I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector

851 applications - 91 awarded - 11 received $25 million - $11 billion in requests
**BUILD Grants**

**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

**Location:** Benton County, Arkansas & McDonald County, Missouri

**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.

**BUILD Grant - MO**
- **State Funds:** $4,583,333
- **NHPP Funds:** $18,333,332
- **BUILD Funds:** $25,000,000

**ARDOT - State Funds**
- $35,200,000
- $51,400,000

**ARDOT Under Construction**
"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.
Thank you MoDOT!

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