AHTD Facts:

- 16,416 miles
- 12th largest system in the country
- 3,600 employees – 500 fewer than 20 years ago
- 2nd lowest administrative cost in country
AHTD Involvement with Parks & Tourism

• Dates back to 1937
• Signage – our most obvious partnership
State Park Signs

Pinnacle Mountain State Park
NEXT RIGHT

EXIT 9
‘Attractions’
Logo Signs
Tourist Destination Signs
Natural State Golf Trail

Natural State Golf Trail
Harbor Oaks
Heritage Trail

The Trail of Tears
Southwest Trail
Civil War Trail
AHTD Involvement with AEDC

- Partnerships not as obvious
- Timing is often difficult
Project Development Timeline

- Planning / Programming – 24 Months
- Environmental & Location Studies – 30 Months
- Final Design & ROW Acquisition – 24 Months
- Construction – 24 Months

Timeline

Average Time (Years)
Mission Statement:

“To provide a safe, efficient, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for the user”
Challenges

• 12th in system size / 43rd in revenue
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- Lack of 4-lane grid system
- Meeting expectations
“Difficulties mastered are opportunities won”

- Winston Churchill
2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program
Timeline

April 2011  RFPs for design consultants
November 2011  Proposal approved by voters
November 2011  Contract signed with Financial Advisor
December 2011  Agreements signed with 10 design firms
Late 2012 (tentative)  Issue bonds and let first contracts
2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program Map
INTERSTATE CONDITION

- 1999 PRE-IRP: Good 21%, Fair 16%, Poor 63%
- 2006 POST-IRP: Good 72%, Fair 14%, Poor 14%
- 2014: Good 67%, Fair 23%, Poor 10%
- 2020 WITH BONDS: Good 76%, Fair 24%
Temporary One-half Percent Sales Tax Increase for Four-lane Highways
Temporary 0.5% Sales Tax (Issue #1)

- November 6, 2012 election ballot
- Temporary Increase
- $230m annually ($160m/$35m/$35m)
- State Aid Street Fund for City Streets
Temporary 0.5% Sales Tax (Issue #1)

- Bond debt retired over 10 years
- $1.3 Billion in general obligation bonds
- Tax expires when the bonds are retired
- Four-lane highways
- $1.8 Billion total program
Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

• Completion of widening I-540 to six lanes between Fayetteville and Bentonville;

• Completion of the initial two lanes of the ultimate four lanes of the Bella Vista Bypass (Future I-49);

• Beginning the four-lane construction of the U.S. Highway 412 Bypass (Springdale) from I-540 westward to XNA Connector;
Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

- Completion of widening I-40 to six lanes between Conway and North Little Rock;
- Completion of widening U.S. Highway 67 to six lanes from Jacksonville to Cabot;
- Improvements to I-30 connecting Little Rock and North Little Rock, including widening Arkansas River bridge;
Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

• Completion of widening U. S. Highway 64 to four lanes between Conway and Beebe;

• Completion of widening U. S. Highway 70 to four lanes between I-30 and Hot Springs;

• Completion of widening U. S. Highway 167 to four lanes between I-530 and El Dorado;

• Completion of widening U. S. Highway 412 to four lanes between Paragould and Walnut Ridge;
Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

• Completion of widening U. S. Highway 425 to four lanes from Hamburg to the Louisiana state line;

• Completion of widening Highway 18 to four lanes between Jonesboro and Blytheville;

• Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 65 to four lanes from Clinton northward;

• Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 65 to four lanes from Bellefonte southward;
Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

- Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 49 to four lanes from Brinkley southward toward Helena-West Helena;

- Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 270 to four lanes from Hot Springs westward;

- Beginning the widening of U. S. Highway 82 to four lanes between Texarkana and El Dorado.
“Things do not happen. Things are made to happen.”

- John F. Kennedy