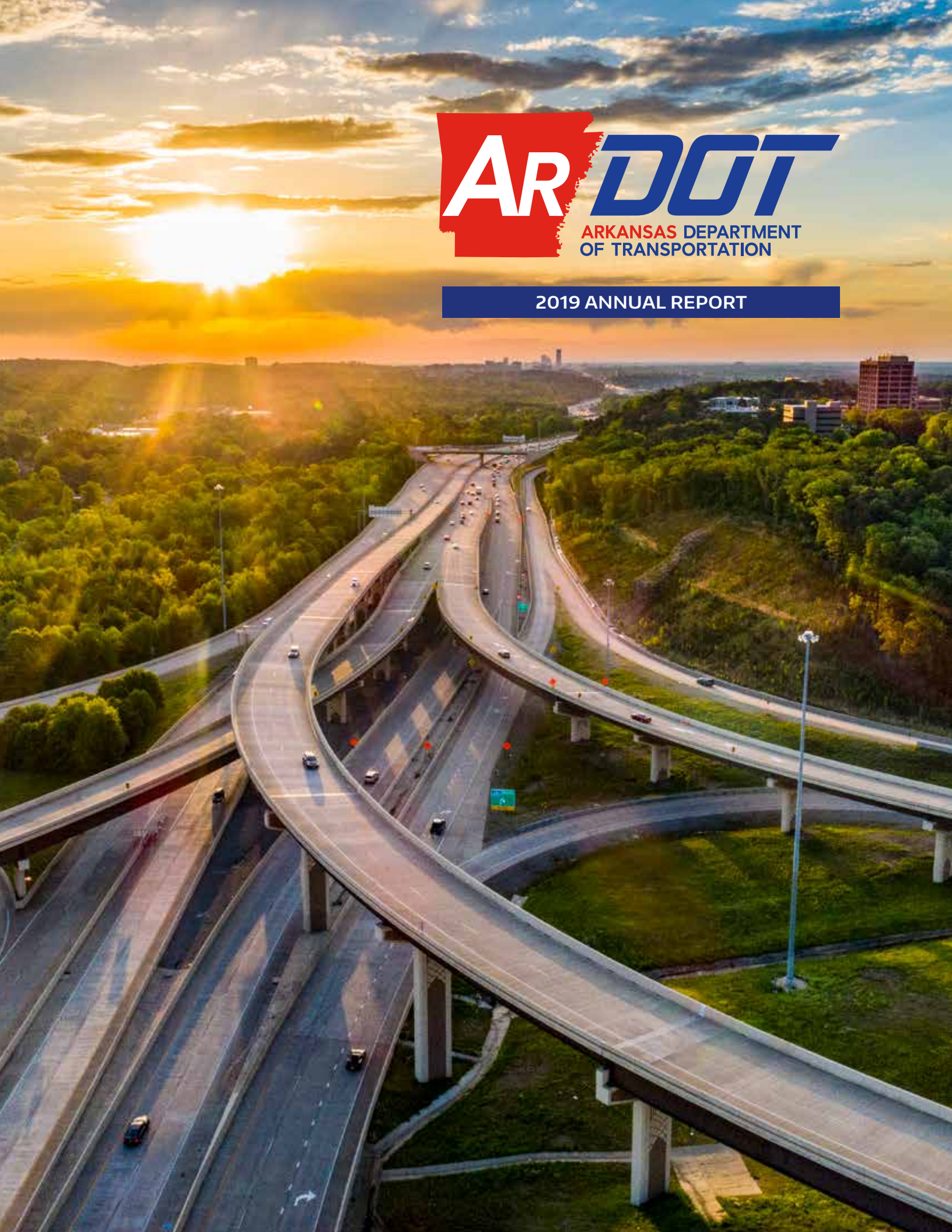




2019 ANNUAL REPORT



HIGHWAY 64 MIDLAND BOULEVARD BRIDGE IN FORT SMITH





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INTERSTATE 40 NEAR COAL HILL



Arkansas Department of Transportation

ARDOT enjoyed many successes in 2019. We are proud to share those accomplishments in this Annual Report.

Two events made headlines that had a major impact on the Department in 2019. The first was historic flooding across the state that put ARDOT crews on the front lines as they battled high waters in an effort to keep our highways open to motorists. More on the flooding is found within these pages.

The second event impacting ARDOT was Governor Asa Hutchinson's introduction of a new statewide long-term highway plan. The \$300 million dollar funding plan represents the largest single highway plan in Arkansas history. It will allow ARDOT to maintain the state's highways but also provide additional funding for capacity and capital improvement projects.

The Governor's plan features two parts. The first is annual funding totaling \$95 million derived from a new index on gas and diesel fuel, additional registration fees for hybrid and electric vehicles, and dedicated casino tax revenues. The second part of Governor Hutchinson's plan features an extension of the half-cent sales tax of 2012 that is set to expire in 2023. The \$205 million obtained by an extension of the half-cent sales tax must be referred to the voters of Arkansas by an amendment passed during the 2019 legislative session. It will appear on the ballot in November of 2020. The Governor's new plan is going to have a positive impact on every part of the state of Arkansas.

The Department let to contract 201 projects in 2019, totaling close to \$665 million. The largest of those projects was the extension of State Highway 7 just east of Hot Springs for approximately \$75 million.

The hard work and dedication of the members of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Department staff are reflected in the pages of this report.

