



Intermodal Transportation & Commerce Task Force

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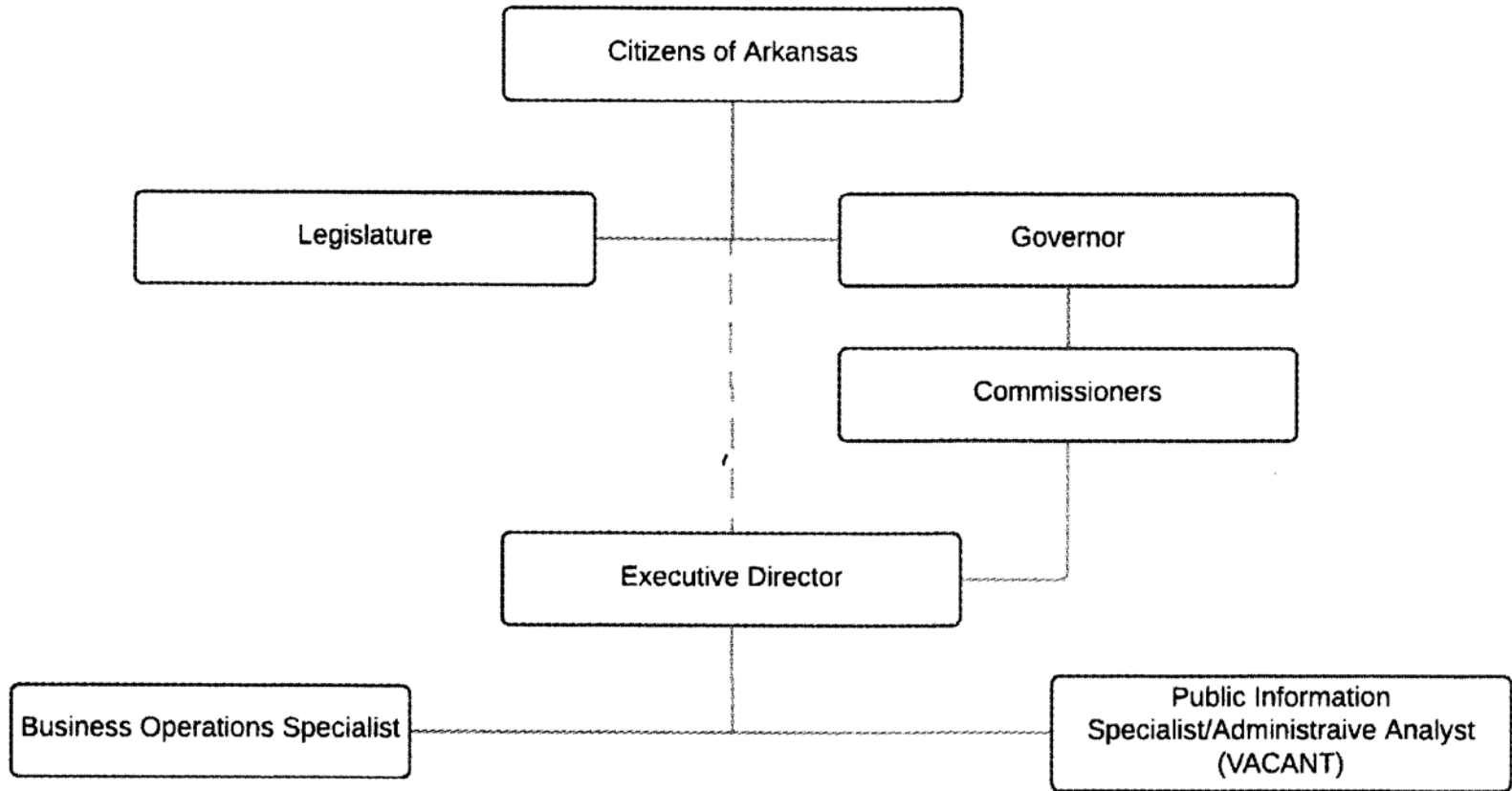
Arkansas Waterways Commission Overview

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The Arkansas Waterways Commission is responsible for developing, promoting and protecting waterborne transportation in Arkansas.

