History of the Department
“We are always yapping about the ‘Good Old Days’ and how we look away back and enjoy it, but I tell you there is a lot of hooey to it.”

– Will Rogers
• **First Commission Created**
  ✓ No Highway Department
  ✓ No Highway System

• **$72,000 Total Budget**

• **36,000 Miles of Public Roads**

• **First Gas Tax – 1 cent per gallon**

• **State Highway System Created**

• **State Highway Department Created**
The Thirties and Forties

- Gas Tax Raised to 6.5 cents per Gallon

- 1960’s Before Next Increase

- Commission Structure Changed Four More Times

- 9,700 Highway Miles (4,900 Paved)

- Too much Political Influence on Highways
  - Growing Discontent

Magnet Truck, Picked up an average of 20 lbs of metal per mile
The Fifties

1951 - Highway Audit Commission Report

- Interstate Era
- 11,000 Miles State Highways (8,800 Paved)

9 Legislative Acts Restructured Commission since 1913

1952 – Mack Blackwell Amendment

Widening Hwy 67 near Malvern, 1956
The Sixties and Seventies

- No changes to Commission Structure
- Department became Debt Free
- Legislature transferred nearly 4,400 more miles of County Roads to Highway System
- Department adds “Transportation” to its name – Authority Expanded
- 1st State to Complete its Interstate System (1975)
- 16,000 Highway Miles (15,000 Paved)
The Eighties and Nineties

- 1985 – Rural Road Program – out of the mud
- Early Retirements – huge workforce turnover
- 1991 – Highway Improvement Program
- 1993 – Last Federal Gas Tax Increase
- 1999 – Last State Gas Tax Increase
- 1999 – Interstate Rehabilitation Program – First Highway Bond Issue in 50 years
- I-540 (now I-49) and I-530 Completed
- 16,400 Highway Miles
Winter Weather in Dec 2000 and Jan 2001 cost almost $40 M.

- Governor's Working Group on Highway Funding
- New White River Bridge on Hwy 64 at Augusta opened in 2001.
- 2011 – 2nd Interstate Rehabilitation Program
- 2012 – Connecting Arkansas Program
- 16,400 miles State Highways
Interstate 30

- US Highway 70 to Sevier Street
- Widening - 5.24 Miles
- $100-120 Million
U.S. Highway 70

- Hot Springs to Interstate 30
- Widening - 18.9 Miles
- $75-100 Million
# U.S. Highway 270

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[Map of U.S. Highway 270 showing different sections and termini.]
State Highway 5

- Safety Project
  - Geometric Improvements
  - Shoulder Widening
- 6.5 miles
- $5-10 Million
### State Highway 5

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The map shows the route of State Highway 5 with different job statuses indicated by colors:
- **Green**: Programmed
- **Red**: Under Construction
- **Orange**: Scheduled

Legend:
- **Springs Village**
- **Fountain Lake**
- **Benton**
- **Bauxite**
State Highway 7

- Mitzi Parkway to Highway 290
  - Center Turn Lane
  - Replace Sorrels Creek Bridge
  - 3.8 miles / $10-15 Million

- Highway 290 to Ouachita River Bridge
  - Widening to 5 lanes
  - 1.7 miles / $10-15 Million
State Highway 7

- Hot Springs to Highway 5 (Phase I)
  - ✓ Capacity/Safety Improvements
  - ✓ 6.2 miles / $10 Million

- Bryant Road to Highway 298 W
  - ✓ Capacity/Safety Improvements
  - ✓ 6.3 miles / $10-15 Million

- Grand Total
  - ✓ 18 miles / $40-55 Million
Other Projects

• Highway 88 Widening / Highway 7 South to Highway 7 North
• Replacing Stokes Creek Bridge on Michael Street
• Highway 128 Widening / Highway 270 to Highway 270B
Partnering
MLK Expressway Extension

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July 21, 2015

The Honorable Rick Davis
Garland County Judge
501 Ouachita
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Dear Judge Davis,

Reference is made to your recent letter regarding the proposal to extend the current 9/9 tax vote to provide local match funding for the MLK Expressway Extension. As we previously discussed, the plan is for the extension to be a part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the 2016-2020 Federal Fiscal Years. The STIP will be finalized and approved by the Federal Highway Administration by the end of this year. However, project development and funding will not begin until a firm funding commitment is secured.

In order to expedite development of the MLK Expressway Extension, the current 9/9 tax vote has been extended to include this project. The extension will allow us to proceed with the project if voters do not approve the proposed extension.

Best regards,

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

2016-2020
Federal Fiscal Years

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STIP

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
## Partnering Program

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### Partnering Program

- **Hot Springs Partnering Projects**
  - ✔ Highway 88 (Higdon Ferry Road)
    - Highway 7 South – Highway 7 North

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