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DIRECTOR

October 16, 2024

The Honorable Terry Rice, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
1 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Rice and Representative Wardlaw:

Act 299 of 2019 requires that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) present to the State Highway Commission (Commission) for its approval all draft legislation that may be presented for filing during the regular session by ARDOT. Commission approval must occur by December 1 of the year prior to the opening of the session, and the Director must present the ARDOT legislative package to the Legislative Council at its December meeting.

I am writing to advise that the Commission approved ARDOT's proposed draft legislation at a public meeting on October 2. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached, as well as a copy of ARDOT's legislative package.

The Department will be available to report on this legislative package to the Legislative Council at its December meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorie H. Tudor".  
Lorie H. Tudor, P.E.  
Director

Enclosures

c: Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
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Chief Engineer – Operations  
Chief – Administration  
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## Arkansas Department of Transportation **Proposed Legislative Package** **2025 Arkansas General Session**

### **Increased Fines for a Moving Traffic Violation in Mobile Maintenance Operations**

- Currently, additional fines for a moving traffic violation in a highway work zone require signs to be in place warning the public that fines will be doubled. This bill will allow fines to be doubled when a moving traffic violation occurs in a mobile maintenance operation without the required signs noted above. An example of a mobile maintenance operation would be when Department maintenance personnel are working in or adjacent to the roadway.

### **Ensure Continued Use of Green Lights**

- Previously, the use of green lights was authorized on ARDOT vehicles, as well as on the vehicles of the contracting industry working with ARDOT, by the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM). ADEM's authorization was based on a successful pilot program for snow and ice removal equipment. This bill will codify the use of green lights on ARDOT vehicles, as well as on the vehicles of the contracting industry working with ARDOT.

### **Inclusion of Safe Operation of a Motor Vehicle in a Work Zone in the Arkansas Driver License Study Guide**

- This bill will require information identifying the safe operation of a motor vehicle in a work zone to be included in the Arkansas Driver License Study Guide.

### **Deregulate the movement of School and Office Trailers**

- Currently, anyone moving a mobile office or a mobile classroom is mandated to meet the requirements of a mobile home transporter, which means they must have proof of insurance on file with the Department and have intrastate authority from our Legal Department. This creates regulatory burdens that do not provide benefit. This bill will remove these regulatory burdens when a mobile office or a mobile classroom is transported.

### **Remove the Construction Manager-General Contractor (CM-GC) Program Pilot Requirements**

- Current Arkansas Law limits the Department to five CM-GC projects which collectively may not exceed \$500 million in total, and no more than \$150 million on any one project. The CM-GC Pilot Program is also set to expire June 30, 2026. This bill will remove the noted limitations, which would allow the Department to utilize the CM-GC project delivery method where it is deemed appropriate.

### **Modernize Statutory Bonding Requirements**

- Currently, the Arkansas statutory language related to bonding requirements has become outdated and does not align with current national construction contract practices. This bill will align Arkansas statutory language with current national construction contract practices.

### **Standardize Market Value Determination for Surplus Property**

- Arkansas law allows two types of surplus property to be sold by the Department, Right of Way and Capital Assets. Right of Way is property that was identified as needed to construct and maintain a construction project. Capital Asset is property that was purchased that is outside of the Right of Way. An example of this is when we purchase a residual or remaining portion of property that was land locked due to our construction project.

Current law requires three appraisers for surplus Right of Way property to be sold and only two appraisers for surplus Capital Asset property. This bill will reduce the number of appraisers required for surplus Right of Way property from three to two. This change will reduce the cost and time required to determine the market value of surplus property.

### **Utility Relocation**

- On some construction projects, the relocation of utilities has caused significant delays in the completion of projects. This bill will provide the Department with the authority to request and receive a reasonable schedule from the utility company. If the utility company fails to meet the schedule, the Department will have the authority to assess civil penalties and suspend future utility permits.



### **Denatured Ethanol**

- A recent court ruling regarding denatured ethanol, which is a motor fuel additive, has brought into question how and when it is taxed. The court case involved denatured ethanol that was stored outside of a terminal and then brought to a terminal where it was mixed with motor fuel. As a result of the court ruling, there is a possibility that denatured ethanol would not be taxed as a motor fuel. This bill clarifies how denatured ethanol is defined and taxed under Arkansas motor fuel tax laws.



