New Name – New Identity

1929
Arkansas Highway and Department of Lands

1977
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

2017
Arkansas Department of Transportation
Mission Statement

Provide safe and **efficient** transportation solutions to support Arkansas’ economy and enhance the quality of life for generations to come.

*Adopted June 7, 2017*
Arkansas has the 3rd Lowest Administrative Cost Per Mile in the Nation
Efficiency

Department Employees

- 1979: 4,200 employees
- 2000: 3,800 employees
- 2017: 3,679 employees
1999 IRP
- 50 Projects
- 356 Miles
- $973 Million

2011 IRP
- 83 Projects
- 494 Miles
- $1.51 Billion

2012 CAP
- 36 Projects
- 185 Miles
- $1.9 Billion
Highway Condition

and Needs
Funding

- Great amount of uncertainty at the federal level
- State funds stagnant at best
Federal vs. State Funding

1993

Hwy. Funding Breakdown

Fed 36%

State 64%

2016

Hwy. Funding Breakdown

Fed 54%

State 46%
22 years ago, in 1995, **33 miles** of Highway could be widened.

As of 2015, using the same resources, only **15 miles** of Highway could be widened.
THEN

22 years ago, in 1995, **200 miles** of Highway could be overlaid.

NOW

As of 2015, using the same resources, only **54 miles** of Highway could be overlaid.
Challenges

- 12th largest system in the country

- 42nd in highway revenue per mile.

- $22.9 billion in needs

- $4.4 billion in available revenue
Where Are We Going?
"As to the long-term solutions, it emphasizes that it is difficult to get a referral of this General Assembly out to the voters, and that I hope the leadership of our state and the business community and others will look at an initiated act that might go on the ballot for a highway program," he said. "Otherwise, we'll continue to debate the long-term solution in future sessions."

Governor Asa Hutchinson
Governor’s Highway Funding Working Group

- **Immediate:** $ 50 Million
- **Short-term (0-3 years):** $110 Million
- **Mid-term (3-5 years):** $250 Million
- **Long-term (6-9 years):** $400 Million

All figures are annual amounts for state highways.
# Options for Generating Additional Revenue

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\(^{(1)}\) Amount shown is annual net to highways – after deduction for CFA/CSF and 30% to cities and counties.

\(^{(2)}\) Transfer of 4.5% (“general” portion of statewide sales tax)
Total Road User Revenue
$1,076.5 Million

Distribution:

General Revenue
$460.7 Million (43%)

Highway Revenue
$615.9 Million (57%)
CITIZENS OPINION SURVEY ON HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS

Are you satisfied with the condition of the existing state highway system?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What highways in your area need improvements, and what type of improvements do they need?

Priority 1: _______________________________
Priority 2: _______________________________
Priority 3: _______________________________
Priority 4: _______________________________

If you want better highway conditions, the Arkansas Department of Transportation will need additional funds. Would you support a new highway program that would generate additional revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Which of the following sources do you recommend be utilized in obtaining additional funds (check all that apply):

☐ Increase in gas tax
☐ Increase in diesel tax
☐ Increase in sales tax (dedicated to highways)
☐ Increase in vehicle registration fees
☐ Add sales tax on wholesale price of motor fuels
☐ Transfer existing sales and use tax on motor vehicles and related parts and service (currently collected but not paid to highways)
☐ Other (please specify): _______________________________

Would you be willing to sign a petition to put a highway revenue proposal on the 2018 general election ballot?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, what County do you live in? _______________________________

(Optional) Contact Information: name, email, etc.

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