ARDOT is thankful to the people of Arkansas for their continued support as we work to provide the best highway system possible for our motorists.

Commission Members



CHAIRMAN
Tom Schueck
Little Rock

Schueck 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 and the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport Commission. He also serves on the boards of The Nature Conservancy, UAMS Foundation and the Arkansas Industrial Development Foundation. His term on the Arkansas Highway Commission will expire in January of 2021.



VICE CHAIRMAN
Robert S. Moore, Jr.
Arkansas City

Moore was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 22, 2013. He is a three-term member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and represented the 12th District. During his time in the legislature, he served as Speaker of the House. He is the Owner/Operator of Moore Farms. He had his own private law practice from 1981 to 1985. Governor David Pryor appointed Moore as chairman of the Arkansas Transportation Commission in 1977. He served on the staff of Governor Bill Clinton and served two decades as Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. He is a member of the American Legion, the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of the Desha County Historic Preservation Society and Vice Chairman of the John H. Johnson Cultural and Entrepreneurial Center Board. His term on the Arkansas Highway Commission will expire in January of 2023.



Dalton A. Farmer, Jr.

Jonesboro

Farmer was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson effective January 27, 2015. He 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 Arkansas Highway Commission will expire in January of 2025.



Philip Taldo

Springdale

Taldo was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson effective January 16, 2017. He is broker and co-owner of Griffin Company Realtors Commercial Division and Weichert Realtors, The Griffin Company. In addition, he is the President of One Springdale, Inc., a development corporation and Partner's Construction, LLC, a residential building company and co-owner of Colonial Properties, a real estate holding and management company. His term on the Arkansas Highway Commission will expire in January of 2027.



Keith Gibson

Fort Smith

Gibson was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson effective January 15, 2019. He is president and chairman of the board of Lavaca Telephone Company, Inc., an independent local exchange company serving rural areas in Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma with broadband and landline telephone service. He is also president of Pinnacle Telecom in Fort Smith. He was co-founder and a member of the board of directors of Benefit Bank in Fort Smith where he also served on the Audit Committee. He served as president of both the Arkansas Telecommunications Association and the Oklahoma Telephone Association and the Lavaca, Arkansas, Industrial Development Corporation. His term on the Arkansas Highway Commission will expire in January of 2029.



HIGHWAY 64 GARRISON AVENUE BRIDGE IN FORT SMITH

2019: Rising Waters along the Arkansas River

The rain-soaked weather systems that repeatedly swept across Oklahoma, swelling the Arkansas River, were a precursor to what was headed downriver into Arkansas. The anticipated historic flooding along the path of the river served as a call to action for ARDOT crews.

Fort Smith was the first city to experience high waters. District 4 crews began preparing in the days prior to the river rising. When the Arkansas did rise, District 4 made the decision to close three bridges in Fort Smith on May 27 including the Highway 64 Garrison Avenue Bridge, the Highway 64 Midland Boulevard Bridge and the Interstate 540 Bridge.

ARDOT's Heavy Bridge staff and the District could not say with certainty that there was no structural damage due to the floodwaters. As a result, the decision was made to close the bridges until further investigative work could take place. The Highway 64 Midland Boulevard Bridge and the Interstate 540 Bridge were reopened on May 28 once field inspections indicated that all was well. The Highway 64 Garrison Avenue Bridge was reopened on June 5 once high water receded.

The high water forced the closing of several highways south of the river in the coming days including State Highways 22, 96, 252 and 255.

Flooding Down River

With high waters moving eastward, ARDOT opened a call center in Little Rock on May 28 to aid motorists seeking travel information.

At Ozark, the rising waters forced the closure of the State Highway 23 Bridge over the Arkansas River on May 28. It remained closed for several days, as did State Highway 309 south of town. By May 29, all barge traffic on the Arkansas River had come to a halt. Governor Asa Hutchinson requested federal emergency assistance for 15 counties the same day.

At ARDOT, emergency detour routes were mapped out for Interstate 40 in case water reached the Interstate travel lanes anywhere between Fort Smith and Little Rock.

As high water reached District 8, concern turned to Highway 105 south of Atkins. The location had a levee in place up to the right-of-way limits of Highway 105 however, the highway is close to the same elevation as the surrounding terrain. After a great deal of discussion, the Corps of Engineers recommended that the “missing” piece of levee be constructed across Highway 105 and a special permit was issued to the Pope County Levee and Drainage District to allow its construction beginning on May 25.

A Community Comes Together

ARDOT’s toughest challenge was at the Highway 7 Bridge between Dardanelle and Russellville. Water began topping Highway 7 on the north end of the bridge near Whig Creek where 25,000 vehicles travel each day.

Traffic was reduced to one lane in each direction as water rose and as crews sandbagged each side of the highway. Sandbagging efforts required an “all hands on deck” effort with those not stacking sandbags on location filling bags at the District Office. The City of Dardanelle, community volunteers and employees from Tyson Foods all joined ARDOT crews in turning back the high waters. Another area of concern was Highway 155 at Holla Bend

where a levee breached on May 31. The water released when the levee breached took out a section of the highway. South of Dardanelle, State Highways 7, 154, 155 and 247 were closed south of the river. State Highway 105 closed north of the river near Holla Bend.

Flooding in Central Arkansas

Perry County became the next area to experience closings. District 8 crews made the decision to close the State Highway 60 Bridge at Toad Suck. High water in Perry County also forced the closing of State Highways 9, 10, 113, 216 and 300 in the area of Harris Brake.