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS


October 15, 2024

**ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2024-12**

TO: DIVISION HEADS AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

We are transmitting herewith for your information and records a copy of the Minutes of the Commission Meeting in Jonesboro, AR on October 2, 2024.

After making a careful review of these proceedings, please take appropriate action through designated lines of authority to forward the carrying out of any orders applying to your respective divisions and districts.

  
Lorie H. Tudor, P.E.  
Director

c: Commission

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

October 2, 2024

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Jonesboro, Arkansas, October 2, 2024. Members present were:

Alec Farmer, Chairman  
Philip Taldo, Vice Chairman  
Keith Gibson, Member  
Marie Holder, Member  
David Haak, Member

2024-056

IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 10:00 a.m., October 2, 2024.

2024-057

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on August 5, August 9, August 30, and September 17, 2024, in the amounts of \$253,853.61, \$237,133.00, \$242,560.50, and \$2,218,006.00, respectively, totaling \$2,951,553.11, and supply and service contracts, in accordance with authority previously conveyed, all of which have been documented by official minutes which are of record in the files of the Commission and Equipment and Procurement Division.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the action of the Purchasing Committee be ratified and confirmed in all particulars.

2024-058

WHEREAS, Federal transportation planning regulations require the development of a multi-year, financially constrained statewide transportation improvement program for all areas of the State in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR 450; and



WHEREAS, Arkansas' Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2025-2028 (STIP), has been prepared in accordance with the regulations and is ready for submittal to the appropriate agencies for approval.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to submit the STIP to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for approval and to publish the STIP for distribution after approval by the federal agencies.

2024-059

WHEREAS, the 91st General Assembly of the State of Arkansas enacted Act 705 during the 2017 Regular Session, which established the distribution of highway revenue interest income from the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund to create the Future Transportation Research Fund and the Transportation-Related Research Grant Program (TRRGp); and

WHEREAS, the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Arkansas enacted Act 884 during the 2021 Regular Session, amending the program to add workforce development, which modified the fund and program to the Future Transportation Research and Workforce Development Fund and the Transportation-Related Research and Workforce Development Grant Program (TRRWDGP), respectively; and

WHEREAS, as required by Act 884, the rules for administering this program have been promulgated; and

WHEREAS, applications were solicited and received for this program from May 3, 2024 to July 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation has reviewed the applications submitted and developed funding recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into contracts with the project sponsors for implementation of the projects included in the attached list.

2024-060

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract No. 16XR, Job No. 060395, from Willie Bell Bohlar,

also known as Willie Bohlar, formerly known as Willie Bell Williams, an unmarried person, by Warranty Deed dated January 30, 2014, and filed of record on January 30, 2014, instrument number 2014005794, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Pulaski County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Chris A. Beaver Revocable Trust dated August 1, 2011, of Clinton, Arkansas has requested to purchase Job No. 060395, Tract No. 16XR, which the District Engineer for District 6 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, Tract No. 16XR was acquired as surplus by the Commission and is exempt from reacquisition by the former owner under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322; and

WHEREAS, Chris A. Beaver Revocable Trust offered to purchase the tract for FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00), representing the Fair Market Value as determined as of December 14, 2023 by one qualified appraiser; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 16XR for FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00), which Tract No. 16XR is more particularly described as follows:

Part of Lot 19, Block 2, Twen Cen Addition to the City of Little Rock, being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 1 North, Range 12 West, Pulaski County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point being used as the Northwest Corner of Lot 22, Block 2, Twen Cen Addition, said point also being on the Eastern right of way line of Arkansas State Highway 367 (Arch Street) as established by the plat of Twen Cen Addition recorded in Plat Book 76 Page 474; thence South 02°40'45" West along said right of way line a distance of 150.11 feet to a point on the North line of Lot 19; thence South 86°45'20" East along said North line a distance of 31.64 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 86°45'20" East along said North line a distance of 105.37 feet to a point on the Western right of way line of a platted alley as established by the plat of Twen Cen Addition recorded in Plat Book 76 Page 474; thence South 02°40'45" West along said right of way line a distance of 50.00 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 19; thence North 86°45'20" West along said South line a distance of 93.28 feet to a point on the Eastern right of way line of Arkansas State Highway 367 (Arch

