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

Arkansas = $2,107
Surrounding States Average = $4,334
National Average = $9,224
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

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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%
$100,000,000 Widening Program

THEN

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

NOW

As of 2015, using the same resources, only **15 miles** of Highway could be widened.
22 years ago, in 1995, **200 miles** of Highway could be overlaid.

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)
Road User Related Tax Revenue (SFY 2016)

Total Road User Revenue
$1,076.5 Million

Distribution:

General Revenue
$460.7 Million (43%)

Highway Revenue
$615.9 Million (57%)
Possible Initiated Act

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):
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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.

Online Form Available Here:
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Questions?