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## Major Improvements Begin on Interstate 30 in Central Arkansas

As the Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) enters its peak year, Interstate 30 between Pulaski and Saline Counties will take center stage.

Highway and Transportation Department employees traveling Interstate 30 to and from work will soon notice an increase in the number of work zones as rehabilitation begins between Geyer Springs Road in Little Rock and Sevier Street in Benton.

“The changes planned are greatly needed,” says AHTD

Director Dan Flowers. “The result will be a much improved roadway that is better suited to handle the daily traffic volume of 63,000 vehicles traveling between Little Rock and Benton.”

Work in the heavily traveled corridor will include removal and replacement of concrete in the present lanes, expansion of the roadway to six lanes and the addition of a concrete barrier wall to separate east and west bound traffic. Frontage roads will be converted to one-way travel.

In addition, numerous new interchanges and overpasses are included in the improvements along the 17-mile section.

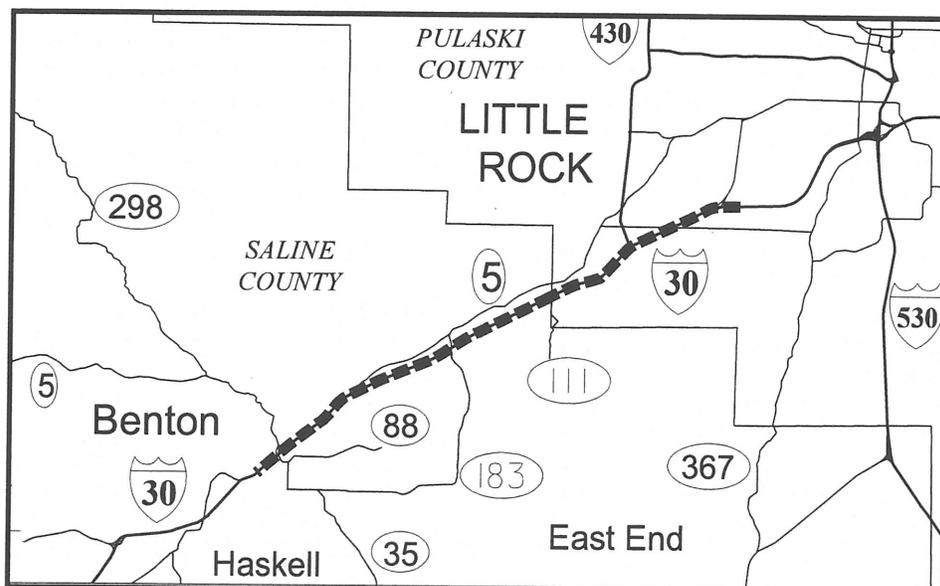
Interchange modifications or ramp relocations will take place at University Avenue, Exit 132; Baseline Road, Highway 338, Exit 130; Otter Creek/Mabelvale West, Exit 128; Alexander, Highway 111, Exit 126; Bryant/Bauxite, Highway 183, Exit 123; Alcoa Road, Exit 121; Congo Road, Exit 118; Highway 5/35, Exit 117; and Sevier Street, Exit 116.

Two lanes in each direction will remain open to traffic during the construction process.

With IRP shifting into high gear this summer, employees are reminded to think ahead and drive with caution through construction zones.

For the most current construction information, employees may visit the AHTD website at [ArkansasHighways.com](http://ArkansasHighways.com) or the *Pave the Way* website at [ArkansasInterstates.com](http://ArkansasInterstates.com).

Dashed Line On Map Shows Extent of Planned Construction Area

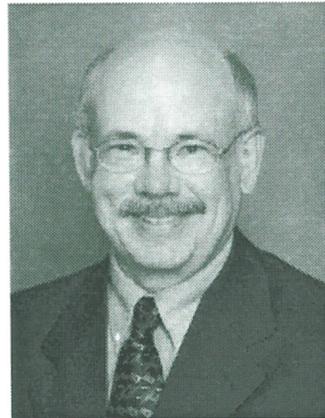


# Retirements Lead to Numerous AHTD Promotions

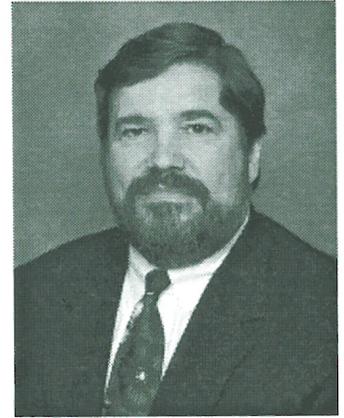
With the upcoming retirements of a number of Highway and Transportation Department personnel, continuity of supervisory functions during these transitions is important. Therefore, AHTD Director Dan Flowers has announced the following personnel changes.

