



ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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## Interstate 30 One-Way Frontage Road Conversion

At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, the processions began: one at Sevier Street in Benton moving east and another at Doyle Springs Road in Little Rock moving west. With over 2,300 orange barrels to position and thousands of new signs waiting to be uncovered, a parade of workers and vehicles with flashing lights moved swiftly along the frontage roads to close the inside lane.

Leading the way was the Arkansas Highway Police, followed by the contractor and two sign crews from the Department's Maintenance Division. The Arkansas State Police, as well as Benton, Bryant, and Little Rock police departments assisted with the effort by positioning their vehicles within the construction crews to keep motorists alert and workers safe.

According to AHTD Director Dan Flowers, "Careful planning and preparation, as well as a thorough communication effort throughout the surrounding communities has resulted in a smooth transition. Multiple work zones and a high level of construction activity is underway as we widen I-30 to six lanes, so the one-way



Construction workers barricade a street as part of the one-way conversion.

frontage roads will reduce confusion and enhance traffic flow through this area."

The Department launched a communication plan to keep motorists informed about the details and timing of the conversion. Roadside signs and Highway Advisory Radio broadcasts were useful while driving through the 17-mile project area. Project details and maps are also available through the AHTD website and at local businesses along the I-30 frontage roads.

The project length includes the I-30 frontage roads between Doyle Springs Road (just east of Geyer Springs Road near mile marker 133) in Little Rock and Sevier Street (exit 116) in Benton. Construction crews

closed the frontage road lane closest to the Interstate with a row of orange barrels. This lane will remain closed until crews install new signage and roadway lane striping.

Hundreds of *One-Way*, *Wrong Way* and *Do Not Enter* signs are posted along the frontage roads to indicate proper navigation of new routes. Signs are also posted across from all driveways to remind motorists that only right turns are allowed onto the frontage road.

Motorists and local citizens affected by the conversion who need assistance are encouraged to contact the AHTD Public Affairs Office during normal business hours to answer questions and receive additional details.

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## Tudor promoted to P&C Assistant Division Head Linz promoted to Staff Bridge Design Engineer

Lori Tudor, Civil Engineer IV for the Planning and Research Division, was promoted to Assistant Division Head for the Programs and Contracts Division effective October 17.



Tudor

Tudor obtained a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Memphis and is a registered

professional engineer.

She is a 17-year Department employee having served as Statistical Assistant, Programming Analyst, DBE Program Specialist, Program & Scheduling Specialist, Programs & Contracts Engineer I, and Advanced Structures Engineer.

Charles Linz, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, was promoted September 19, 2002, to Staff Bridge Design Engineer for the Bridge Division.

Linz obtained a master's degree

in civil engineering from Louisiana Tech University and is a registered professional engineer.



Linz

He began his career with AHTD in 1985 as a Civil Engineer I. In 1986, he promoted to Bridge Design Engineer and to Advanced Bridge Design Engineer in 1988. He advanced to the title of Senior Bridge Design Engineer in 1998.

## Cingular Wireless offers new rate plans for state employees

The Department of Information Services (DIS) wireless communication contract includes additional wireless service offerings to state employees. Each service includes a free

telephone, no activation or monthly access fee, and a reduced term contract. Also, present Cingular wireless customers may change to any state employee offering without a penalty.

Check out state agency offerings on the DIS website at [http://www.dis.state.ar.us/Dwnld\\_lib/Svcs\\_Wlph/dis/index.htm](http://www.dis.state.ar.us/Dwnld_lib/Svcs_Wlph/dis/index.htm) or contact any Cingular wireless store.



## Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, October 27

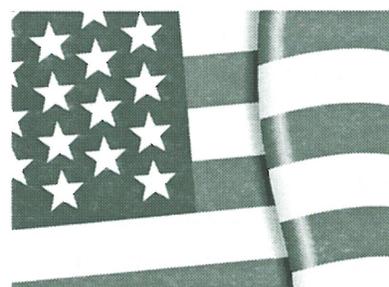
Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 a.m. marks the end of Daylight Saving Time. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

## AHTD Four-Day Work Week Ends For 2002

Effective Thursday, October 31, 2002, employees working the four-day work schedule will revert to the normal five-day, eight-hour work schedule.

