

# Marine Highway M-40

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**Supporters:** Tulsa Port of Catoosa, Muskogee City-County Port Authority, The Alliance - Economic Development of Jefferson County, Arkansas, including Pine Bluff Jefferson County Port Authority, and Arkansas River Regional Intermodal Facilities Authority, Port of Fort Smith, Little Rock Port Authority, Indian Nations Council of Governments, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, Tri-Lakes Metropolitan Planning Organization, Grand Gateway Economic Development Association and the Kiamichi Economic Development Association.

**Landside Route Served:** Interstate-40

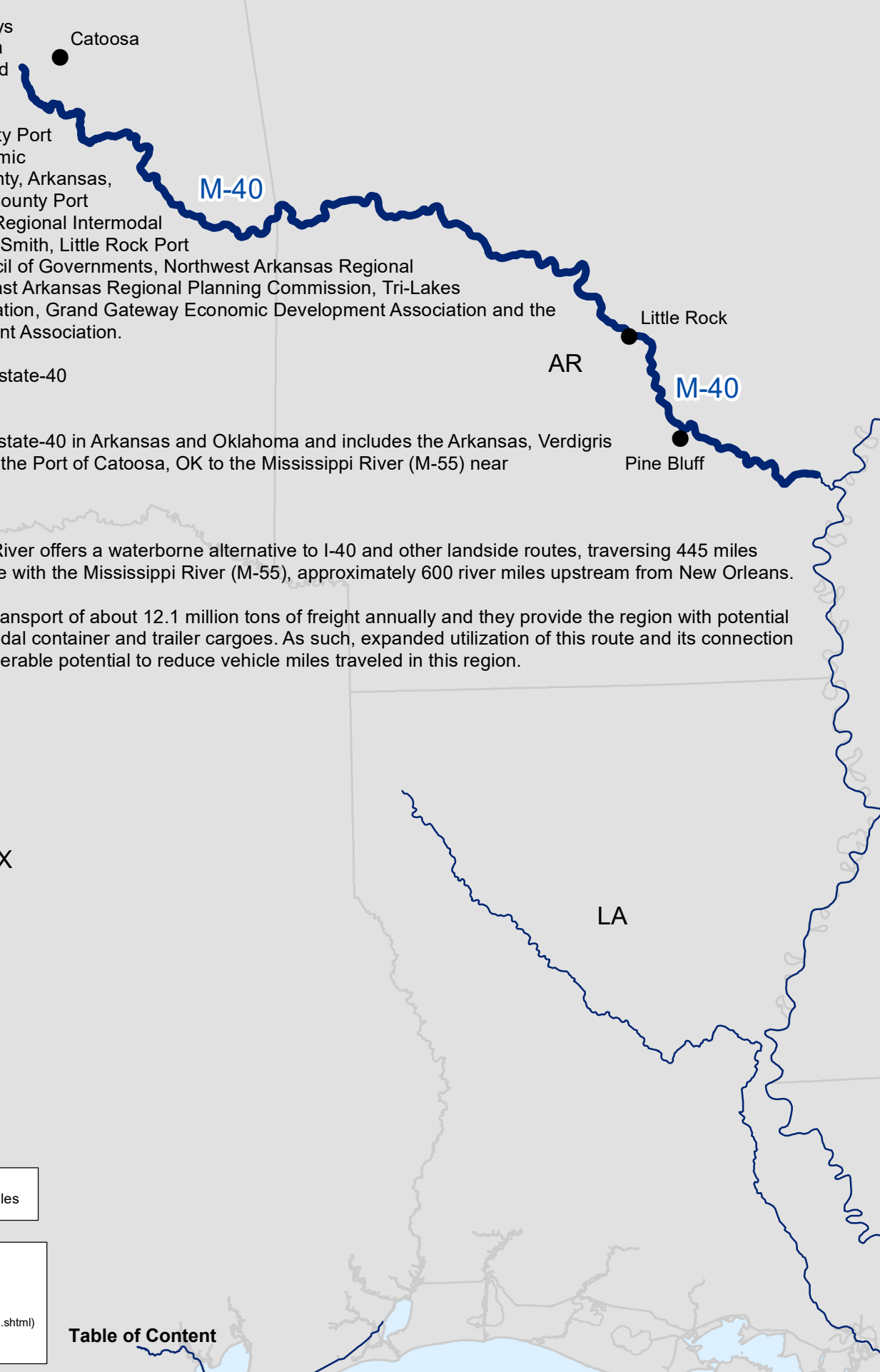
**Route Description:**

The M-40 flows alongside Interstate-40 in Arkansas and Oklahoma and includes the Arkansas, Verdigris and White Rivers. It flows from the Port of Catoosa, OK to the Mississippi River (M-55) near Napoleon, AR.

**Attributes:**

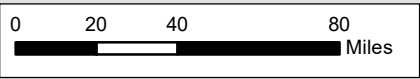
The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River offers a waterborne alternative to I-40 and other landside routes, traversing 445 miles from Tulsa, OK to its confluence with the Mississippi River (M-55), approximately 600 river miles upstream from New Orleans.

Five public ports facilitate the transport of about 12.1 million tons of freight annually and they provide the region with potential capacity to expand into intermodal container and trailer cargoes. As such, expanded utilization of this route and its connection to the M-55 route, offers considerable potential to reduce vehicle miles traveled in this region.



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Data Sources:

1. International Boundaries: IPUMS (<https://international.ipums.org/international/gis.shtml>)
2. Bathymetry data: Michael Baker International
3. Marine Highways: MARAD/DOT

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