Organizational Chart



ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSIONERS



Gay Lacy
White River
2017



Paul Latture
Arkansas
River 2018



Harvey Joe Sanner
At Large
2019



Judge Michael Loftin
Ouachita River
2020



Joe Harris
Mississippi River
2021



William Varner
Red River
2022



Matthew King
At Large (Economist)
2023

Federal Agencies Partners



**US Army Corps
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State Agency Partners

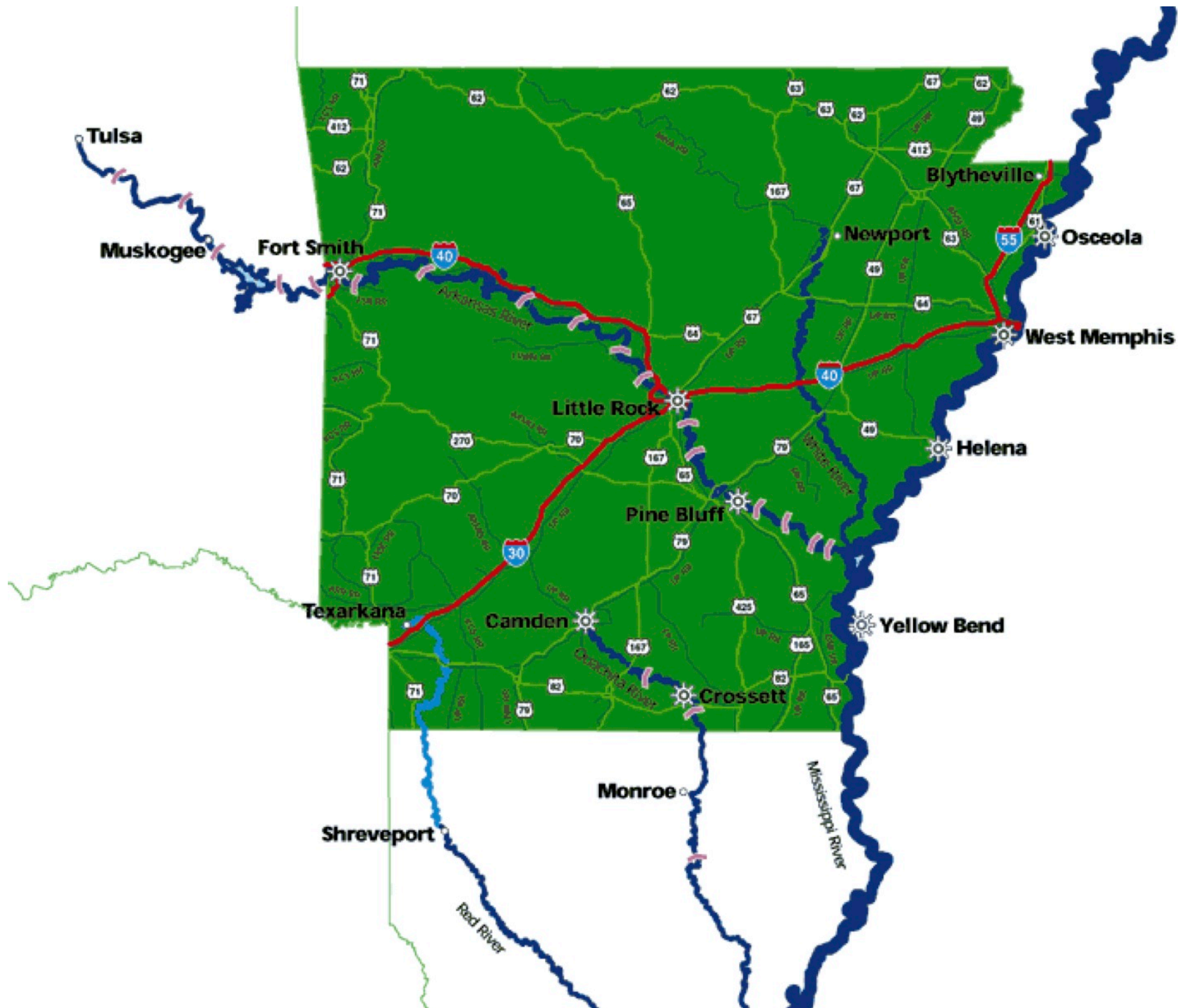


**ARKANSAS HISTORIC
PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

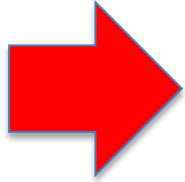


ARKANSAS

Department of Economic Development



Arkansas is 3rd in the nation for the number of navigable river miles



Rank	States	Amount ▼	
# 1	Alaska:	5,497	
# 2	Louisiana:	2,823	
# 3	Arkansas:	1,860	
# 4	Kentucky:	1,591	
# 5	Florida:	1,540	
# 6	Alabama:	1,270	
# 7	North Carolina:	1,152	
# 8	Illinois:	1,095	
# 9	Washington:	1,057	
# 10	Missouri:	1,033	
# 11	Tennessee:	946	
# 12	Mississippi:	873	
# 13	Texas:	834	
# 14	Georgia:	721	
# 15	West Virginia:	682	
# 16	Oregon:	681	
# 17	Virginia:	674	
# 18	Maryland:	532	
# 19	Iowa:	492	
# 20	South Carolina:	482	

Source: USDOT
Bureau of
Transportation
Statistics, 2011



State of the Agency

- Changes
- Current focus



Legislative Successes

- 2013 – Arkansas Port, Intermodal, Waterways Improvement Grant



Arkansas Port, Waterways, Improvement Grant Awards 2015

- Crossett Port Authority, \$50,000, to hard surface existing gravel road circling the port warehouse
- Fort Smith Port Authority, \$125,644.42, to construct a bulk storage building up to 30,000 square feet
- Helena-West Helena/Phillips County Port Authority, \$50,000, to replace crossties from existing Helena Harbor rail track
- Little Rock Port Authority, \$100,000, to install enhanced perimeter fencing and CCTV surveillance
- Osceola Port Authority, \$125,000, to clean, patch, and overlay entrance road and all paved areas within the port