This includes field maintenance personnel, District shop crews, storeroom personnel, Area Maintenance Supervisors, Job Superintendents, Shop Supervisors, District

Equipment and Maintenance Supervisors, striping and signing crews, Surveys Division party crews, Heavy Bridge Maintenance crews, Facilities Management personnel, Radio Maintenance Specialists, Safety Inspection Officers, Sign Shop personnel, Equipment and Procurement personnel, and P&R Technical Services Section field personnel.



## Veteran's Day Holiday

Monday, November 11, 2002, is a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Veteran's Day.

All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.

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### ARKANSAS

#### STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

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# Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System

## Status As Of June 30, 2002

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Number of Active Members (Employees) .....	3,535	3,757	222
Number of Retired Members .....	2,231	2,265	34
Number of Drop Plan Members .....	316	267	(49)
Annuities (benefits) Paid .....	35,107,951	40,006,836	4,898,885
Cash & Short-Term Investments .....	38,676,937	67,238,927	28,561,990
Investments (cost) .....	913,076,199	814,828,483	(98,247,716)
Total Assets (market) .....	998,803,742	875,416,657	(123,387,085)
Interest & Dividends from Investments .....	33,151,000	30,847,511	(2,303,489)
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Securities .....	14,127,543	(82,595,937)	(96,723,480)
Yield to Cost:			
*Fixed Income .....	6.54%	6.13%	(0.41%)
*Common Stock .....	0.39%	0.43%	0.04%
Yield to Market:			
*Fixed Income .....	6.52%	5.95%	(0.57%)
*Common Stock .....	0.36%	0.46%	0.10%

\*Excludes capital gains (losses) on sales for 2001 and 2002 of \$14.1 million and (\$82.6) million, respectively.

As shown above, the retirement system has investments in stock and fixed income securities of \$814,828,483 which received earnings of \$30,847,511. These investments are composed of the following securities at cost:

	<u>Average Rate Earned on Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Corporate Bonds: .....			34%
Aerospace .....	8.21%	499,124	
Automotive & Machinery .....	5.07%	33,530,525	
Banks & Financial .....	6.87%	60,471,842	
Drugs, Medical & Chemical .....	5.54%	17,160,203	
Electronics & Office Equipment .....	7.82%	14,046,671	
Housing & Building Materials .....	6.88%	4,995,467	
Insurance .....	6.95%	9,794,879	
Petroleum Products & Equipment .....	4.34%	51,773,611	
Retail & Restaurants .....	7.05%	21,067,451	
Transportation .....	6.99%	4,961,458	
Utilities .....	7.60%	54,608,635	
U.S. Government Agencies .....		155,345,333	19%
Common Stock: .....			47%
Aerospace .....		721,296	
Automotive & Machinery .....		14,193,705	
Banks & Financial .....		22,176,594	
Drugs, Medical & Chemical .....		82,025,383	
Education Services .....		2,558,624	
Electronics & Office Equipment .....		94,630,904	
Housing & Building Materials .....		8,733,805	
Insurance .....		7,206,376	
Petroleum Products & Equipment .....		81,341,737	
Retail & Restaurants .....		50,698,791	
Transportation .....		1,939,277	
Utilities .....		20,346,791	

Overall, the assets of the Retirement System decreased from \$961,011,956 to \$890,329,005, a loss of \$70,682,951.

