

Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Requests

Federal Aviation Administration

Project Name: Approach Light System (MALSR) for Runway 4 at Walnut Ridge Regional Airport

Recipient: Walnut Ridge Airport Commission

Project Location: Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Request: \$500,000

Project Purpose:

This request would support for the installation of an approach lighting system at the Walnut Ridge Regional Airport. Enhancement of the Walnut Ridge Regional Airport from a non-precision instrument approach airport to a precision instrument approach airport would be a significant step forward in terms of benefits to the Boeing 737 and McDonald Douglas 80 series airline-type aircraft using the airport on a monthly basis.

Project Name: Installation of an ILS

Recipient: City of North Little Rock

Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas

Request: \$2,530,000

Project Purpose:

Funds are needed to complete the installation of an Instrument Landing System (ILS) Approach system. Fiscal Year 2005 funds have been used to install a localizer and distance measuring equipment.

Project Name: Airport Runway Extension

Recipient: Fort Smith Regional Airport

Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas

Request: \$1,500,000

Project Purpose:

To ensure the Fort Smith Regional Airport can continue to be fully functional for use by the U.S. Department of Defense through the Air National Guard and various itinerant military uses, the main east-west runway must be extended by 1,000 feet to 9,000 feet in total length. Also, the Fort Smith region has been contacted numerous times by industrial prospects interested in locating aviation-related businesses on airport property. A longer runway would mean a greater chance of attracting new aviation related industries to Fort Smith.

Project Name: Taxiway Extension
Recipient: City of Fayetteville, Arkansas
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$2,900,000

Project Purpose:

This project will eliminate numerous runway crossings for aircraft originating from the east side of the runway, eliminating the potential of runway incursions.

Federal Highway Administration

Project Name: Big Dam Bridge West Ramp
Recipient: Pulaski County, Arkansas
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$3,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project will create another ramp for the Big Dam Bridge, which will improve accessibility. The ramp will eliminate the intersection where riders departing the bridge eastward must stop or slow to a walking speed to go west on the trail.

Project Name: Hot Springs Creek Greenway Trail
Recipient: City of Hot Springs, Arkansas
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
Request: \$100,000

Project Purpose:

The construction of this bridge would complete just over half of the 4.2 mile greenway, which is the backbone of the city's master trails plan.

Project Name: Infrastructure Improvements at Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Facility
Recipient: Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Facility
Project Location: Warren, Arkansas
Request: \$495,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to construct infrastructure to develop the intermodal and industrial park facility. Improvements will include an access road, water and sewer lines, and rail.

Project Name: Little Maumelle Pedestrian Bridge
Recipient: Pulaski County
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funds would be utilized to construct the Little Maumelle Pedestrian Bridge as a component of the Arkansas River Trail System. The Arkansas River Trail System serves as an important economic, quality of life, and recruiting tool for the region.

Project Name: Rock Island Railroad Bridge
Recipient: City of Little Rock, Arkansas
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$8,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be utilized to complete renovation of the historic Rock Island Railroad Bridge into a pedestrian and bicycle crossing located at the east end of the Arkansas River Trail System. The Arkansas River Trail System serves as an important economic, quality of life, and recruiting tool for the region. It is located in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Project Name: Street Construction
Recipient: City of Cotton Plant, Arkansas
Project Location: Cotton Plant, Arkansas
Request: \$350,000

Project Purpose:

Some of the streets in the City of Cotton Plant have never been paved and have no drainage. The surface is mostly dirt, partially graveled with deep holes. Funds will be used to assist with paving and to improve drainage.

Project Name: Interstate 40: Mississippi River Bridge Seismic Retrofit
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Northeast Arkansas
Request: \$35,600,000

Project Purpose:

This project will complete the seismic retrofit of the Interstate 40 bridge over the Mississippi River between Arkansas and Tennessee at Memphis.

