



I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector

851 applications - 91 awarded - 11 received \$25 million - \$11 billion in requests

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PROJECT NAME: I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector

APPLICANT/SPONSOR: Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

BUILD GRANT AWARD: \$25,000,000

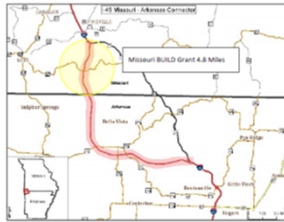
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$134,516,665

PROJECT LOCATION: Benton County, Arkansas & McDonald County, Missouri

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project will complete an approximately 4.8-mile, four-lane interstate facility in southwest Missouri that will bypass US-71 and connect to Interstate 49 in Arkansas.



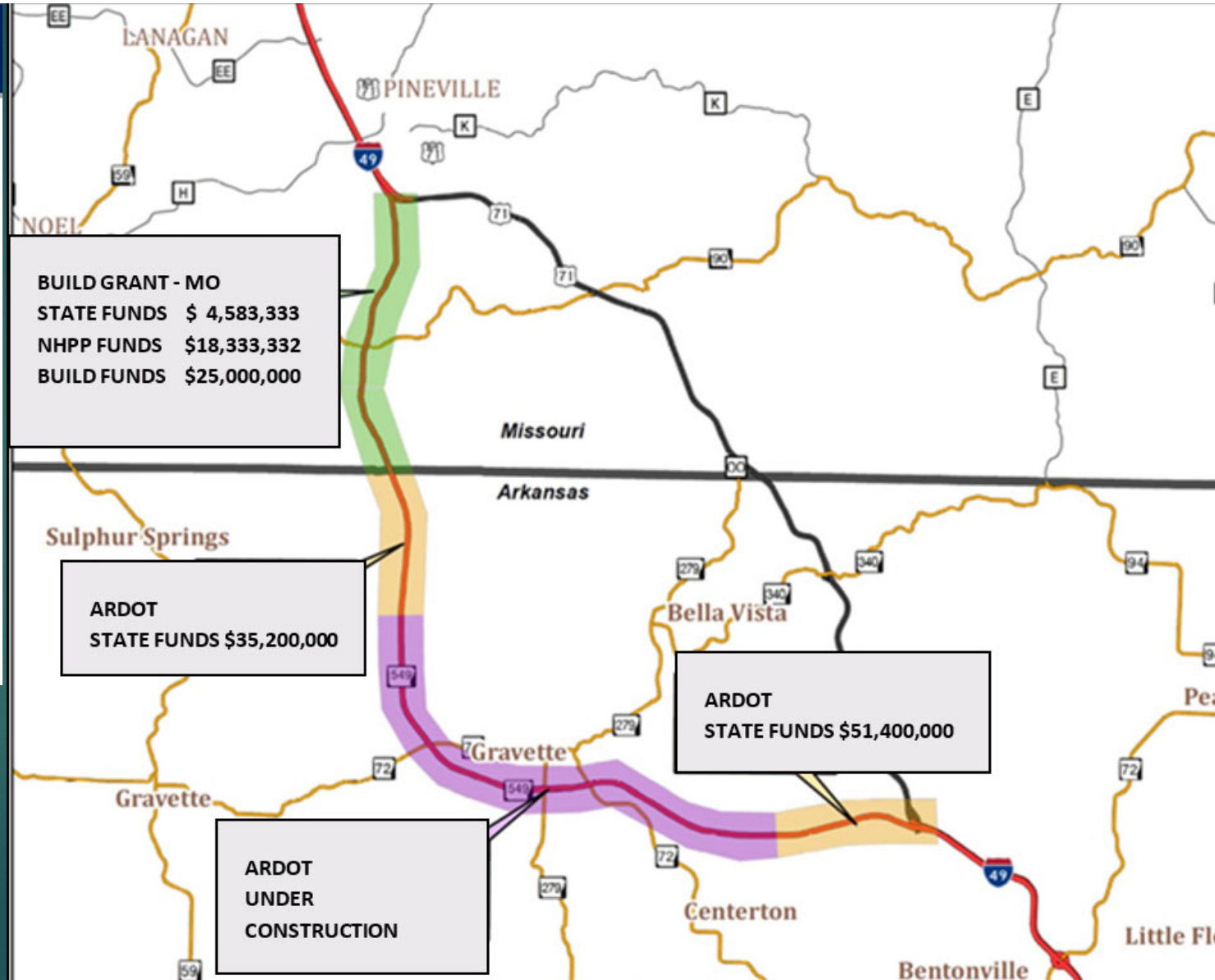
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AND BENEFITS:

Construction of the Connector will allow for a separation of local road users from long-distance travelers, which will reduce congestion and decrease the likelihood of crashes. The project will decrease travel times and improve the reliability of US-71. The project will provide economic benefits by creating a direct link between the freight markets of Arkansas and Missouri and improving access for employees to reach places of work.