**Charles Clements**, Assistant Roadway Design Engineer, will assume the duties of Roadway Design Engineer when Phil McConnell moves to Assistant Chief Engineer for Design. Clements, a 27-year AHTD employee, is a 1974 graduate of the University of Arkansas. He is a registered professional engineer and has served in various positions in the Roadway Design Division.

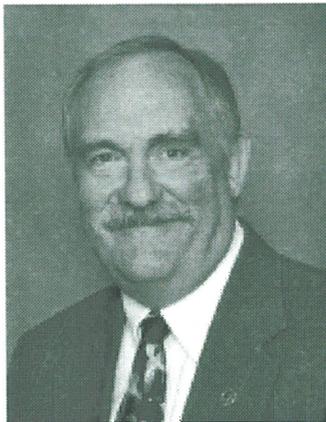
**Jerry Westerman**, Assistant Division Head for Materials, will assume the duties of Materials Division Head upon the retirement of Jim Gee. Westerman, a 1973 graduate of the University of Arkansas, is a 29-year Department employee. He is a registered professional engineer and has served in Planning & Research and Materials.



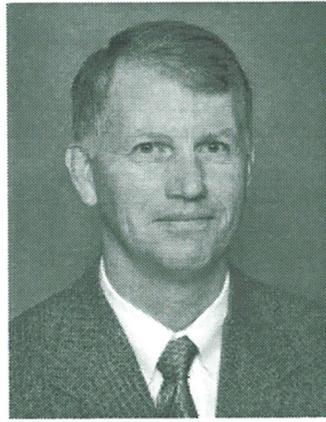
**Clements**  
Roadway Design



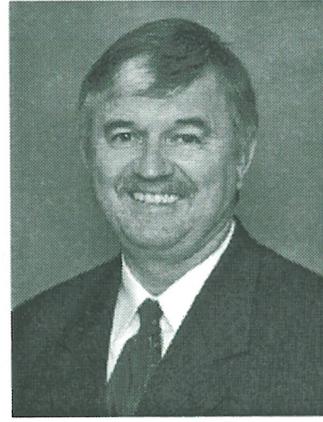
**Westerman**  
Materials



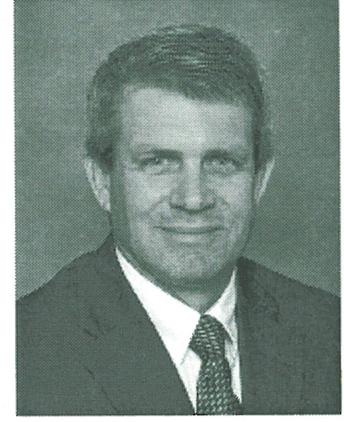
**House**  
District 2



**Donaldson**  
District 3



**Lambert**  
District 6



**Bachelor**  
District 7

**James House**, District 5 Construction Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 2 in Pine Bluff upon the retirement of Jim Briley. House is a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas and has been with the Department 32 years. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as Resident Engineer, Staff Maintenance Engineer, and Staff Construction Engineer prior to moving to District Construction Engineer.

**Don Donaldson**, District 3 Construction Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 3 in Hope upon the retirement of William Tyler. Donaldson is a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas and has been with the Department 31 years. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as Resident Engineer and Staff Surveys Engineer prior to becoming District Construction Engineer.

**David Lambert**, District 6 Construction Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 6 in Little Rock when Leonard Hall assumes the duties of State Maintenance Engineer. Lambert is a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas and is a 31-year Department employee. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as a Bridge Design Engineer, Resident Engineer, Staff Maintenance Engineer and Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer prior to becoming District Construction Engineer.

**Carl Bachelor**, District 10 Maintenance Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 7 in Camden upon the retirement of Coy Campbell. Bachelor, a 16-year AHTD employee, is a 1985 graduate of the University of Arkansas. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as Resident Engineer and Staff Construction Engineer prior to becoming District Maintenance Engineer.