Project Name: Interstate 430/630: Interchange Modification
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to modify the Interstates 430/630 Interchange in west Little Rock. Planned improvements will modernize a 25-30 year old cloverleaf interchange between two major urban interstates to eliminate severe congestion during peak travel periods.

Project Name: Interstate 540: Fayetteville-North
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

Interstate 540 is the transportation spine of the Northwest Arkansas region. The Northwest Arkansas region is the fastest-growing region in the state, both in terms of population and traffic volumes. Due to the rapid growth that is occurring in the region, traffic volumes have grown to levels that are producing urban traffic congestion. The commercial growth of the region has gravitated to the interchanges on I-540, resulting in queues that back up on Interstate ramps to such an extent that they occasionally interfere with Interstate operations.

Project Name: Access Road from I-530 to the Jefferson County Technology Campus
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Jefferson County, Arkansas
Request: \$12,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding is needed to begin construction on an access road from I-530 to the planned Technology Campus in Jefferson County.

Project Name: Belding Street Roadway Extension to U.S. Hwy 270
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
Request: \$150,000

Project Purpose:

Funding will be used to extend Belding Street one block to Hwy. 270 in Hot Springs.

Project Name: Blytheville Overpass
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Blytheville, Arkansas
Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used for planning and construction of a railroad overpass in Blytheville. Major industries and a growing number of residences are located on the east side of the city, while medical facilities and most emergency management facilities are located on the west side, which is bisected north to south by a BNSF railway.

Project Name: Cabot Interchange
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Cabot, Arkansas
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

This interchange would provide a corridor in the growing north end of the city and relieve congestion on the Highway 89 corridor. Funds will be utilized to complete necessary studies and begin development of the north interchange.

Project Name: East-West Major Collector Street
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Ozark, Arkansas
Request: \$1,500,000

Project Purpose:

This project will extend 29th Street from Highway 64 as a Major Collector Street to connect with Highway 23 North. The street extension will alleviate the dead end street traffic congestion hazards accessing the only East-West arterial (Hwy 64) in the city by providing another ingress and egress intersection to serve Ozark High School, Ozark Area Youth Organization, Ozark Softball Leagues, Franklin County Fairgrounds and Fair Building, Ozark City Pool, and West Side Park. The street extension will also dramatically reduce response time for fire, EMS, and other emergency vehicles to these high traffic facilities.

Project Name: Fairfax Railroad Overpass
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$10,000,000

Project Purpose:

The project is to construct a 4-lane overpass for East McCain Boulevard (Fairfax Avenue) over the main lanes of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Project Name: Ferndale/Kanis Bridge Improvements
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Pulaski County, Arkansas
Request: \$6,000,000
Project Purpose:
This project will support improvements to Ferndale Road in Pulaski County, AR

Project Name: Highway 63 Interchange Improvements
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas
Request: \$9,000,000
Project Purpose:
Funds will be used to make interchange improvements along U.S. Highway 63 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The intersections at Southwest Drive, Harrisburg Road, Caraway Road, and Stadium Boulevard have become dangerous and studies show that increased traffic in the next 5 to 10 years will back up for miles off the exits onto the future interstate.

Project Name: Highway 71: Bella Vista Bypass
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Bella Vista, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000
Project Purpose:
This request is for the development and construction of Arkansas's portion of the Bella Vista Bypass. The bypass will be constructed as a four-lane, divided, interstate type facility west of existing Highway 71 from Bella Vista, Arkansas to Pineville, Missouri.

Project Name: Highway 71: Louisiana State Line to DeQueen
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: South Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000
Project Purpose:
This request is for the development and construction of a project to complete Arkansas's portion of the relocation of Highway 71 as a four-lane, interstate type facility between the Louisiana State line and DeQueen. This segment is part of future Interstate 49, the north-south corridor from Kansas City, Missouri to Shreveport, Louisiana which was designated by Congress as High Priority Corridor 1 in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

Project Name: Highway 112 Improvement
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
Request: \$9,000,000

Project Purpose:

In an effort to address safety needs and the adverse impact of congestion in an area of heavy pedestrian traffic, funds are requested for a joint project to improve access to the University of Arkansas campus from Interstate 540 along Razorback Road and Maple Street on Highway 112.