Street) as established by AHTD Job 060395; thence North 10°53'05" West along said right of way line a distance of 51.56 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.12 acres (4,966 sq. ft.) more or less as shown on AHTD plans referenced as Job 060395.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00), from the Chris A. Beaver Revocable Trust dated August 1, 2011, of Clinton, Arkansas, the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying the right, title, interest or equity of the above-described properties to the Chris A. Beaver Revocable Trust dated August 1, 2011; and hereby releasing the same from the State Highway System, that the Right of Way Division is directed and authorized to record a copy of this Minute Order and the Quitclaim Deed in the records of Pulaski County, Arkansas; and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented to reflect the boundaries designated herein. Any Federal-Aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal-Aid funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

2024-061

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract 14R, Job 009999, from Carol Smoot, by Warranty Deed dated April 18, 1996, and filed of record on May 14, 1996, in Deed Book 297, Page 129, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Boone County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract 15R, Job 009999, from Richard Galloway and Louise Galloway, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed dated April 18, 1996, and filed of record on May 14, 1996, in Deed Book 297, Page 133, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Boone County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract 16R, Job 009999, from Robert Albright and Nancy Albright, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed dated April 18, 1996, and filed of record on May 14, 1996, in Deed Book 297, Page 137, in the Circuit Clerk's office for Boone County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Virgil M. Tizen of Ozark, Missouri has requested to purchase Tracts 14R, 15R, and 16R, Job 009999, which the District Engineer for District 9 has determined are not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, Tracts 14R, 15R, and 16R were acquired as surplus by the Commission and are exempt from reacquisition by the former owners under Ark. Code Ann. § 27-67-322; and

WHEREAS, Virgil M. Tizen offered to purchase the tracts for NINETEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$19,692.00), representing the fair market value as determined as of June 20, 2024 by one qualified appraiser; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract 14R for SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$16,200.00), which Tract 14R is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 21 North, Range 21 West, Boone County, Arkansas, described as follows:

Starting at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 86° 44' 23" West for a distance of 399.95 feet; thence North 31° 14' 16" East for a distance of 87.46 feet; thence North 11° 01' 45" East for a distance of 382.55 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 11° 01' 45" East along the proposed Easterly right of way of U. S. Highway 65 for a distance of 177.16 feet; thence North 00° 24' 15" West along said right of way for a distance of 29.01 feet to the center of County Road 19; thence North 15° 01' 22" East for a distance of 2.0 feet along the centerline of said County Road 19; thence North 05° 12' 20" East along the centerline of said County Road 19 for a distance of 26.96 feet; thence South 77° 08' 01" East for a distance of 646.21 feet; thence South 10° 53' 12" East for a distance of 362.80 feet; thence North 74° 22' 28" West for a distance of 547.64 feet; thence North 04° 51' 35" West for a distance of 64.64 feet; thence North 74° 22' 28" West for a distance of 210.04 feet to the point of beginning containing 4.76 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract 15R for FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), which Tract 15R is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 21 North, Range 21 West, Boone County, Arkansas, described as follows:

Starting at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 86° 44' 23" West for a distance of 399.95 feet; thence North 31° 14' 16" East for a distance of 87.46 feet; thence North 11° 01' 45" East for a distance of 189.52 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 11° 01' 45" East along the proposed Easterly right of way of U. S. Highway 65 for a distance of 193.03 feet; thence South 74° 22' 28" East for a distance of 210.04 feet; thence South 04° 51' 35" East for a distance of 64.64 feet; thence South 74° 22' 28" East for a distance of 547.64 feet; thence South 10° 53' 12" East for a distance of 237.23 feet; thence North 69° 05' 50" West for a distance of 874.43 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.51 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract 16R for FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00), which Tract 16R is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 21 North, Range 21 West, Boone County, Arkansas, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 86° 44' 23" West along the South line thereof for a distance of 399.95 feet; thence North 31° 14' 16" East along the proposed Easterly right of way of U. S. Highway 65 for a distance of 87.46 feet; thence North 11° 01' 45" East along the proposed existing right of way of U. S. Highway 65 for a distance of 189.52 feet; thence South 69° 05' 50" East for a distance of 874.43 feet to the South line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 86° 44' 23" West for a distance of 500.00 feet along said South line to the point of beginning, containing 2.67 acres more or less.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$19,692.00) from Virgil M. Tizen of Ozark, Missouri, the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying the right, title, interest or equity of the above-described properties to Virgil M. Tizen; and hereby releasing the same from the State Highway System, that the Right of Way Division is directed and authorized to record a copy of this Minute Order and the Quitclaim Deed in the records of Boone County, Arkansas; and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented to reflect the boundaries designated herein. Any Federal-Aid

funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal-Aid funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

2024-062

WHEREAS, IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, the Mississippi River Bridge on Interstate 55 is owned and maintained jointly by the Department and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT); and

WHEREAS, this crossing serves as a vital link between Arkansas and Tennessee and the nation's economy and defense system from east to west and north to south by serving the country's Interstate 40 and Interstate 55 systems which converge in West Memphis, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 55 bridge was constructed in 1949 and was not designed to withstand earthquakes, but is located within the New Madrid Seismic Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 55 bridge has been deemed as unsuitable for seismic retrofit and needs to be replaced in the near future in order to maintain the resiliency in the system; and

WHEREAS, replacing this crossing will improve traffic operations and enhance the efficient movement of local, regional, and national freight; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Department and TDOT to participate in a joint construction project to implement this Interstate 55 bridge replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Department and TDOT have been jointly awarded Federal aid funding from an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Bridge Investment Program (BIP) discretionary grant for the replacement of the existing Interstate 55 bridge.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into the necessary agreements with TDOT for the design, construction, and future maintenance of replacing the Interstate 55 bridge over the Mississippi River as funds become available.

2024-063



WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have determined that the use of innovative train detection technology is a valid and effective mitigation safety strategy for at grade railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, train detection software and related equipment are eligible for one hundred percent Federal-aid Rail-Highway Crossing Safety funds; and

WHEREAS, TRAINFO, a company based in Canada, uses patented machine-learning algorithms, proprietary sensors, and integration of data from across rail networks to predict rail crossing blockages up to 10 minutes before a train arrives, delivering this information to traffic management systems, message boards, and emergency dispatch software; and

WHEREAS, implementation of TRAINFO technology has demonstrated to be an effective safety mitigation strategy for several urban areas throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro has agreed to a five-year pilot project to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of TRAINFO technology at selected railroad crossings within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to proceed with improvements at these crossings as funds become available subject to the following conditions:

- Maintenance of the equipment shall be performed at no cost to the State.
- All required right-of-way shall be furnished at no cost to the State.

2024-064

WHEREAS, IN VARIOUS COUNTIES, U.S. Highway 67 between Interstate 40 in North Little Rock and U.S. Highway 412 in Walnut Ridge has been constructed to Interstate standards; and

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 as amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 identified U.S. Highway 67 from Interstate 40 in North Little Rock to U.S. Highway 412 in Walnut Ridge as High Priority Corridor 89 on the National Highway System and as Future Interstate 57; and

WHEREAS, the Department has received approvals from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Federal Highway Administration to designate this segment of U.S. Highway 67 as Future Interstate 57; and

WHEREAS, this segment of U.S. Highway 67 is currently dual signed as Future Interstate 57; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration issued a Record of Decision approving the alignment for the Future Interstate 57 corridor between Walnut Ridge and the Missouri State Line; and

WHEREAS, the Department is progressing with project development and construction of Future Interstate 57 between Walnut Ridge and the Missouri State Line as funds become available; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that official Interstate designation along the portions of U.S. Highway 67 that are currently built to Interstate standards is logical and prudent.

