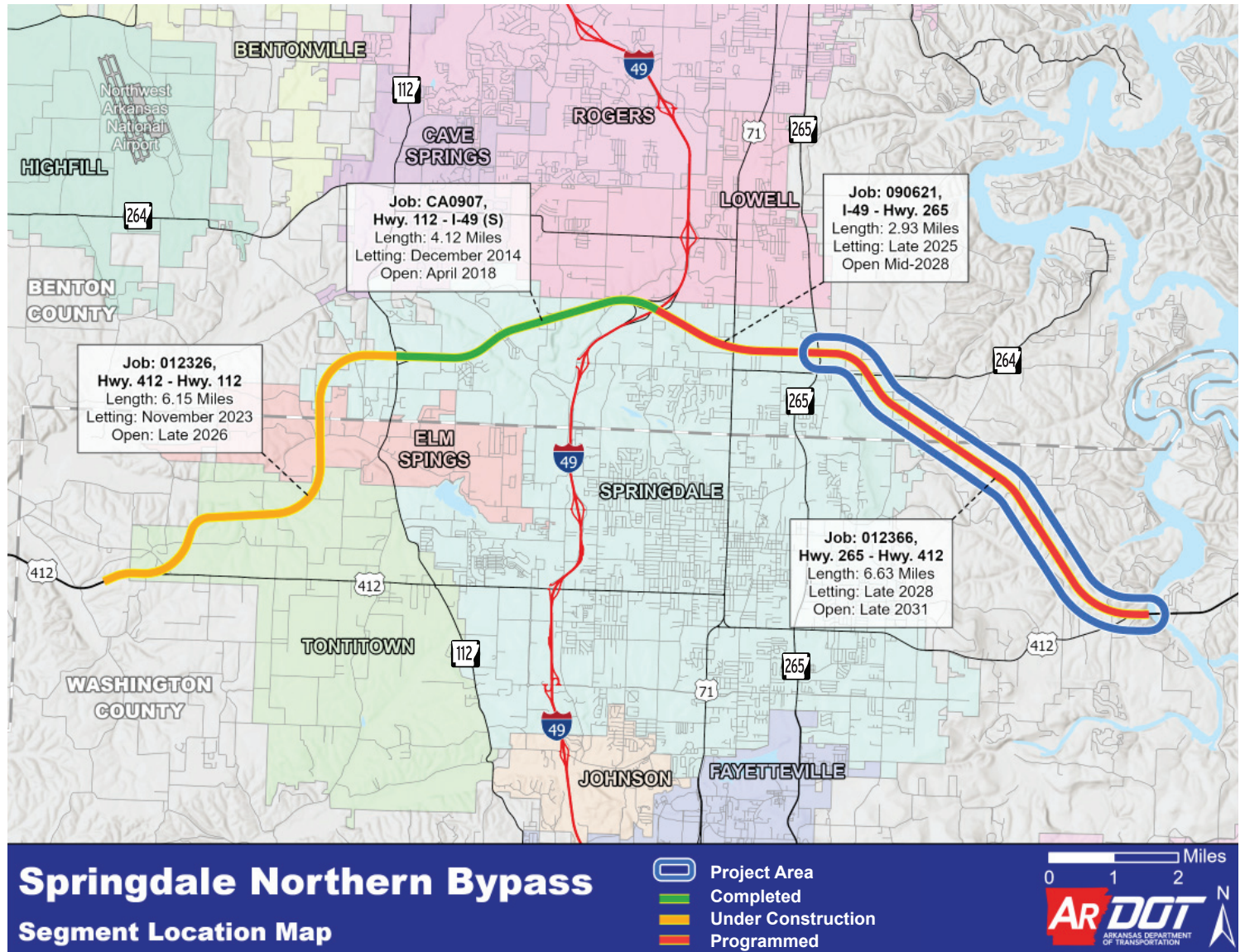


### Discretionary Funding Request

Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is seeking discretionary grant program funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to move the **Springdale Northern Bypass – Final Phase** Project from Preliminary Design into Final Design and beyond to construction in 2028.



### Project Description & Benefits

The **Springdale Northern Bypass – Final Phase** (Project) is a top priority for ARDOT and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region) and represents a unique opportunity to enhance the performance of the National Highway System and Congressionally designated High Priority Corridor 8.

The Project is the fourth and final phase of the approximately 20-mile Springdale Northern Bypass, the purpose of which is to improve regional safety, mobility, and freight connectivity. This final phase consists of approximately 6.6-miles of new transportation infrastructure to be constructed in a rural, Historically Disadvantaged Community (HDC) and Area of Persistent Poverty (APP).

In addition to improving quality of life for residents, the Project will support the economic potential of the fastest-growing region in Arkansas by enhancing freight mobility and safety for industry leaders in retail, food products, shipping, logistics, and more.