Project Name: Hwy. 167: Louisiana State Line to Sheridan
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: South and Central Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to complete the widening of Highway 167 to a four-lane arterial between the Louisiana State line and the City of Sheridan. This segment is part of an ultimate 4-lane arterial connection between the Louisiana State line and Interstate 530.

Project Name: Highway 226: Highway 67 to Highway 49
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Craighead County, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to widen Highway 226 to a four-lane, divided facility on an existing location between two interstate-type facilities, the new location of Highway 67 and Highway 63 (Future Interstate 555) in Jonesboro. Widening Highway 226 will improve commodity flow with shorter travel times, which will help the region's economy by reducing the cost of doing business.

Project Name: Highway 412: Springdale Bypass
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Springdale, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request is for the development and construction of a project to relocate a segment of Highway 412 by constructing a four-lane freeway type facility that will provide a northern bypass of the City of Springdale. Highway 412 is part of the east-west corridor from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Nashville, Tennessee, which was designated by Congress as High Priority Corridor 8 in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The recipient will be the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

Project Name: Interchange at State Hwy. 89 and I-40 in Lonoke
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Lonoke, Arkansas
Request: \$4,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project includes constructing a new on and off ramp to and from I-40 and Highway 89. Highway 89 has an accident rate above the average for rural highways. The proposed project will re-route traffic volumes from these areas lessening the increased accident rates to these areas.

Project Name: Interstate 40: New Conway South Interchange
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Conway, Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

The Federal Highway Administration has approved a Draft Environmental Impact Statement identifying the location of the Conway Western Arterial Loop to meet current and future traffic needs. An essential element of this proposed new location route is to provide additional arterial route capacity in western Conway. This new location route will connect at the north and south with Interstate 40 which is a major east-west route.

Project Name: I-40 Interchange in Maumelle
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Maumelle, Arkansas
Request: \$7,000,000

Project Purpose:

Pulaski County and the City of Maumelle are working together to extend Counts Massie and make needed improvements. To complete the project, funding is needed to build a complete interchange at the site of an old rest stop on I-40. Engineering has already been done on Counts Massie to the site of the proposed interchange. This project would provide a needed third entrance to the city.

Project Name: I-530 Connector
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Southeast Arkansas
Request: \$10,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project is for the construction of a new location, four-lane, controlled-access highway extending from Interstate 530 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Highway 278 near the planned I-69 Corridor.

Project Name: I-555 Access Road, Poinsett County
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Poinsett County, Arkansas
Request: \$13,800,000

Project Purpose:

U.S. 63, future Interstate 555, provides the only transportation artery across the St. Francis River flood way. Once this roadway reaches interstate standards, cotton module trucks will be denied access under current law. Without addressing this issue, these vehicles would be forced to travel alternate routes over significantly longer distances on narrow state highways, greatly increasing the hazards to civilian traffic. This request will provide funding to complete construction.

Project Name: Interstate 69/Great River Bridge: Highway 65-MS Highway 1
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: South Arkansas
Request: \$20,000,000

Project Purpose:

This is a joint project with Mississippi for the construction of the substructure of the main Mississippi River Bridge. This bridge is a portion of a new location, four-lane, controlled-access highway.

Project Name: Jenny Lind Road Project
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project is for capacity improvements to a 1 mile stretch of Jenny Lind Road between Dallas Street and Phoenix Avenue. The roadway is mostly a 2-lane street connecting many neighborhoods to commercial areas and to a large junior high school. Numerous turning movements create congestion and delays. The project will complement additional Jenny Lind Road improvements currently under construction to the north.