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### ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

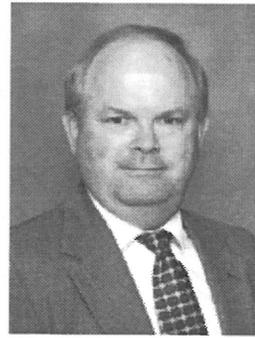
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DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

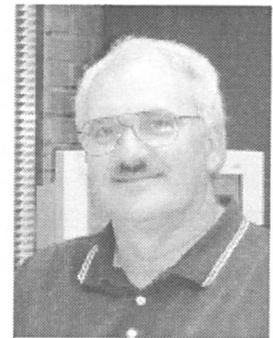
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**David Mayo**, Programs and Contracts Staff Project Development Engineer, was named Assistant Division Head for State Aid replacing Wilbert Chapman who retired at the end of 2001. Mayo is a 25-year Department employee and a 1977 graduate civil engineer of Memphis State University. He is a registered professional engineer.

**Walter McMillan**, Paragould Resident Engineer, will assume the duties of District 10 Construction Engineer upon the retirement of Bob Faulkner. McMillan is a graduate of Mississippi State University and began employment with the Department in 1978 as an Assistant Resident Engineer in Little Rock. He was promoted to the Paragould Resident Engineer's Office in August 1985. He is a registered professional engineer.



Mayo  
State Aid



McMillan  
District 10

## Behavioral Health Care Enhanced for State Employees

On January 1, 2002, Corphealth, Inc., began coordinating ALL behavioral health care for Arkansas state employees who are enrolled in health insurance programs. This enhanced benefit program and network of mental health care providers is completely separate from the medical plans, regardless of which medical plan you selected. Mental Health and

Substance Abuse and the new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) are included in the Behavioral Health Care Benefit.

Corphealth, Inc., has included the addition of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and has redesigned the mental health and chemical dependence benefit. *You do not have to be a member of a state health insurance plan nor do you*

*have to obtain a referral* from your primary care physician to seek help from the Employee Assistance Program or to access your mental health or substance abuse benefits.

To access behavioral health care benefits, call the Arkansas Help Line toll-free at 1-866-378-1645. This number is accessible on a 24-hour basis.

## Equipment Operators' ROADEO Results

The semi-final rounds of competition for the 2002 AHTD Equipment Operators' Roaddeo are now underway. The first place winners in each event of the semi-finals will participate in the statewide competition scheduled for June 13, 2002, at the Central Shops in Little Rock. The results of the semi-finals already held are listed below.

### DISTRICT THREE March 28

- Tractor/Lowboy**  
1 ..... Reginald Easter  
2 ..... Stanley Rogers  
3 ..... Jim Bryan

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Mike Purtzer  
2 ..... Latricia Monk  
3 ..... Terry Trotter

### Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Kalene Tatom  
2 ..... David Gaylord  
3 ..... C.D. "Debo" Ricks

### Tractor/Mower

- 1 ..... Eric Smith  
2 ..... Willie Martin  
3 ..... Steve Pickering

### Backhoe

- 1 ..... Larry Otwell  
2 ..... Patty Wicker  
3 ..... Weldon Garrison

### Motor Patrol

- 1 ..... K.R. "Pete" Gentry  
2 ..... Richard Kidd  
3 ..... Scott Hatfield

### DISTRICT ONE April 4

- Tractor/Lowboy**  
1 ..... Russell Curbo  
2 ..... Wayne Andrews  
3 ..... Jerry Mitchell

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Johnny Light  
2 ..... Charles White  
3 ..... Tim Miller

### Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... George McDaniel  
2 ..... Jimmy Pulley  
3 ..... Wayne Hamilton

### Tractor/Mower

- 1 ..... Floyd Eskridge  
2 ..... Willie Anderson  
3 ..... Troy Tims

### Backhoe

- 1 ..... Cecil Coleman  
2 ..... Jerry Gorman  
3 ..... Randal Harris

### Motor Patrol

- 1 ..... Joey McClanahan  
2 ..... Mike Gahr  
3 ..... Robert Gray

### DISTRICT EIGHT April 11

- Tractor/Lowboy**  
1 ..... Joe Villalobos  
2 ..... Jim Standridge  
3 ..... David Pruitt

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Kenny Howard  
2 ..... Roby Light  
3 ..... Tim Flory

### Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Ellisa Clement  
2 ..... Ilie Stefan  
3 ..... Gordon Parham