NOW THEREFORE, contingent upon the Federal Highway Administration's approval, it is ordered that upon official notification by the Chief Engineer – Preconstruction, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch:

- U.S. Highway 67, Section 10 is hereby redesignated as Interstate 57, Section 1;
- U.S. Highway 67, Section 11 is hereby redesignated as Interstate 57, Section 2;
- U.S. Highway 67, Sections 12 and 13 are hereby redesignated as Interstate 57, Section 3;
- U.S. Highway 67, Sections 14 and 15 are hereby redesignated as Interstate 57, Section 4;
- U.S. Highway 67, Section 16 is hereby redesignated as Interstate 57, Section 5; and
- U.S. Highway 67, Section 17 is hereby redesignated as Interstate 57, Section 6.

2024-065

WHEREAS, Minute Order 2020-062 authorized a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to Interstate 555 between Highway 91 and Nestle Road in the City of Jonesboro; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 555 Corridor Study has been prepared and has identified improvement alternatives within the study area.

NOW THEREFORE, this study is adopted for use as a planning guide for future improvements within the study area.

Chairman Farmer opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance in-person, as well as those who were watching online.

### MOTIONS

MOTION Vice Chairman Philip Taldo moved, Commissioner Marie Holder seconded, and the motion passed to authorize the use of electronic signatures for the October 2, 2024, Minute Orders.

MOTION Commissioner Keith Gibson moved, Commissioner David Haak seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Minutes from the August 7, and September 18, 2024, Commission Meetings.

MOTION Vice Chairman Philip Taldo moved, Commissioner Marie Holder seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Proposed 2025 Legislative package and to submit to the Arkansas Legislative Council at its December meeting.

### OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Patrick Patton, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided the August 2024 State Highway Revenue update. For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 Budgeted vs. Actual Operating Expenses for ARDOT, overall expenses (maintenance, operations, administrative, and construction) were below budget by -36.2% (-\$12.2 million). Mr. Patton noted that State Highway Revenues to the Department from traditional sources for the year were up a total of 0.2% (\$0.2 million) in SFY 2025 compared to SFY 2024. Revenue from the Natural Gas Severance Tax was lower compared to the previous year. Total revenues available in SFY 2025 were flat compared to last year. Actual State Revenue received was also flat compared to the projected (budgeted) revenue for the year.

Kevin Thornton, Chief of Administration, provided an update on Federal and State legislative activities. As the November 5<sup>th</sup> election approaches, all four US House members are up for reelection and all four have opponents. Neither of Arkansas' US Senators are up for reelection this year. At the State level, 18 Senators and all 100 Representatives are up for reelection. Representative Bryan Evans has been elected as the Speaker of the House and Senator Bart Heaster has been elected as the Senate Pro Tempore for 2025. Thornton also provided a list of important dates for the 2025 General Assembly.

Thornton updated the Commission on recent developments in Federal funding. Federal Fiscal Year 2024 ended on September 30, and Congress was not able to reach an agreement on the Appropriations Bill for 2025. Therefore, a Continuing Resolution (CR) was enacted to keep the government running. This CR will run through December 20. At that time, Congress will have to pass an Appropriations bill for the remainder of 2025, or enact another CR.

Crystal Woods, Assistant Chief of Administration, provided an update on the Arkansas Legislative Council Efficiency Study Recommendations Rules for Implementation. The Department of Inspector General's Office of Internal Audit (OIA) submitted its annual report to the Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee (HCRAS). In this report, OIA stated that their continued involvement in the implementation of the remaining rules is not a service that adds value; therefore, OIA requested HCRAS consider withdrawing the requirement that OIA perform an annual report. HCRAS stated that they will take this under consideration and will discuss it at a future meeting.

Woods also reported that the monthly updates submitted for August and September 2024 included the following accomplishments:

- Recommendation #6 noted that the Department should "implement construction contractor performance measurement".

- Seven projects were selected for a pilot application of the draft manual which establishes how each performance metric will be used to evaluate prime contractors.
  - Final evaluation forms for all seven projects have been completed, reviewed and accepted by both the contractor and ARDOT.
  - Internal discussions are now underway to determine if any final adjustments are needed.
- Recommendation #7 noted that the Department should “implement project and portfolio management frameworks”.
    - On the construction side, efforts are underway to enhance the current construction project documentation software and to develop online forms to be used by staff to document construction project activities.
    - On the maintenance side, the development and implementation of a new Maintenance Management System is underway, and training for the initial phase of the software roll-out has begun.