In District 6, crews closed two segments of State Highway 300 just east of Lake Maumelle and State Highway 100 near Crystal Hill. Water backing up the drainage systems in North Little Rock forced the closing of State Highway 365 in the Pike Avenue area and resulted in the evacuation of residents in a four-block area. High water also closed State Highway 165 near Interstate 440.

In the Little Rock/North Little Rock area, the river crested at 30 feet on June 5, reaching its highest level in nearly three decades. Two Rivers Park and the Big Dam Bridge were closed to pedestrians on May 25 and reopened in mid-June.

The rising river crested in Pine Bluff at 51.5 feet on June 6. Jefferson County officials estimated that approximately 500 homes in the county were affected to some degree by flooding. Highways in the area fared a bit better.

In southeast Arkansas, State Highway 256 near Redfield was closed. Further south, near Dumas, State Highways 144, 169 and 212 were closed due to high water.

Once the water along the Arkansas River receded, crews were able to remove barricades and sandbags. The task of inspecting the highways that were under water and determining if there was damage that needed attention then began.

ARDOT crews worked tirelessly throughout the flooding event with the goal of keeping the public safe while they traveled across Arkansas’ highways. From border to border, their mission was successful.

At 16,465 miles, Arkansas' highway system was ranked the 12th largest system in the country in 2019. The system also featured 7,360 bridges. To maintain and improve the State's highway network, ARDOT let to contract 201 projects totaling \$664.7 million in 2019.



Top 10 Contracts of 2019

A top priority at the Arkansas Department of Transportation is to keep Arkansas' highway system in the best condition possible. Department crews worked from border to border in 2019 to meet motorists' expectations of a highway network they can have confidence in and travel safely.

Top 10 Contracts Awarded in 2019

RANK	PROJECT	COUNTY	AWARD AMOUNT
1	State Highway 7	Garland	\$75,151,270
2	State Highway 549 BELLA VISTA BYPASS	Benton	\$66,593,069
3	U.S. Highway 412	Greene & Lawrence	\$58,516,744
4	State Highway 549 BELLA VISTA BYPASS	Benton	\$35,516,446
5	U.S. Highway 65	Van Buren	\$33,984,382
6	Interstate 555	Craighead	\$33,837,374
7	State Highway 321	Lonoke	\$24,171,571
8	U.S. Highway 67	White	\$20,889,159
9	State Highway 7	Newton	\$13,554,821
10	Interstate 30	Clark & Hot Spring	\$12,652,300

Total Award Amounts 2012 – 2019

YEAR	NUMBER OF JOBS	TOTAL AMOUNT
2012 *	256	\$700,685,723
2013 *	279	\$647,280,714
2014 **	270	\$916,223,363
2015 **	198	\$670,032,356
2016 **	263	\$1,212,817,331
2017 **	249	\$512,101,932
2018 **	268	\$878,178,919
2019 **	201	\$664,716,322

* INCLUDES IRP PROJECTS AUTHORIZED BY A NOVEMBER 2011 VOTE FUNDED WITH BOND PROCEEDS.

** INCLUDES IRP PROJECTS NOTED ABOVE AND CAP PROJECTS AUTHORIZED BY A HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE IN 2012.



Programs in Progress

Interstate Rehabilitation Program

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 Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds to help finance improvements and repairs to existing Interstates in Arkansas.

This 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) is virtually identical to the 1999 IRP, and in combination with existing federal and state revenues, is expected

to support over \$1.3 billion in construction on our Interstate highways over the life of the program.

The newest program includes 78 road projects. At the close of 2019, a total of 46 IRP projects had been completed equaling 288 miles of construction at a cost of \$1 billion. There are five projects under construction at a cost of \$287 million that will add an additional 54 miles of improvements to the total of Interstate miles completed.

Connecting Arkansas Program

The Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP) is one of the largest highway construction programs ever undertaken by the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Through a voter-approved constitutional amendment, the people of Arkansas passed a 10-year, half-cent sales tax to improve major highways and bridges throughout the State. Thirty-one 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. These projects will total over \$1.8 billion.

In 2019, 11 projects were under construction. These projects are improving 64 miles of highway at a cost of \$628 million. At the close of 2019, 13 projects were completed improving approximately 70 miles of highway at a cost of \$532 million. A total of 12 projects remain scheduled through 2020, representing 51 miles of improvement.

Construction Highlights

District One

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

In the spring of 2019, construction crews began work on the reconstruction of just under one mile of State Highway 38 in West Memphis. The improvements extend from U.S. Highway 70 northward to Southland Drive. Because this section of roadway is home to many truck stops for Interstate 40 and Interstate 55 traffic, the scope of the project consisted of changing the surface from asphalt to concrete. Kiewit Infrastructure South Company was awarded the contract for \$11.3 million. Additional work to reconstruct the Interstate 40 interchange ramp increased the total by \$5.1 million. The project was completed in December. Construction on a 435-foot main lane bridge on Interstate 40, east of Forrest City, was completed in April. The \$26.7 million project was built in stages, allowing Interstate 40 traffic to be maintained with two lanes open in each direction throughout construction.



