#### Arkansas' Interstate Rehabilitation Program





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Background of the Interstate System in Arkansas

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- First Section Interstate 55 in West Memphis
   Opened to traffic in 1959
   JCP
- Last Section Interstate 530 in Pine Bluff
   Opened to traffic in 1997
   JCP

#### **Original Interstate Construction in Arkansas**



# The Interstate System in Arkansas

- 1999 543 Centerline Miles
   40<sup>th</sup> of 50 in Total Length
- 2005 657 Centerline Miles
  - 35<sup>th</sup> of 50 in Total Length
  - Addition of
    - I-530
    - I-540 North of I-40

#### Typical Pavement Design – Original Interstate

- Jointed PCCP
  - Primarily mesh reinforced PCCP
  - 9" to 10" slab thickness
  - 6" granular base typical
  - Dowelled construction joints @ 45'
  - Sawn warping (control) joints @ 15'
    - Undowelled
- Continuously Reinforced Concrete
  - 8" slab thickness
  - 6" to 8" soil cement or lime treated base

(12' slab widths with bituminous shoulders typical)

#### Typical Section of Original Interstate



Why the IRP?

#### **Original Interstate**

- In 1999 the average age of an Arkansas Interstate segment was 35 Years
- Typical rural segment designed for
  - -7% 10% Trucks
  - 10,000 15,000 ADT
- Many segments had met their design traffic within 7 years





#### Interstate 40 IRI



#### Interstate Condition

- In 1994, using IRI "condition" data, Arkansas' Interstate system ranked one of the 5 worst
- Ranked one of the worst states according to the trucking industry
- Arkansas typically rehabilitates 10 15 miles of Interstate pavements per year

#### **Bond Information**

- Approved by Arkansas voters in June 1999

   4:1 Margin
- \$575 Million in bonds
- \$950 Million in Improvements

   Originally programmed 379 miles
   Actually let to contract 359 miles

#### **Bond Information**

- Bonds were sold over three years
   2000 2002
- Work was scheduled to be completed within 5 years
- Program would rehabilitate 54% of the Arkansas Interstate system

#### Major Design Issues

- Pavement Selection and Design
- Bridge Rehabilitation (not covered here)
- Maintenance of Traffic

### Pavement Selection and Design -- Rehabilitation Types --

#### **Interstate Rehabilitation Program Overview**



#### Rubblize and Overlay -- 276 Miles --

- 4" ACHM Surface Course ( <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ")
   Placed in two lifts
- 3" ACHM Binder Course (1 ")
- 4" ACHM Base Course (1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ")
- 9" 10" Rubblized PCCP

#### Jointed Concrete Pavement -- 40 Miles --

- 14" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement
- 1" ACHM Binder Course (3/8 ")
- 6" Cement Stabilized Base Course
- Existing concrete pavement removed
  - Widened slab in truck lane to 14 feet
  - Dowels at all joints

#### Mill and Inlay -- 64 Miles --

- Cold mill existing ACHM surface
- 2" ACHM Surface Course (1/2 ")

• 4" ACHM Binder Course (1 ")

#### Edge drain installation

















#### Maintenance of Traffic

#### **Before Construction Began**

- Public relations campaign using
  - Television infomercials
  - Radio spots
  - Internet web site
  - Newspaper spots





## **During Construction**



- Motorists were made aware using
  - Television infomercials
  - Radio broadcasts
  - Internet web site
  - Newspaper spots
  - Billboards
  - Traffic control
    - Highway Advisory Radio (HAR)
    - Changeable message boards
    - Iowa Weave



#### "Pave the Way" Web Site



#### Billboards





To you, I'm a worker. To my family, I'm everything.





Tune to 1680 AM now for work zone info.



#### Highway Advisory Radio



"Pave The Way" Interstate Signage and Highway Advisory Radio Networks



This image and corresponding press release are available via the press kit at www.ArkansasInterstates.com

#### Changeable Message Boards





APE 316 988





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#### Results of the IRP in Arkansas

#### Projects Let To Date

COMPLETED PROJECTS		
ROUTE	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	TOTAL MILES
I - 30	16	73.40
I - 40	26	225.63
I - 55	6	47.15
I - 540	1	6.71
PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
ROUTE	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	TOTAL MILES
I - 30	0	0.00
I - 40	1	6.44
I - 55	0	0.00
I - 540	0	0.00
TOTALS		
SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE		352.89
UNDER CONSTRUCTION		6.44
LET TO CONTRACT		359.33

From Bond Job Status Report (5/1/2005)

#### Interstate Lane Miles By Surface

#### 1999 – Pre IRP

- 2703 Total Lane Miles
   2756 Total Lane Miles -PCCP
  - 1999 Miles
  - ACHM
    - 704 Miles

#### 2005 – Post IRP

- - -PCCP
    - 991 Miles
  - ACHM
    - 1765 Miles

- 74% PCCP
- 26% ACHM

- 36% PCCP
- 64% ACHM

**ORIGINAL INTERSTATE 100% PCCP** 

#### Interstate 40



#### **OVERALL INTERSTATE IRI**



#### IRI "CONDITION" SCALE



#### Interstate System IRI



## QUESTIONS?

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Rebuilding Arkansas Interstates