\$450,644.42

Legislative Successes

- 2015 – Three Rivers Study Funding
\$1,500,000





Legislative Successes

- 2015 – Red River Navigation Study Funding



Other Initiatives

- Arkansas River M-40 Designation



America's Marine Highway Corridors

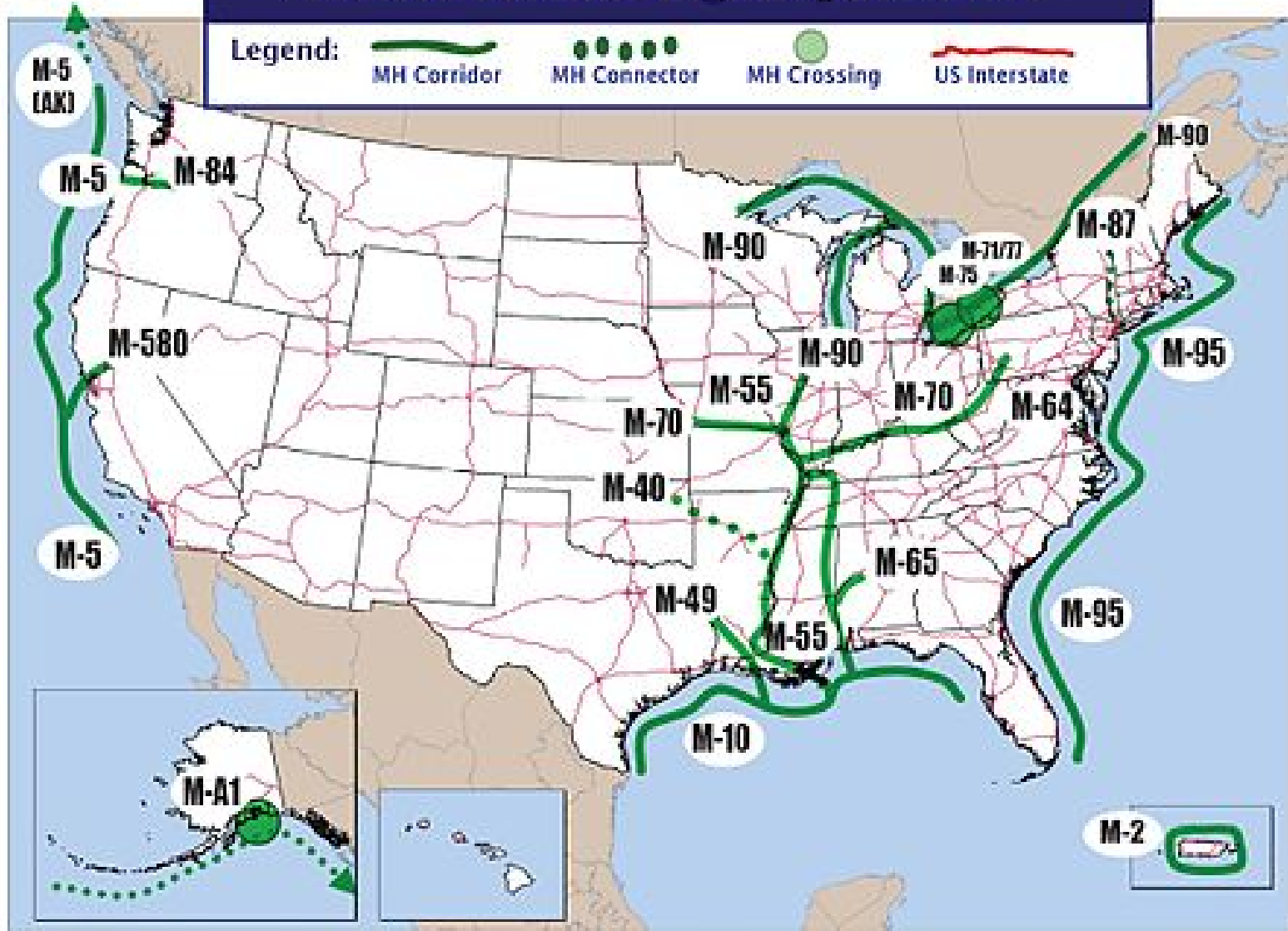
Legend:

 MH Corridor

 MH Connector

 MH Crossing

 US Interstate



Disclaimer: This map is not a navigation tool. This is a representation to the approximate locations.

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Other Initiatives

- Marketing Agreements
LRPA & SW Arkansas Intermodal



Other Initiatives

- Short-line rail



Other Initiatives



Arkansas Water Plan

Challenges



Future Initiatives

- Waterways Tax Credits
- Intermodal Kick Start Program
- State Infrastructure Bank

Questions?



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