# AHTD PEOPLE

DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 2002

## NEW EMPLOYEES

### HUMAN RESOURCES

**Camille Moyer**, DBE Program Specialist

### RIGHT OF WAY

**Alexa Armstrong**, Administrative Aide I

### DISTRICT 1

**Benford Adell**, Single Axle Truck Driver

**Amy Holloway**, Field Clerk I

**James Warren**, Civil Engineer I

### DISTRICT 2

**Charles Gant**, **Victor Jordan**, Gen. Laborers

**Timothy Adair**, Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT 3

**Bruce Graham**, **Jody Roberts**, **Jeffrey Taylor**,

General Laborers

**James Blackwell**, **Corey Chandler**, Construction Helpers I

### DISTRICT 5

**Darrell White**, Construction Helper I

### DISTRICT 6

**Cheryl Bond**, Motorist Assistance Provider

**Rose Hearon**, **Robert Finnell**, Single Axle Truck Drivers

**Robert Walker**, General Laborer

### DISTRICT 7

**Glenda Dunn**, Field Clerk I

### DISTRICT 8

**Randal Edwards**, **Marty Powell**, **Brenda**

**Cullum**, Single Axle Truck Drivers

**Michael Stovall**, General Laborer

**Angie Reeder**, Field Clerk I

### DISTRICT 9

**Bo Bailey**, **Rebecca Wolfenbarger**, **Joseph**

**Ragland**, Single Axle Truck Drivers

### DISTRICT 10

**Minnie Alexander**, **Mark Key**, Single Axle Truck Drivers

## PROMOTIONS

### BRIDGE

**Charles Linz**, Staff Bridge Design Engineer

### CHIEF ENGINEER

**Frank Vozel**, Assistant Chief Engineer/Planning

### EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

**John Allen**, Storeroom Assistant II

### HIGHWAY POLICE

**Joe Black, Jr.**, **George Franks, Jr.**, Captains

**Stanley Griffin**, **Elizabeth Warren**, Sergeants

**Melissa Hilton**, Permit Technician

### LEGAL

**Ted Blagg**, Staff Attorney

### MAINTENANCE

**Mike Williamson**, Pavement Profiler Operator

### MATERIALS

**Deborah Tyler**, Materials Technician II

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

**Sharon Baker**, Staff Administrative Assistant

**Ron Fields**, Transportation Info. Analyst

**Alan Meadors**, Assistant Division Head

### PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

**Ed Hoppe, Jr.**, Division Head

### RIGHT OF WAY

**Gary Anderson**, ROW Engineering Specialist

### ROADWAY DESIGN

**Amy King**, **Kevin Toblesky**, Adv. Design Engrs.

### SURVEYS

**Brian Freyaldenhoven**, Surveys Specialist

**Lee Kendrick**, Senior Surveys Office Tech.

### DISTRICT 1

**James Ramsey, Jr.**, Crew Leader

### DISTRICT 2

**Gerald Butcher**, Crew Leader

**Keith Robertson**, Const. Aide I

**Michael Davis**, **Jesse Pridgeon**, Const. Aides III

**Ray Vincent**, Senior Inspector

### DISTRICT 3

**Scott Hatfield**, Crew Leader

**Larry Otwell**, Crane Operator/Finish

### DISTRICT 4

**John Ballard**, Adv. Const. Field Engineer

**Brad Callahan**, Const. Field Engineer I

**Regina Gregory**, Maint. Aide I

### DISTRICT 5

**Merle Campbell**, Crew Leader

**Daniel Howell**, Shop Supervisor

### DISTRICT 6

**Ryan Bailey**, Const. Helper II

**Robert Bates**, **Melvin Wylie, Jr.**, Maint. Aides II

**Jerry Pack**, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

**Ronnie Sutherland**, **Kevin White**, Asst. Res. Engrs.

### DISTRICT 7

**Ronald Rogers**, **Mark Simecek**, Asst. Res. Engrs.

**Ken Thornton**, Senior Inspector

### DISTRICT 8

**Kenneth Caldwell**, **Timothy McCool**, Senior Mechanics

**Darrell Carter**, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

**Roselie Conley**, **Janet Smith**, Const. Mat. Inspvs.

