ARDOT Quick Facts

**3rd Largest State Agency**
(approx. 3,700 Employees)

**Maintains**
16,418 miles of Highway
7,335 Bridges

**Central Offices in Little Rock**

**10 Districts Statewide**
Highway Districts
History
“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 Hwy. Department
  ✓ No Hwy. System
• 3,600 Vehicles  -  $72,000 Total Budget
• 36,000 Miles of Public Roads
The Twenties

- Highway System Created
- Highway Department Created
- First Gas Tax – 1 cent per gallon
- 200,000 Vehicles/8,800 highway miles (1,400 Paved)
- Highway Commission Structure Changed Twice
The Thirties

- Gas Tax Raised to 6.5 cents per Gallon
- 1960’s Before Next Increase
- 255,000 Vehicles; 9,300 Highway miles (3,000 Paved)
- Commission Structure Changed Two More Times
The Forties

Dillard's Ferry, a hand-cranked operation, crossed the Buffalo River at Highway 14 from 1929-1958.

Operation of the Henderson Ferry at Norfork Lake cost $117,981 for 1947-48. During this period 189,856 vehicles were ferried over at an average cost of 62¢ per vehicle.

- **World War II – Major Influence**
- **455,000 Vehicles; 9,700 Highway Miles (4,900 Paved)**
- **Commission Structure Changed Two More Times**
- **Too much Political Influence on Highways – Growing Discontent**
1951 - Highway Audit Commission Report

✓ “the advice, counsel and expert know-how which is available from the Department’s own technical and administrative staffs bear scant weight indeed when they are in conflict with the political pressures and political promises of the moment.”

• 9 Legislative Acts Restructured Commission since 1913

• 1952 – Mack Blackwell Amendment

Widening Hwy 67 near Malvern, 1956
Challenges

➤ 12th largest system in the country

➤ 41st in highway revenue per mile
Billions

General Revenue

Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

Revenue Trends
Money Doesn’t Go As Far

THEN
In 1995, **200 miles** of highway could be overlaid with $10 million.

NOW
Using $10 million today, only **54 miles** of highway can be overlaid.
Construction Costs

Typical Cost Per Mile

4-Lane Interstate: $10.4 Million
5-Lane Roadway: $6.6 Million
2-Lane Roadway: $3.4 Million
Widen from 2- to 5-Lanes: $4.7 Million
The 10-Year Shortfall

- $9.3 Billion in needs
- $4.5 Billion in available revenue
- $4.8 Billion shortfall
### Governor’s Highway Funding Plan

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“An efficient transportation system is critical for Arkansas’ economy and the quality of life of the state’s residents.”

– Governor Asa Hutchinson
### The Proposed Plan

#### Governor’s Long Term Highway Funding Plan

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The Ballot Question: Issue 1

YES
Funding from current sales tax continues after June 2023

NO
Funding from current sales tax terminates after June 2023
Governor’s Long Term Highway Funding Plan

Benefits from Additional $300 Million Per Year

- Provide $8.2 Billion in Economic Activity over 10 Years
- Support 3,596 Jobs Each Year*
- Maintain Interstates in a State of Good Repair
- Increase Safety Improvements
- Implement a Second Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP-2)
- Repair/Replace Poor Condition and Posted Bridges over 10 Years
- Improve Approximately 7,000 Miles of Non-Interstate Highways over 10 Years

*Source: “The Economic Impacts of an Annual $478 Million Increase in Arkansas Highway, Street and Bridge Construction Investment,” prepared by the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), October 2018; data prorated for $300 million in additional annual revenue.
If Issue 1 Passes

Annual Revenue Expected to be Available in SFY 2024

Act 416 of 2019 $95 Million
Issue 1 $205 Million
Current Construction Program $440 Million

Total Available SFY 2024 $740 Million
If Issue 1 Passes

10-Year Renew Arkansas Highways Program

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Projects Let in the Past Ten Years and Funded Through 2023

9,000 Miles
$9.9 Billion

Projects Let in the Past Ten Years
Remaining STIP Through 2023

Job Type
- Bridge
- Interchange
- Roadway
- New Location
Potential Projects

- Second Connecting Arkansas Program: $3.0 Billion
- Economic Development, Partnering & Local Congestion Relief: $0.5 Billion
- ROW Acquisition & Utility Relocation: $0.1 Billion

20-Year Total: $3.6 Billion
New Highway Program

Projects Let Last 10 Years
Remaining STIP
Act 416 & State Surplus Revenue
2024-2033 Draft Program of Preservation Projects
Second Connecting Arkansas Program

Job Type
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**Total Available SFY 2024**: $336 Million

*Nearly 30% Less*
# If Issue 1 Fails

## 10-Year Plan

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**10-Year Total**  $73.5 Billion
If Issue 1 Fails

**Turnback to Cities**
- 2023 - $156 Million
- 2024 - $113 Million
  Nearly a 30% Reduction

**Turnback to Counties**
- 2023 - $156 Million
- 2024 - $113 Million
  Nearly a 30% Reduction
It’s Your Transportation System…

YOU Get to Decide

November 3, 2020
Discussion Time
Class Exercise
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