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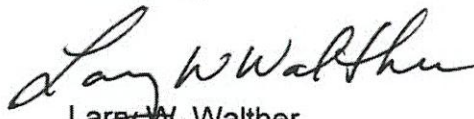
Senator Gary Stubblefield, Co-Chair
Representative Monte Hodges, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Joint Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY19 Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Director

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Attachment(s)



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

December 20, 2018

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
315 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Attached you will find a request from the Arkansas Department of Transportation to transfer funds in the amount of \$7,300,000 from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund. This will provide the department with funding to meet the required state match for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Federal Funds.

Please accept this letter as my recommendation that this transfer request be reviewed and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council, as required by 19-6-832(c).

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson

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cc: Scott Bennett, P.E.
Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation

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SCOTT E. BENNETT, P.E.
DIRECTOR

December 17, 2018

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
Governor of Arkansas
State Capitol, Room 250
500 Woodlane Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

Reference is made to Act 1 of the 90th General Assembly's Third Extraordinary Session, the Arkansas Highway Improvement Plan of 2016 (hereinafter called the Plan).

The Plan established the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund which includes funding that can be utilized by the Arkansas Department of Transportation in State Fiscal Year 2019. By way of this letter, we are requesting the following:

Transfer Source	Amount
Securities Reserve Fund	\$ 7.3 million

This amount is in addition to the \$12.7 million requested for transfer in our letter dated October 24, 2018. This brings our total amount requested for State Fiscal Year 2019 to \$20 million, which is the total amount transferred annual into the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund from the Securities Reserve Fund.

Section 13 of the Plan, Arkansas Code 19-6-832 (c) reads as follows:

In the event revenues to the department are insufficient to fully address the highway construction and maintenance needs of the state, the department may provide a written document to the Governor outlining the reasons that additional funding is needed and requesting that the Governor provide a recommendation to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee for review and approval of the transfer of funds in the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund.

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
December 17, 2018

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The Department is seeking funding from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to provide the required state match and more efficiently utilize our Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Federal funds. Having adequate cash flow from month to month allows us to plan and obligate funds in a more effective manner and prevents the Department from having to delay projects due to a lack of state matching funds.

The Department respectfully requests your recommendation to the appropriate legislative body to transfer these funds from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Fund.

Thank you for your work to meet our State's immediate highway funding needs. I appreciate your, your administration's, and the legislature's efforts to address our funding shortfall.

We look forward to the future as we strive to find a long term funding solution that will enable us to continually improve the transportation system in our great State by maintaining a state of good repair, enhancing safety, increasing mobility and encouraging economic development.

Sincerely,



Scott E. Bennett, P.E.
Director

- c: Highway Commission
- Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer
- Deputy Director and Chief Engineer
- Assistant Chief Engineers
- Assistant Chief – Administration
- Fiscal Services
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