### Tractor/Mower

- 1 ..... Darrell Carter  
2 ..... Steve Pierce  
3 ..... Bill Pettus

### Backhoe

- 1 ..... Larry Brazil  
2 ..... Randy White  
3 ..... Johnny Rice

### Motor Patrol

- 1 ..... Dennis Langston  
2 ..... Danny Duvall  
3 ..... Dennis Horn

### DISTRICT FIVE April 18

- Tractor/Lowboy**  
1 ..... Donie Bray  
2 ..... Sammy Bennett  
3 ..... Elvis Garrett

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Ruth Moody  
2 ..... Hoyt "Mickey" Taylor  
3 ..... Terry Stewart

### Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Raymond Ratton  
2 ..... Steve Powell  
3 ..... Kevin Pendergrass

### Tractor/Mower

- 1 ..... Randy Rector  
2 ..... Gary Grady  
3 ..... Ruth Moody

### Backhoe

- 1 ..... Jason Moser  
2 ..... Sammy Bennett  
3 ..... Cecil Meggs/James Merriman

### Motor Patrol

- 1 ..... David Bailey  
2 ..... Hoyt "Mickey" Taylor  
3 ..... Eric Mitchell

# AHTD PEOPLE



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## NEW EMPLOYEES

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Stephen Brown, Carl Coleman, Mail Clerks

### MAINTENANCE

Mark Duer, Hazel Miles, Ralph Rodgers, Sign Makers I

### ROADWAY DESIGN

Keli Higginbotham, Civil Engineer

### SURVEYS

Robert Peeples, Charles Smith, Thomas Stevens,  
Vernon Vinson, Andy Williams, Surveys Helpers

### DISTRICT ONE

De'Andra Warren, Derender Dallas, J. Milton, Single  
Axle Truck Drivers

### DISTRICT TWO

Regina Coslin, Jeff Ross, General Laborers

### DISTRICT THREE

Patrick Shepard, Paul Gray, Jr., Alton Parson, Single  
Axle Truck Drivers

### DISTRICT FOUR

Ken Gunter, General Laborer

### DISTRICT SIX

Thomas Allen, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator  
Michael Arndt, Anthony Nix, Steven Ramsey, Ivory  
Bowman, Cobie Humphrey, Desheryll Clark, Carl  
Lewis, Single Axle Truck Drivers

### DISTRICT EIGHT

Dorothy Neighbors, William Laming, Single Axle Truck  
Drivers

### DISTRICT NINE

April Weaver, Melvin Binam, Rebecca Devine, Single  
Axle Truck Drivers

### DISTRICT TEN

David King, Single Axle Truck Drivers

## PROMOTIONS

### FISCAL SERVICES

Toni Barnes, Diann Gwatney, Admin. Assistants III

### MATERIALS

Richard Martin, Cory Sutton, Geotechnical Aide I

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

Valarie Gifford, Office Admin. Assistant III  
Davin Webb, Research Info Coordinator

### PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Bill Bradberry, Staff Project Dev. Engineer

### ROADWAY DESIGN

Donald Fisher, Hydraulic Engineer

### STATE AID

David Mayo, Jr., Assistant Division Head

### SURVEYS

Phillip Rye, Civil Engineer IV  
Kimberly Thomas, Surveys Aide I

### DISTRICT 1

Gary Morton, Motorist Assistance Provider

### DISTRICT 2

Christopher Johnson, Adam Stephens, Teresa Waters,  
Single Axle Truck Drivers  
Allen Bullock, Mass Fox, Area Maint. Supervisors  
Kirk Howard, Maintenance Aide I  
Sandra Pendergrass, Field Clerk II

### DISTRICT 3

Larry Johnson, Distributor/Roller Operator

### DISTRICT 4

Danny Brown, Jr., Construction Aide II  
Bradley McCurry, Ricky Morris, Connie Pride, Mike  
Reed, Single Axle Truck Drivers

### DISTRICT 5

Elbert Layne, Area Maintenance Supervisor  
Robert Skelton, Crew Leader

### DISTRICT 6

Spencer Bullard, Jason Campbell, Deborah Mealler,  
Single Axle Truck Drivers  
Jerry Denley, Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Richard Lambert, Maintenance Aide II  
Winfred Petty, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

### DISTRICT 7

Charlie Ryder, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

### DISTRICT 8

Janice Pickens, Travis Sisco, Single Axle Truck Drivers  
Randall Sommers, David Teeter, Bridge Repairer I