Project Name: Marion Overpass and Approaches
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Marion, Arkansas
Request: \$6,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to construct rail grade separation in Marion, Arkansas. There is presently no grade separation crossing over the BNSF tracks within 10 miles of Marion and there are approximately 42 trains per day that travel through the city on this line. There are 1,500 homes and numerous businesses that are cut off from emergency vehicle access should a train block both crossings.

Project Name: Pine Street and Cedar Street Relocation
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$3,800,000

Project Purpose:

This change in the traffic patterns not only provides for more useable land space for growth and expansion, but the safety improvements for pedestrian and automobile traffic are also significant. In addition to UAMS employee traffic, other major health care entity traffic, local business traffic, and traffic to a nearby grade school, there are numerous ambulances entering and departing.

Project Name: Replacement of Helena Bridge Feasibility Study
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Helena, Arkansas
Request: \$800,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support a feasibility study of replacing the existing 45 year-old, two lane bridge over the Mississippi River near Helena-West Helena, Arkansas with a four-lane structure.

Project Name: Stuttgart Water Line Relocation
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Stuttgart, Arkansas
Request: \$364,255

Project Purpose:

This project will support the necessary relocation of water lines to begin construction of Hwy. 165 overpass.

Federal Railroad Administration

Project Name: Rail Line Construction at Yellow Bend Port, Arkansas
Recipient: Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority
Project Location: McGehee, Arkansas
Request: \$2,800,000

Project Purpose:

The lack of rail service at the Yellow Bend Port is a major impediment to its operation and growth. A location/environmental assessment study to provide a rail line at Yellow Bend Port is nearing completion. These funds will be used to conduct planning and design work and for right-of-way acquisition.

Project Name: Rehabilitation of the Dardanelle and Russellville Railroad
Recipient: Dardanelle and Russellville Railroad
Project Location: Russellville, Arkansas
Request: \$4,776,810

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to rehabilitate and repair the Dardanelle and Russellville Railroad. Some rail is worn and light for the 286,000 pound cars used today. In addition to replacing rail, all city street crossings will be rebuilt with new steel crossties and resurfaced with new asphalt to smoothly transition motor vehicle traffic over the railroad. A new concrete crossing will be installed at Arkansas State Highways 7 and 7T. The project also includes installation of rock ballast to support the rail and ties along the entire length of the railroad, which will promote better drainage and allow the track to be stabilized.

Federal Transit Administration

Project Name: Acquisition of Bus Stop Shelters
Recipient: Fort Smith Transit Authority
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$200,000

Project Purpose:

Fort Smith Transit ridership increased by 20 percent in 2008. Regular and sustained citizen feedback indicates that even more residents would consider public transit if more bus stops had sheltered benches to protect them from the elements as they wait for the next vehicle.

Project Name: Central Arkansas Transit Authority Facility Expansion
Recipient: Central Arkansas Transit Authority
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

The expansion of the administrative building in North Little Rock will allow CATA to provide expanded training to its bus and rail operators resulting in greater safety to pedestrians and transit riders. The space will also enable CATA to provide greater services to customers by providing adequate space for paratransit dispatch workers as well as privacy for passengers.

Project Name: Central Arkansas Transit Authority GPS Acquisition
Recipient: Central Arkansas Transit Authority
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$600,000

Project Purpose:

This project will improve access and knowledge among transit ridership and the general public about routing, timeliness, and availability of local transit.

Project Name: Comprehensive Public Transit Study
Recipient: Central Arkansas Transit Authority
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose:

This plan will analyze existing transit modes and provide a comprehensive plan to determine what service should be provided, who can provide it, where the gaps are and what is needed to fill those gaps, and how the system can be connected to anticipated high-speed rail.

Project Name: Fort Smith Trolley Extension
Recipient: City of Fort Smith, Arkansas
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$300,000

Project Purpose:

As the region positions itself to take advantage of the Arkansas River and the opening of the U.S. Marshals Museum, the rail trolley will be an essential component in moving tourists from one downtown attraction to another and to area lodging properties. These funds will be used to install tracks along a route connecting hotel properties with downtown and riverfront attractions.