INTERSTATE 40 EAST OF FORREST CITY



PINE BLUFF BYPASS

District Two

Counties: Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson and Lincoln

Work continued on the reconstruction of Interstate 530 around Pine Bluff. The project consisted of removing and replacing approximately 10 miles of concrete pavement on the four lane Interstate. The improvements took place between the U.S. Highway 65B Interchange (Martha Mitchell Expressway) on the west side of town and the U.S. Highway 65 Interchange on the east side of town. Webber, LLC was awarded the \$67.2 million project in July 2017. Work is expected to be complete in early 2020.

District Three

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

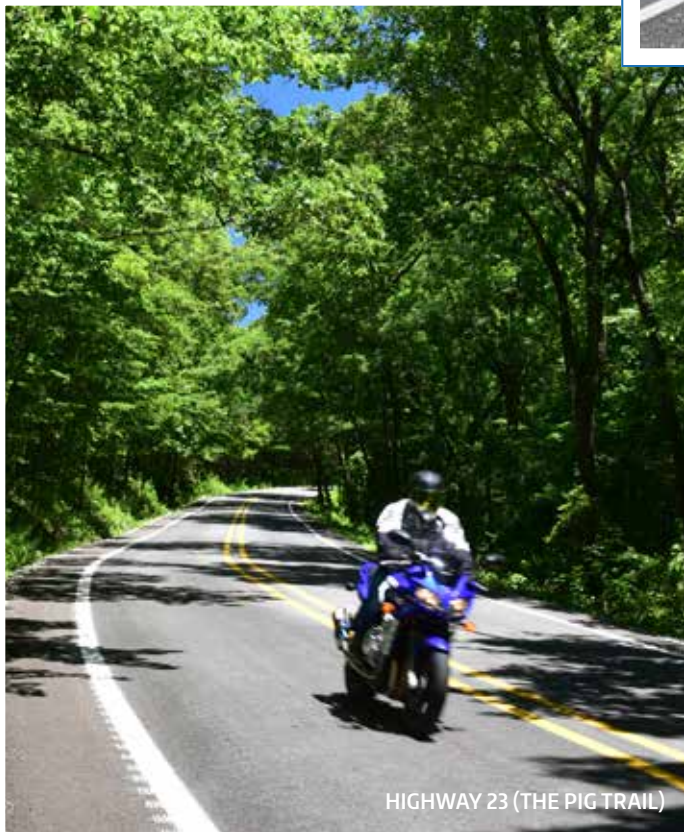
Interstate 30 in Hempstead, Nevada and Clark Counties was the location for an Interstate Rehabilitation Program project that resurfaced 19 miles of roadway. Improvements also included bridge preservation work on 16 bridge decks.

A significant part of this project was the clearing and grubbing of trees along the travel lanes and in the median. The clearing provides safety and environmental benefits.

The clearing provides more sunlight for faster growth of roadside wildflower habitats. Over the past 50-plus years, trees outside the mowed area have grown to a substantial size. The trees negatively impact the roadway if they grow too close due to root migration under the roadway subgrade. The expansive clay soils are more susceptible to cracking and movement when tree roots are present. This results in cracking and deterioration of driving surfaces, especially along the shoulders. The selective clearing of the trees adjacent to traffic helped maintain the stability and smoothness of the Interstate for years to come.



INTERSTATE 30 IN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY



HIGHWAY 23 (THE PIG TRAIL)

District Four

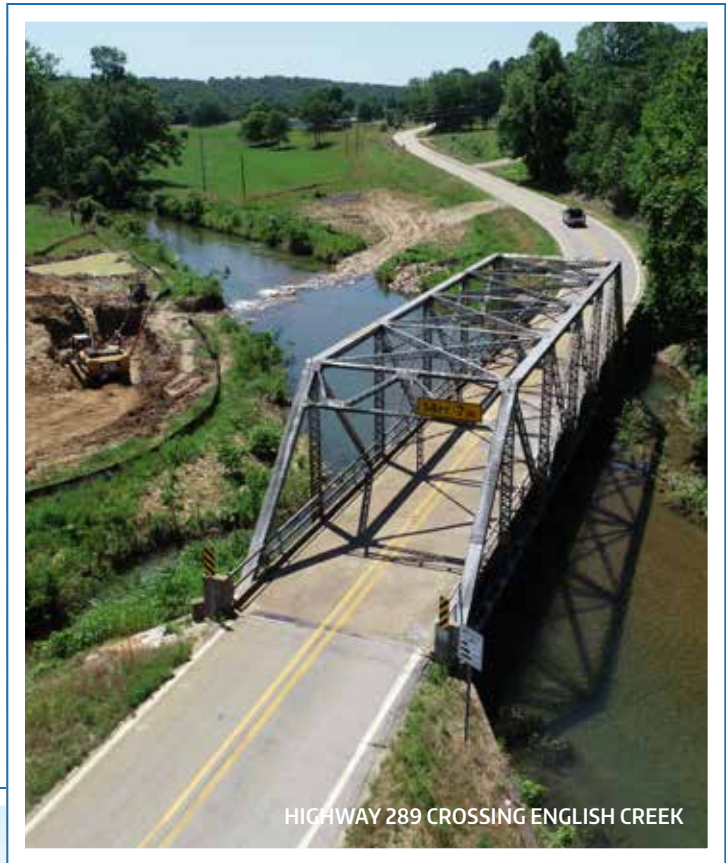
Counties: Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, Sebastian and Washington

An Interstate Rehabilitation Program project in District Four is bringing improvements to Interstates 40 and 540 in Crawford County. Selected sections of 17 miles of the Interstates are being resurfaced between the Oklahoma State line and Alma. Numerous bridge decks are also being rehabilitated. The contract was awarded to APAC-Central, Inc. in late 2018. Improvements are expected to be complete in the fall of 2020. In Franklin County, crews with Hutchens Construction Company have completed resurfacing 13 miles of State Highway 23, also known as the Pig Trail, north of Ozark. The \$3.9 million project was completed in October of 2019.

