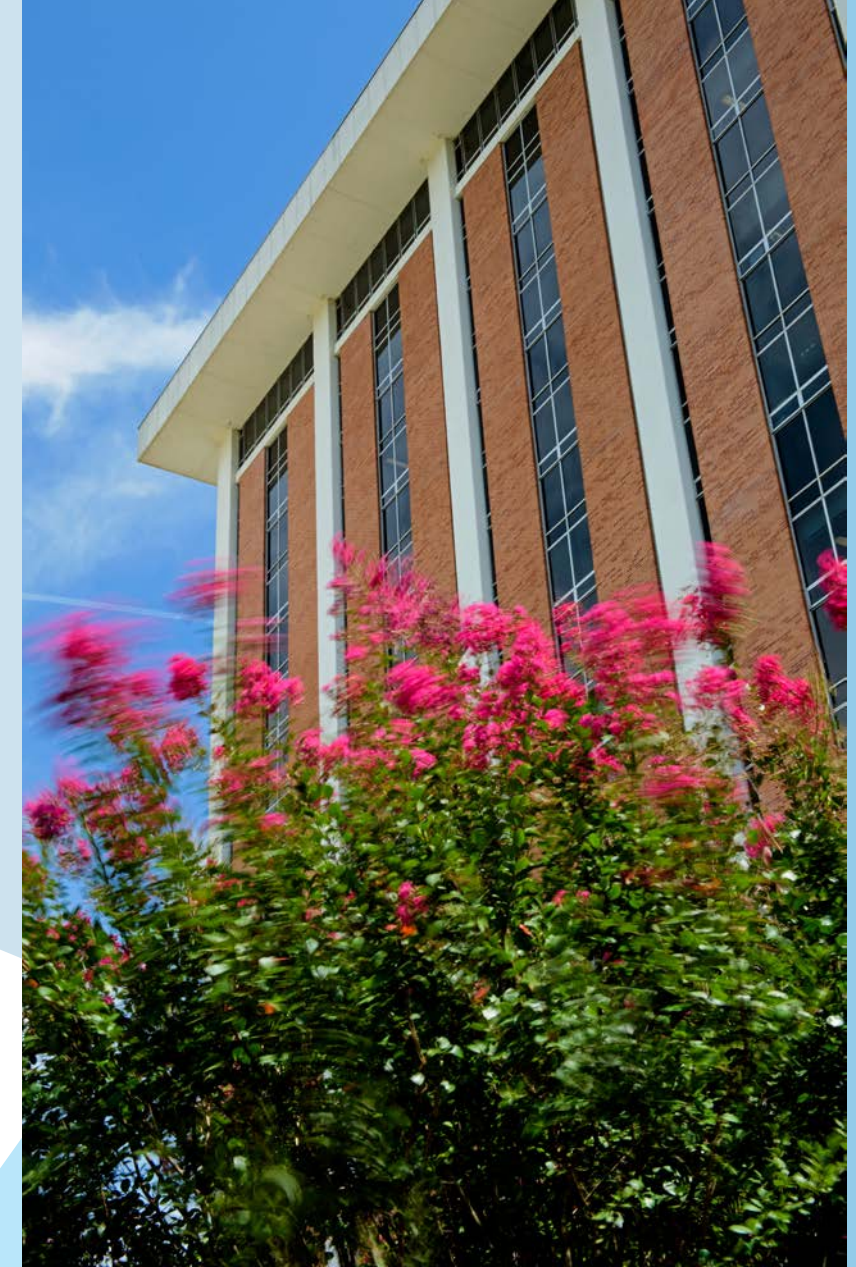
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