Project Name: Planer Hill Park and Ride Transfer Station
Recipient: City of Eureka Springs Transit System
Project Location: Eureka Springs, Arkansas
Request: \$460,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to build a park and ride facility for the Eureka Springs Transit System. The facility will house a customer service and visitor information area staffed by transit department personnel and a covered transit waiting area. This station will allow riders to transfer from one route to another as well as to park and ride for the first time.

Project Name: State of Arkansas - Bus and Bus Facilities for Urban, Rural, and Elderly and Disabled Agencies
Recipient: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$20,752,000

Project Purpose:

This funding is requested for buses and bus facilities for Arkansas's small urban and rural transit systems, and to supplement the procurement of ADA vans and small buses for Arkansas's 250 community service organizations serving the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Project Name: North-South Corridor Analysis
Recipient: Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission
Project Location: Springdale, Arkansas
Request: \$400,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to analyze the north-south travel corridor in Northwest Arkansas. The analysis will include the feasibility of light rail and bus transit.

Housing and Urban Development

Project Name: Arkansas Foodbank Network Facility
Recipient: Arkansas Foodbank Network, Inc.
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$1,500,000

Project Purpose:

The new 77,800 square foot facility will enable the foodbank to double total distribution to hungry Arkansans, significantly increasing the quantity of food and grocery product both within the primary service area of 33 counties, as well as to the other five foodbanks around the state. The new facility will have the right type of space, including greater cooler and freezer capacity to allow the foodbank to accept more fresh and nutritious products.

Project Name: ASUN Driver Skills Training Range
Recipient: Arkansas State University-Newport
Project Location: Newport, Arkansas
Request: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose:

Arkansas State University-Newport, through its Arkansas Commercial Driver Training Institute, is a national leader in entry-level and enhanced commercial driver training for the over-the-road sector of the transportation industry. Funds will be used to enhance the ASUN Driver Skills Training Range.

Project Name: Charitable Food Distribution Facility
Recipient: Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas
Project Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas
Request: \$500,000

Project Purpose:

The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas works to eliminate hunger by distributing food to people in need through a network of non-profit agencies and programs. As a member of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas is building a 59,000 square foot distribution facility in the northeast part of the state to serve as one of the major charitable food distribution centers in Arkansas. This request will support the acquisition of equipment for the new distribution warehouse.

Project Name: Little Rock Innovation Center
Recipient: University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding is being requested by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to renovate and equip existing commercial space in the University District and provide initial operational funding for a business incubator targeted toward high-tech entrepreneurship.

Project Name: River and Rail Project
Recipient: City of Ozark, Arkansas
Project Location: Ozark, Arkansas
Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

The 2000 U.S. Census Bureau estimated the per capita income in Ozark was about 42 percent below the national average and 26 percent below the state average, with 22 percent of the citizens of Ozark living below the national poverty line. However, the Arkansas River is only one block from the downtown square allowing walking access to the river and the Ozark Lake which covers 10,600 acres of water area and extends 36 miles upstream. These funds will be used to complement planned development by providing park infrastructure.

Project Name: Transportation Technology Center
Recipient: Pulaski Technical College
Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose:

In an effort to meet the needs of local transportation business and industry, Pulaski Technical College is building a Transportation Technology Center. Funds will be used to purchase technology and equipment.

Project Name: U.S. Marshals Museum
Recipient: U.S. Marshals Museum, Inc.
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
Request: \$2,140,000

Project Purpose:

The City of Fort Smith is working to redevelop its downtown and to fully develop the Arkansas Riverfront. The central focal point of economic revitalization in the area is the national U.S. Marshals Museum. This request will fund the expected architectural and engineering design.

Project Name: Vada Sheid Community Development Center

Recipient: Arkansas State University-Mountain Home

Project Location: Mountain Home, Arkansas

Request: \$7,000,000

Project Purpose:

This request will support the construction of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center.