District Five

Counties: Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone and White

Two concurrent projects are rehabilitating the concrete pavement on 56 miles of U.S. Highway 67/167 in White and Jackson Counties. The projects include patching all of the deteriorated concrete pavement with new concrete and diamond grinding the entire area to achieve a smoothness that will approach that of the pavement when it was originally constructed 30 to 40 years ago. The shoulders are also being repaved, along with bridge preservation work on most bridges and some overpasses. All improvements on these two projects are estimated to be completed by early 2022. The replacement of a historic bridge with a new structure is taking place on State Highway 289 in Fulton County. The project is replacing the current old truss bridge over English Creek. It will be dismantled with the intent that it will be re-erected at another location in the future. The truss bridge was previously dismantled years ago and re-erected at its present location. Work is estimated to be complete by early 2021.



HIGHWAY 289 CROSSING ENGLISH CREEK



INTERSTATE 630 IN LITTLE ROCK

District Six

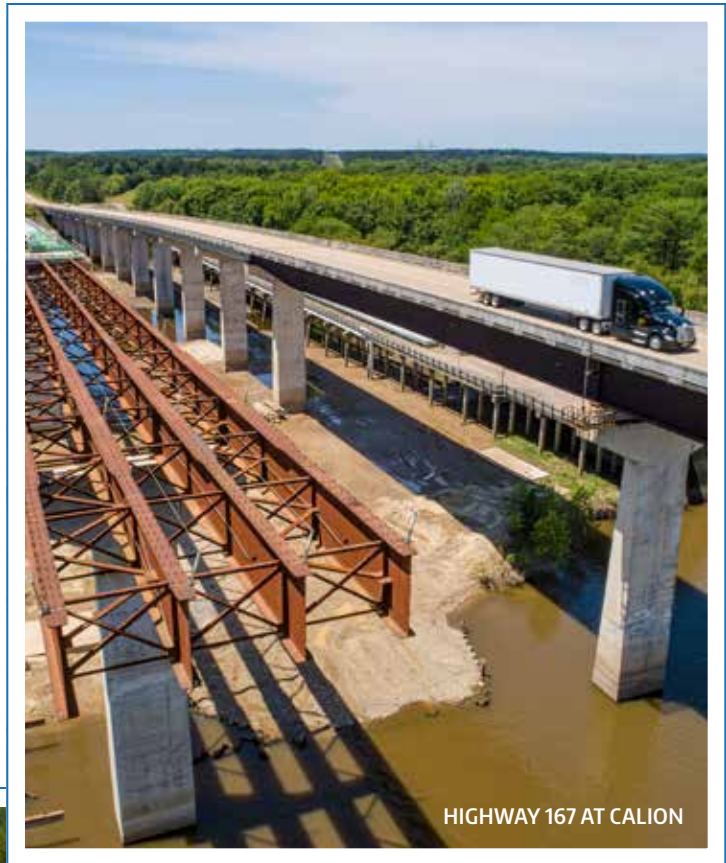
Counties: Garland, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski and Saline

The widening of Interstate 630 in Little Rock continued in 2019. Crews widened approximately two miles of the roadway to eight lanes between Baptist Health Medical Center and University Avenue. Manhattan Road & Bridge Company was awarded the contract for \$87.3 million, with completion expected in late spring of 2020. Improvements also continued on Interstate 30 in Saline County. The \$187 million project, awarded to Johnson Brothers Corporation, is widening 5.4 miles of the Interstate to six lanes. Improvements extend from Sevier Street in Benton westward to U.S. Highway 70. The project also includes replacing five bridges and reconstructing three interchanges. Completion is expected in late 2022.

District Seven

Counties: Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita and Union

Improvements on U.S. Highway 167 in Union and Calhoun Counties continued in 2019. Approximately five miles of the two-lane highway have been widened to five lanes north of El Dorado. That work was completed by W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company in the summer of 2019. In addition, another four miles are currently being widened from two to four lanes just south of Hampton, with anticipated completion in the summer of 2020. Progress is being made on the Highway 167 Bridge over the Ouachita River near Calion. The \$29.4 million project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2020. At the Clark and Hot Spring County line, crews with Manhattan Road & Bridge are working to replace the Interstate 30 bridges over De Roche Creek. The scheduled completion date for this unique fast track bridge slide project is October 2020.



HIGHWAY 167 AT CALION



HIGHWAY 7, PERRY COUNTY

District Eight

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

Crews were on location on State Highway 7 in western Perry County in 2019. A project awarded to West Plains Bridge & Grading, LLC is replacing two bridges, one over Bear Creek and the other over the South Fourche La Fave River. The contract was awarded in late 2017. The concrete parapet railing on the bridges features a unique decorative style. Work on the \$9.6 million project is expected to be complete in the summer of 2020.

District Nine

Counties: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton and Searcy

Crews continue to work on two projects on the Bella Vista Bypass (Highway 549) in Benton County. The first project is constructing an interchange at Interstate 49 and U.S. Highway 71B on the east end of the bypass. The interchange will replace a roundabout currently in use at that location. The second project is completing 2.5 miles of lane construction on the west end of the bypass. The improvements extend from County Road 34 northward to the Missouri State line. Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. was awarded the contracts on both projects. Work near the Missouri border should be complete in the fall of 2020.

