All Public Roads Linear Referencing System (LRS)
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What do we have?

On-System LRS (State Highway System) – 16,400+ Miles

Off-System LRS (All Other Routes Eligible for Federal-Aid) – 20,000 + Miles

The current LRSs are used daily to:

• Generate Routes for Permits
• Map data and events collected
• QC/QA for asset and event location verification
• Locate data
• Produce maps and figures
Why an All Public Roads LRS?

August 7, 2012, Memorandum

• Joint memo from FHWA Offices
  • Office of Highway Policy Information
  • Office of Planning

• Beginning June 15, 2014 States must:
  • Include ALL PUBLIC ROADS in LRS networks
  • Use DUAL CARRIAGEWAY representation for divided routes

Initial Reaction 😲
Why an All Public Roads LRS?

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NATION (TFTN)

Vision: TFTN dataset includes consistent, current, high quality road centerline data for the entire country.

• Goal is to stop using several networks for specific projects
  o Census or TIGER data
  o FWHA
  o Vendors (Navteq or Tele Atlas)
  o State 911 Centerlines

• Have one nationwide LRS for multi-purpose use
  o Routing
  o Data reporting/analysis
  o Addressing
  o Freight Analysis Framework
Why an All Public Roads LRS?

- **Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)**
  - How condition, performance and data is reported annually

- **Certified Public Road Mileage (23 CFE 460)**
  - It’s not just a number anymore
  - All public Roads LRS would be used to visually validate public road mileage

- **Safety data on all public roads (23 USC 148)**
  - MAP-21 requires the development of an all public roads LRS which safety attributes can be attached

- **National Bridge Inventory on all public bridges**
  - Bridge locations must be tied to the LRS

- **Transportation for the Nation (TFTN)**
What do we need?
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Mileage Needed

Arkansas
Total LRQ Miles: 36220.63
Est. Miles Needed: 73214.08
Percent of Miles Needed: 66.9%
How do we get there from here?

Planning and Research Division developed a LRS Team to raise awareness of the new requirement, discuss what each representative would need from an all public roads LRS and to develop a plan for including all public roads in the current LRS.

Representatives from the following are on the Team:
- FHWA (Advisory role)
- Arkansas Geographic Information Office
- Pulaski County Assessor’s Office
- State Aid Division
- Bridge Division
- Heavy Bridge Maintenance
- Maintenance Division
- Computer Services Division
- Programs and Contracts Division
- Planning and Research Division
Arkansas is Lucky!

The Arkansas Geographic Information Office coordinated and helps to maintain the Arkansas Centerline File (ACF)

• The ACF is a statewide road centerline file used for 911 addressing and locating, general information such as street names and map generation. The ACF was started in 2002 and was substantially completed in 2010.

• The ACF is continuously updated by local county offices and through coordination by the AGIO.

• Incorporating the ACF into the All Public Roads LRS will be a crucial step to meet the FHWA requirement.
Challenges and Obstacles

# 1 – Combining the two AHTD LRS datasets
(On-System and Off-System)

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# 2 – Adding Remaining All Public Roads
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 3 – Dual Carriageway – Log and Anti-Log
Geometry and Data on Divided Routes

I-30 – Clark County

Current LRS Centerline
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 3 – Dual Carriageway (Roundabouts) – Log and Anti-Log Geometry and Data on Divided Routes

65B – Faulkner County
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 3 – Dual Carriageway (City Streets/County Roads)
Log and Anti-Log Geometry and Data on Divided Routes

Bentley Blvd. – Pulaski County
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 4 – Distance Measurement Instrument (DMI) vs Graphic Length

Hwy. 256
Section 3
Lonoke County
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 4 – DMI vs Graphic Length

Webb Rd.
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 4 – DMI vs Graphic Length

Highline Rd.
How do we get there from here?

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# 5 – Include Paved and Unpaved Attributes

The plan is to communicate with local governments and provide a system in which they will be able to attribute the line work with the paved/unpaved attribute.

The hope is to partner with AGIO to help with that communication!
How do we get there from here?

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# 6 – The Data Behind the Lines

DON’T FORGET THE DATA!

The Road Inventory Database will have to keep up with all the changes and additions for proper HPMS submittal.

The LRS will included addressing attributes!

This process will prove to be the most complex of all the tasks in the development of an All Public Roads LRS
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 7 – Staff Levels

Mapping

**Question 2:** What is the significance of the revisions included in section 1517 and will FHWA issue updated guidance?

**Answer 2:** The addition of State “government” in 23 U.S.C. 306(h) indicates that other State agencies outside of the State’s transportation agency may provide surveying and mapping services. Engineering and related services performed by other State agencies under the supervision of the STA are eligible for Federal participation, as specified in 23 CFR 1.11. State government staff and equipment shall be utilized in accordance with State law, regulation, policies, and procedures.

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/qan
das/qapreconstruction.cfm
How do we get there from here?

Challenges and Obstacles

# 8 – The Tools

Software
(Intergraph, ESRI, SQL Server)

Aerial Photography – Availability/Resolution

Platform for other source attribution

Waiting on specific guidelines from FHWA
• 30% of the States have an All Public Roads LRS in place.
  • Ohio DOT and Mississippi DOT have shared their data and methodology with us so we can see what they did to implement their All Public Roads LRS.

• All surrounding states will be contacted to develop a plan for “edge matching” at State borders with LRS line work.

• AHTD and AGIO will work closely together to ensure that the all public roads LRS will reduce duplication of effort and promote partnerships with State and local governments in Arkansas.

• Arkansas has been asked to be a member of the FHWA All Public Road Geospatial Representation Study.
More Info:

Management and Communications
- Monthly meetings and progress reports
- Every third monthly meeting (90 days) will also include compliance reporting

Task 1: Work Plan and Compliance
- Detailed Workplan and Schedule (8/31/13)
- Compliance Report of FF'TN Strategic Plan
- Risk Assessment
- Project Website
- Kick-Off Meeting (8/14/13)
- Begin Research & Outreach

Task 2: Local Road Collection
- Interview FHWA approved entities
- Develop Approach for States for Public Roads LRS
- Systematic Approach Report Methodology (10/18/13)

Task 3: LRS Component and Best Practices
- Literature Review
- Document Best Practices from Task 2 & private industry
- Current Best Practices Assessment Report (11/18/13)

Task 4: Examine LRS Temporal Maintenance
- Identify mechanisms for ongoing data maintenance
- Develop recommendations informed by tasks 2 and 3
- Maintenance Plan Report Document (1/18/14)

Task 5: LRS System Components Reference
- Literature review of LRS business from Task 2
- Develop technical requirements for LRS systems
- Technical Instructions Manual (3/18/14)

- Final PowerPoint presentation
  - Draft (4/18/14)
  - Final (6/18/14)
What could we do with an All Public Roads LRS?
Questions?