### DISTRICT 9

James Massengale, Welder  
Douglas Pederson, Bridge Job Supt.  
Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor

### DISTRICT 10

Dale Arnold, Cecil Nelson, Crew Leaders  
Benjamin George, Dwayne Pharis, Backhoe/Front End  
Loader Operators  
Rufus Mitchell, Jr., Rest Area Attendant

## SERVICE

### 30 YEARS

Ralph Hall, Asst. Chief Engineer/Operations  
Mike Eden, Fiscal Services Section Head  
Wayne Casteel, Materials Concrete & Steel Fab. Engr.  
Bill Callicott, D3 Area Maintenance Supervisor  
Randall Clark, D9 Area Maintenance Supervisor

### 25 YEARS

Mark Frazier, P&R Trans. Management Analyst II  
Darrell Hatchett, ROW Relocation Coordinator  
Mitchell Love, D1 Crew Leader  
Brenda Taylor, D5 Personnel Clerk  
Jerry Miller, D5 Bridge Job Supt.  
Jimmy Condrey, D5 Inspector  
Dennis Johnson, D6 Area Maint. Supv.  
James Barkhimer, D7 Dozer Operator/Finish  
Roy Norman, D9 Sr. Const. Materials Inspector

### 20 YEARS

James Lee, Roadway Design Adv. Design Engr.  
Chester Allwhite, D1 Permit Officer  
Kelly Slater, D2 Sealing Job Supervisor

### 15 YEARS

Barry Cruz, Computers System Support Tech. II  
Luther Cox, HR Elec., Pl. & Mech. Repairer

### Margaret Middleton, Roadway Designer

Joey McClanahan, D1 Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
Ronnie Miller, D5 Single Axle Truck Driver  
Steven Lane, D6 Maintenance Aide II  
Jackie Thornton, D7 Area Headquarters Attendant  
Jimmy Snipes, D9 Distributor Operator

### 10 YEARS

Phillip Moore, Environmental Scientist II  
Darrol Sitz, Highway Police Permit Technician  
Nathan Edwards, Maintenance Bridge Repairer II  
Greg Nation, P&R Hwy. Perf. & Needs Tech.  
Kenneth Cody, Surveys Aide III  
John Wilson, D4 Construction Aide II  
Leatrice Knight, D4 Construction Aide II  
Richard Hilton, D7 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
John DuVall, D8 Maintenance Aide I  
Janell Ware, D9 Receptionist  
Gary Younger, D9 Maintenance Aide II  
Michael Thomas, D9 Multi-Axle Truck Driver

### 5 YEARS

Lee Gates, Surveys Aide III  
Kimberly Wright, D1 Personnel Clerk  
Cheri Palmer, D4 Roller Operator  
Bruce Bull, D4 Motor Patrol Operator  
Michael Arellanes, D6 Sign Erector  
Deon Pickens, D6 Bridge Repairer I  
Matthew Larue, D10 Multi-Axle Truck Driver

## RETIREMENTS

Katherine Lyons, Surveys Abstractor, retired December 31,  
2001 with 9 years

Ronnie Miller, D5 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired De-  
cember 26, 2001 with 14 years

Robert Nichols, D8 Rest Area Attendant, retired February  
20, 2002 with 13 years

Kenneth Moody, Jr., Highway Police Corporal, retired  
March 27, 2002 with 24 years

David Hillis, Highway Police Patrol Officer First Class,  
retired March 29, 2002 with 12 years

Dan Morgan, Planning & Research Administrative Officer  
II, retired March 26, 2002 with 40 years

Albert Wyers, III, D4 Construction Aide II, retired March  
12, 2002 with 28 years

Phillip Huett, D5 Crew Leader, retired March 13, 2002 with  
28 years

Charles Ellison, D10 Sr. Construction Materials Inspec-  
tor, retired March 29, 2002 with 24 years

## Mail Order Option for Pharmacy Benefit Now Available

Beginning April 1, 2002, a pilot Prescription Mail Order  
service became available to state employee insurance partici-  
pants.

The pharmacy mail order program for maintenance medica-  
tions will be administered by AdvancePCS. Only long-term or  
maintenance medications (three-month minimum prescription)  
will be eligible for the program.

The mail order pharmacy program is voluntary.

For further information on the Mail Order Pharmacy option  
contact AdvancePCS customer service toll-free at 1-877-456-9586  
or visit their website at: <http://ar/advancex.com>.