Improvements on the east side of the bypass will be completed in the fall of 2021. On completion of these two projects, ARDOT will have completed Arkansas' portion of the bypass. The Missouri Department of Transportation is currently working to complete the bypass from the state line northward to Pineville.



BELLA VISTA BYPASS



RAILROAD OVERPASS IN JONESBORO

District Ten

Counties: Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett and Randolph

Work continued in Jonesboro on the construction of two railroad overpasses on Highway 18 and Watt Street. The first overpass is to maintain traffic as the larger Highway 18 overpass is constructed. Capital Paving and Construction was awarded the contract in late 2018 at a cost of \$25,182,900. Currently, crews are building retaining walls, bridge columns and footings. Improvements to area city streets are also underway in anticipation of future traffic shifts. Completion is expected in early 2022.

Groundbreakings & Ribbon Cuttings

State Highway 265

Eastern North-South Corridor

Governor Asa Hutchinson joined all five members of the Arkansas Highway Commission and local dignitaries on January 4 to open a new section of State Highway 265 on new location in Springdale. The project is one of eight construction jobs that comprise the new Eastern North-South Corridor for northwest Arkansas. Officials gathered at The Jones Center to symbolically cut a ribbon on a four-mile section of the highway that extends from State Highway 264 in Fayetteville northward to Pleasant Grove Road in Lowell. The north-south corridor provides an alternate choice for north-south connectivity east of Interstate 49 and U.S. Highway 71B. It is estimated to take six- to eight-thousand vehicles off Interstate 49 and Highway 71B daily.



State Highway 7

Veterans Memorial Bridge

March 29 was Vietnam Veterans Day and ARDOT celebrated with a ribbon cutting on the new State Highway 7 Veterans Memorial Bridge in Arkadelphia. The 1,700-foot bridge spans the Ouachita River and the Missouri Pacific railroad tracks. "This is a true engineering feat, and I am honored to be here today, particularly as a veteran," Commissioner Robert S. Moore, Jr. shared. "Three million pounds of steel and 4,000 cubic yards of concrete were used on the project. The support columns are 6.5 feet in diameter and are drilled 60 feet into the bedrock of the middle of the channel." The bridge carries 4,800 vehicles per day across the Ouachita River and the railroad tracks.



U.S. Highway 67 Black River Bridge

Local residents and dignitaries joined ARDOT staff on April 18 to commemorate the completion of the U.S. Highway 67 Bridge over the Black River in Pocahontas. Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa, was awarded the \$10 million contract in 2016. The project faced many challenges during construction. Two historic floods occurred in the area, the largest during 2018. Equipment and materials had to be moved to areas above the flood zone, and construction was delayed until the water receded. The bridge measures 1,271 feet and opened to traffic on March 27. It carries approximately 18,000 vehicles daily.



Interstate 49 8th Street Extension

Local officials in Bentonville gathered on April 24 to cut a ribbon on the opening of the Interstate 49 8th Street Extension. Crossland Construction Company of Columbus, Kansas, completed the \$35 million project. The extension provides better access to Interstate 49 and lessens congestion on State Highway 102. "The improvements to 8th Street and the access to Interstate 49 are examples of how ARDOT partners with communities to identify and solve transportation needs," Commissioner Philip Taldo told the group that gathered.



State Highway 321 Cabot

Ground was broken in Cabot on September 26 for the widening of State Highway 321 to five lanes. The improvements will widen three miles of the roadway between State Highway 89 and State Highway 367. Rogers Group, Inc. was awarded the contract in July of 2019 for \$24 million. The city of Cabot and ARDOT are partnering on the project, which is expected to be complete in the summer of 2021.



U.S. Highway 65

Bee Branch

A ribbon cutting was held in Bee Branch on October 3 to officially open a newly widened section of U.S. Highway 65 in Van Buren County. An eight-mile section of the highway was widened to five lanes, extending from Bee Branch northward. White River Materials, Inc. was awarded the \$30.8 million contract in late 2017.



Highway 549 (Future I-49)

Bella Vista Bypass

State and local officials gathered on October 15 near Gravette to break ground on the remaining two projects that will complete the Bella Vista Bypass, also known as the Arkansas-Missouri connector. One of the two projects will construct the last 2.5 miles of travel lanes that will extend from Hiwasse northward to the Missouri State line. The second will construct a single-point urban interchange, which will replace the roundabout at Interstate 49 and U.S. Highway 71 in Bentonville. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will be constructing 4.8 miles of roadway between the city of Pineville, Missouri, and the Arkansas State line. Arkansas and Missouri have synchronized the three Connector projects so that all will be completed in 2022. The three projects that ARDOT and MoDOT are now constructing represent the last remaining sections of a 278-mile I-49 corridor between Fort Smith and Kansas City.



Interstate 40

Maumelle Interchange

ARDOT Commissioners and staff welcomed Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin and local dignitaries to a ribbon cutting for the new Maumelle Interchange on Interstate 40 on November 6. McGeorge Contracting Company of Pine Bluff was the contractor on the \$14.6 million project that now provides the city of Maumelle with a third Interstate entrance and exit. ARDOT's Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations Rex Vines recognized the partnership between the city of Maumelle, Metroplan and the Department that helped make the project a reality. The project was completed ahead of schedule and in less than a year.