**Jerry Williams**, Area Maint. Supv.

**Robert Young**, Senior Inspector

**David Myers**, Sr. Body Repairer & Painter

**David Pruitt**, Roller Operator

### DISTRICT 9

**Kelly Caler**, Maint. Aide I

**Robert Massengale**, Crew Leader

**Jeffrey Wheeler**, Asst. Resident Engineer

### DISTRICT 10

**Belinda Buckwalter**, Single Axle Tr. Dr.

**Larry Ryan**, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

**Darsha Tipton**, District Bookkeeper

## SERVICE

### 30 YEARS

**Phil Brand**, Bridge Division Head

**Leonard Hall**, State Maintenance Engr.

**Jacquelynn Greer**, P&R Trans. Mgmt. Analyst I

**Ron Ellis**, D1 Bridge Inspector

**John Parks**, D3 Parts Runner

**Susan Monroe**, D3 Office Manager

**Floyd Slayden**, D5 Lowboy/Float Tr. Driver

**James Mallett**, D9 Sign Crew Supervisor

### 25 YEARS

**Terry McCallister**, E&P Finish Carpenter

**Carl Harrell**, Fiscal Services Admin. Asst. I

**Bill Ritchie**, Maint. Heavy Bridge Supv.

**Peggy Martin-Hall**, P&C Admin. Asst. I

**George Gregory**, D1 Area Maint. Supv.

**Debra Pruitt**, D2 Area Maint. Supv.

**William Caton**, D3 Distributor/Roller Opr.

**David Richards**, D4 Area Maint. Supv.

**Benny Thompson**, D7 Multi-Axle Tr. Dr.

**Benny Barbaree**, D7 Rest Area Attendant

**Gary Doving**, D9 Maint. Aide II

**Ricky Dodson**, D9 Crew Leader

**Roy Clark**, D10 Const. Project Coord.

**Larry Pillow**, D10 Senior Inspector

### 20 YEARS

**Danny Potter**, Maint. Heavy Bridge Repairer II

### 15 YEARS

**Anthony Lewis**, AHP Patrol Officer 1Class

**Thomas Walker**, AHP Patrol Officer 1Class

**Donald Parker**, Maint. Crew Leader

**Clyde McCollum**, Maint. Striping Crew Supv.

**Tony Evans**, Staff Maint. Engineer

**Rickey Brown**, D1 Maint. Aide II

**Johnnie Winfield**, D2 Crew Leader

**Earnest Edney**, D3 Senior Mechanic

**Bashar Qedan**, D4 Resident Engineer

**Donald Collins**, D5 Motor Patrol Operator

**Robert Swink**, D5 Maint. Aide II

**Carolyn Crafton**, D5 Field Clerk II

**Nina Ingram**, D7 Bookkeeper

**Larry Castleberry**, D7 Maint. Aide II

**Ronnie Molloy**, D8 Bridge Repairer II

**Darrin Phillips**, D8 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish

### 10 YEARS

**Henry Langston**, Environmental Scientist II

**James Shinn, Jr.**, D1 Crane Operator/Finish

**Thomas Young**, D2 Senior Mechanic

**Shirley Hammett**, D6 Area Hdqtrs. Attd.

**Jimmie Estes**, D7 Area Hdqtrs. Attd.

**Walter Gunn**, D8 Const. Aide I

### 5 YEARS

**Vickie Robertson**, D1 Area Hdqtrs. Attd.

**Penny Slater**, D2 Distributor/Roller Opr.

**Timothy Dougan**, D3 Senior Body Rep. & Painter

**Kelly Turk-Arehart**, D3 Distributor/Roller Opr.

**Harbert Jones**, D4 Rest Area Attendant

**Everett Shepherd**, D4 Senior Mechanic

**Kenneth Barbian**, D6 Bridge Repairer I

**Gary Hall**, D7 Distributor/Roller Opr.

**Billy Fisk**, D9 Multi-Axle Truck Driver

## RETIREMENTS

**Felix Thompson**, Right of Way Negotiator, retired August 30 with 22 years

**Sanford Goodwin**, District 5 Elec., Plumbing, and Mechanical Repairer, retired August 29 with 15 years

**Jerry Watson**, District 3 Crew Leader, retired September 6 with 28 years

**Bobby Petty**, District 6 Maintenance Aide II, retired September 17 with 17 years