“Difficulties mastered are opportunities won”

- Winston Churchill
Challenges

- 12th largest system in the country
- 43rd in highway revenue per mile.

- $23 billion in needs
- $4 billion in available revenue
$10,000,000 Overlay Program

$100,000,000 Widening Program

Purchasing Power Collapse
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Challenges

How do we MEET EXPECTATIONS?
Partnering Agreements

- Goal is to “fast-forward” projects
- Guidelines Adopted January 2005
- Projects must be:
  - On the State Highway System
  - Sponsored by a city, county, and/or other state agency
  - Eligible for State and Federal Funding
Partnering Agreements

Possible Types of Partnering include:

- Provide right-of-way
- Assume ownership & maintenance after construction
- Provide funds towards total project cost
Rogers – New Hope Road
(Formerly Highway 94)

- $9.6 million
- City provided ROW and Utilities
Rogers
I-540/Pinnacle Hills/Horsebarn Road

➢ $5 million

➢ City – 50% plus ROW and Utilities

➢ Completed Late 2008

➢ Transferred to City After Completion
Challenges

Lack of a
FOUR-LANE GRID SYSTEM
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: 21% GOOD, 16% FAIR, 63% POOR

2006 POST-IRP: 72% GOOD, 14% FAIR, 14% POOR

2014: 67% GOOD, 23% FAIR, 10% POOR

2020 WITH BONDS: 76% GOOD, 24% POOR
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 64 to four lanes between Marion and Wynne;
- 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.
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