Public Involvement

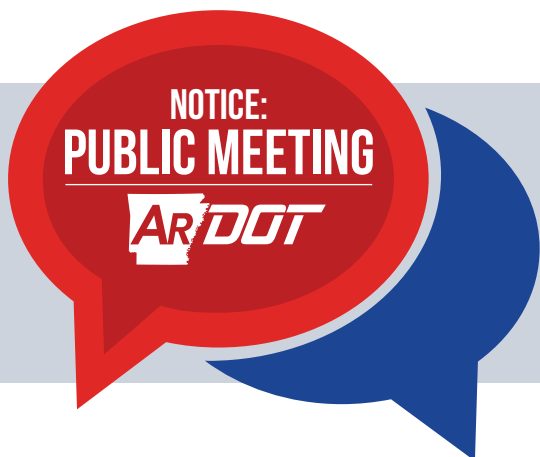
Constructing new highways or improving existing ones takes teamwork. A great deal of planning goes into building new roadways.

Before construction begins, consideration must be given to the terrain, environmental issues, existing structures in the path of a new highway, connecting roadways and construction costs.

For that planning to be successful, ARDOT seeks the input of citizens in communities across Arkansas. Each year, the Department makes it a point to hold public meetings across the State. 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 ARDOT staff to answer any questions residents may have and address any concerns.

For 2019, meetings were held in Arkadelphia, Austin, Bismarck, Cabot, Cherokee Village, DeQueen, Fort Smith, Gentry, Guy, Harrison, Jonesboro, Lake Village, Little Rock, Marion, Marmaduke, Mayflower, North Little Rock, Percy, Pine Bluff, Pocahontas, Salem, Stuttgart, Trumann and Vilonia.



33
MEETINGS

24
CITIES

1,921
ATTENDEES

Stats

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Audience

1,021,211

number of users

34.10%

percentage of first-time visits

Engagement

7,309,076

number of pages viewed

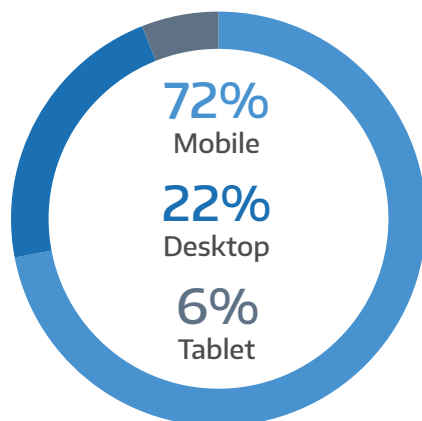
5,290,761

number of sessions – the period of time a user is actively engaged with iDrive

7.37

average session length in minutes

Type of Device Used



TWITTER @myARDOT

Audience

51,158

number of followers

3,429

number of new followers

Engagement

27,620,000

number of times tweets were seen by users

5.1%

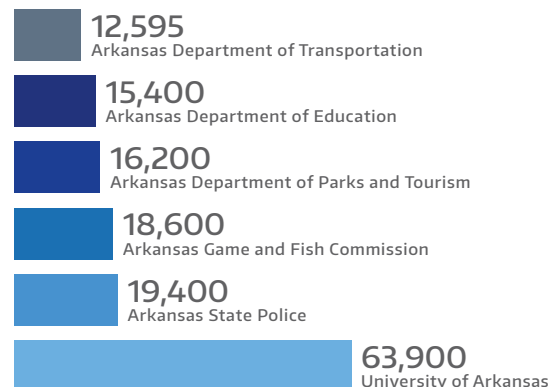
percentage of audience that retweeted, marked as a favorite or expanded our tweet

32,500

number of times the public clicked a link included in an ARDOT tweet

How does ARDOT compare?

number of tweets in 2019



Recognitions & Accomplishments

Arkansas Highway Police Inspection Competition

The Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) held its 16th Annual Training/ Inspection Competition in Rogers. Sixteen officers competed to represent Arkansas at the national level. Private

First Class Andrew James of AHP District Two was the overall Grand Champion and went on to compete in the North American Inspectors Championship in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania. PFC James placed third in the North American Standard Level 1 Inspection and received seventh overall out of 51 contestants.

ARDOT Places Third at Regional Rodeo

Individual winners from ARDOT's 2019 Annual Equipment Rodeo traveled to Biloxi, Mississippi, to compete in the 17th Annual Southeastern Regional Equipment Operators Training Conference and Rodeo hosted by the Mississippi Department of

Transportation. The feature event for many was the Equipment Operators Regional Rodeo competition. Winners from statewide competitions in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

came together to show their skills at equipment operation. ARDOT's team finished the competition in third place. The Tennessee Department of Transportation came in first, and the Mississippi Department of Transportation finished second.

Tudor Nationally Recognized by AASHTO

Lorie Tudor, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, received the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Alfred E. Johnson Achievement Award

recognizing a department of transportation official who has made outstanding contributions and provided exceptional service in either engineering or management. AASHTO

represents State Departments of Transportation in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.