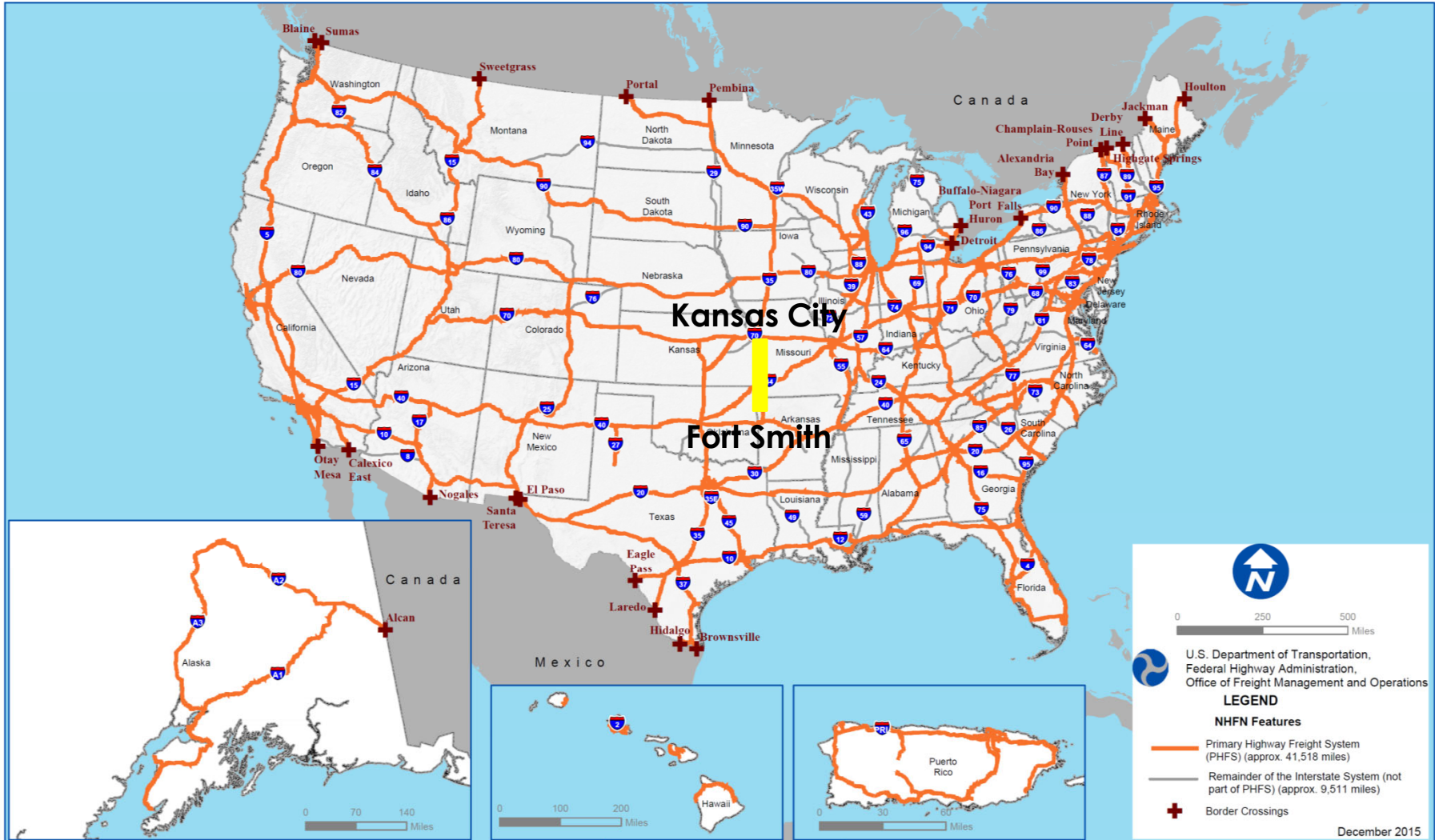


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Federal Highway Administration,
Office of Freight Management and Operations

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NHFN Features

- Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS) (approx. 41,518 miles)
- Remainder of the Interstate System (not part of PHFS) (approx. 9,511 miles)
- + Border Crossings

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TOP STORY

Businesses, cities laud grant approval for I-49 project

By Jordan Larimore jlarimore@joplinglobe.com Dec 10, 2018 3 min to read



McDonald County officials (from left) state Rep. Bill Lant, who is presiding commissioner-elect; John Bunch, associate McDonald County commissioner; Gregg Sweeten, Pineville mayor; and David Holloway, associate McDonald County commissioner, walk along the beginning of the incomplete bypass on the Missouri side on Monday. Government and business officials alike are applauding the grant that will be used to help finish the bypass along Interstate 49 in Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas.

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"Safety is improved, no question about that, because now you're going to have interstate all the way from Kansas City to Fort Smith, and you will not be going through the congestion that is in the Bella Vista area," Farber said. "Secondly, from an economic development standpoint, it connects Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas very easily and improves the transportation so the economic development that comes out of that is going to mean dollars in working people's pockets."

Neosho resident Rudy Farber, a former chairman of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission



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February 8, 2019
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