ARDOT Opens Traffic Management Center

ARDOT's radio dispatchers, traffic management operators and public information personnel were welcomed to a new home when the Department opened its new Traffic Management Center (TMC). The TMC functions as a "mission control" for monitoring traffic and dispatching emergency vehicles when necessary. Employees monitor 20 television screens mounted on the wall from their stations, equipped with multiple computer screens. The TMC is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Moore Inducted into Arkansas Tourism Hall of Fame

Commissioner Robert S. Moore, Jr. was inducted into the Arkansas Tourism Hall of Fame at the 45th Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism in Hot Springs. The Hall of Fame honor is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have been actively involved in tourism for many years and who have made substantial contributions to the betterment of the industry as a whole. Moore's tourism endeavors include working with Dr. Ruth Hawkins and Delta Scenic Byways to secure the National Scenic Byway recognition for State Highway 4 through Arkansas City. He

worked with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in the late 1990s for acquisition of 10,000 acres surrounding Arkansas City, now known as Choctaw Island Wildlife Management Area. He collaborated with Arkansas State Parks for the extension of the Delta Heritage Trail from Rohwer to Arkansas City and, with the help of Gov. Beebe, secured major funding for completion of the paved levee trail. He also worked with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to secure funding for a new scenic overview and boat ramp on the Mississippi River joining the extension of the Delta Heritage Trail.



Farmer Inducted into AACD Conservation Hall of Fame & Received Distinguished Alumni Award from Arkansas State University

Commissioner Alec Farmer was inducted into the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts Conservation Hall of Fame. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals who have made unusual and extraordinary contributions to Soil and Water Conservation in Arkansas and to preserve the unique history

of achievements of the leaders of the conservation movement of Arkansas. Farmer also received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Arkansas State University. The award recognizes those who attain an outstanding record of professional and civic achievements, as well as giving extraordinary support to the university.

Blankenship Receives Patriot Award

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) presented District One Staff Engineer Ryan Blankenship with the Patriot Award in July. The award is presented to employers or

supervisors who show support for members of their staff that are serving in the National Guard or Reserve. Blankenship was nominated for the award by Engineer Cody Bennett in

the RE 13 Office in Wynne. In addition to his career with ARDOT, Bennett has served in the National Guard for more than 10 years.



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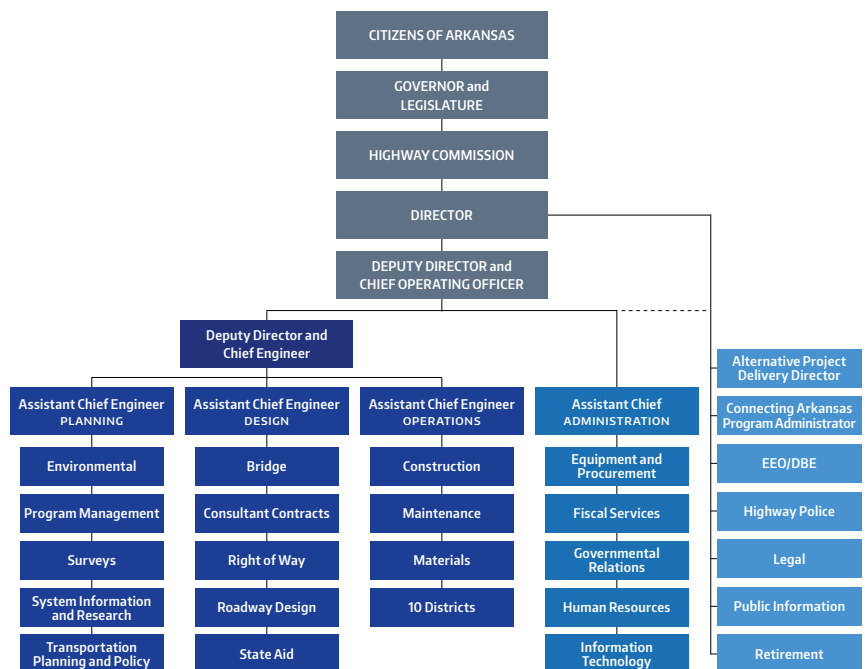
Dating back to the Mack-Blackwell Amendment of 1953, the goal of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and the Arkansas Department of Transportation has been to provide Arkansans with the best transportation system possible.

Under that amendment, each of the five Arkansas Highway Commissioners serves a 10-year, staggered term with a new Commissioner appointed by the Governor every two years.

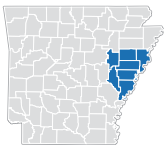
The Commission is assigned all powers necessary to fully and effectively administer ARDOT operations.

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

At the close of the year 2019, ARDOT employed 3,745 full-time, regular employees. The 2019 workforce was made up of 3,040 males and 705 females. Of that total, 766 were minority employees and 2,979 were non-minority.



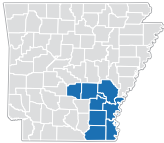
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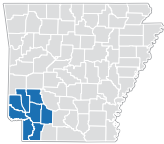
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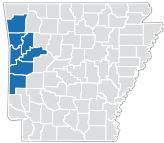
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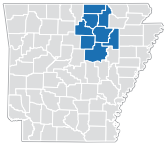
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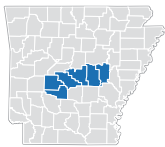
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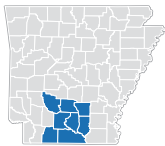
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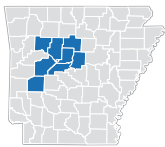
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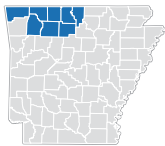
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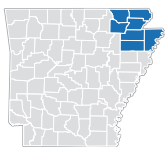
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