Woods also presented an overall update of the implementation of the recommendations. Within the 13 recommendations are 90 rules that will be completed. To date, the Department has completed 67 (74%) of these rules. Five recommendations have been fully implemented.

Dave Parker, Public Information Officer, and Holly Butler, Communications Coordinator updated the Commission on the one-year anniversary of the Ask ARDOT Customer Service portal.

Keli Wylie, Assistant Chief Engineer – Program Delivery provided the bid letting update from the September 18, 2024, bid letting.

Rex Vines, Chief Engineer – Operations provided a maintenance activity update.

Director Tudor updated the Commission on recent Department activities. Since the August 7 meeting, several noteworthy Department activities occurred as listed below:

- On August 12, Commissioners Gibson and Holder, Director Tudor and staff attended a groundbreaking ceremony for Highway 113 in Conway County.
- All five members of the Highway Commission, along with Director Tudor and ARDOT Administration participated in the Arkansas Good Roads Foundation’s policy event in Mountain Home on September 11-12.

- Chairman Alec Farmer attended and presented at the County Judges Association Fall Conference in Jonesboro on September 13.
- ARDOT Hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Maintenance Supervisors Conference at Lake DeGray State Park on September 24-26.

Jared Wiley, Chief Engineer – Preconstruction presented project updates in the Northeast Arkansas region.

Director Tudor presented the Proposed 2025 Legislation to the Commission, which will be submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council at its December meeting.

Director Tudor presented a list of upcoming meetings and events that the Director and Commission will be attending.

In closing, Director Tudor recognized Ms. Vivien Hoang, Arkansas FHWA Division Administrator, who presented ARDOT with the FHWA 2024 Environmental Excellence Award for Jefferson County Crayfish Relocation Project.

2024-066

IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 11:58 a.m., October 2, 2024.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true recording of the proceedings taken by the Arkansas State Highway Commission at its meeting on October 2, 2024.



Christie Heidelberg  
Commission Secretary

\*In accordance with Minute Order 2023-042, attached to this record is the awards list of the September 18, 2024 bid letting.



**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**CONTRACTS AWARDED FROM LETTING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

| JOB NO.                              | STATUS | JOB NAME  | ROUTE            | CONTRACTOR  | AMOUNT          |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---|------------------|---|-----------------|
| 110706<br>DISTRICT 1<br>MONROE       | 06     | BOAT GUNWALE SLASH<br>STR. & APPRS. (S)                                   | 17               | MOBLEY CONTRACTORS, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 150<br>MORRILTON, AR 72110-0150<br>(501)354-2510                 | \$3,873,066.56  |
| 110713<br>DISTRICT 1<br>CROSS        | 06     | DRAINAGE DITCH & SUGAR CREEK<br>STRS. & APPRS. (S)                        | 42 & 163         | R. L. PERSONS CONST., INC.<br>P.O. BOX 3938<br>POPLAR BLUFF, MO 63902-3938<br>(573)686-1323           | \$5,298,999.00  |
| 110715<br>DISTRICT 1<br>LEE & MONROE | 06     | BIG CREEK, LITTLE PINEY CREEK &<br>BIG CREEK BRANCH<br>STRS. & APPRS. (S) | 78, 238 &<br>259 | CAPITAL PAVING & CONSTRUCTION, LLC<br>P.O. BOX 104960<br>JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65110<br>(573)635-6229    | \$9,808,675.00  |
| 110720<br>DISTRICT 1<br>CRITTENDEN   | 06     | HWY. 70 – I-40 (WEST MEMPHIS) (S)   | 191              | APAC-TENNESSEE, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 24508<br>JACKSON, MS 39225<br>(901)322-7023                          | \$1,827,161.57  |
| 110816<br>DISTRICT 1<br>CRITTENDEN   |        | I-40 TRUCK PARKING EXPANSION<br>PROJECT (PH. II)<br>(WEST MEMPHIS) (S)    | I-40             | FLYNCO, INC.<br>7711 DISTRIBUTION DR.<br>LITTLE ROCK, AR 72209-4356<br>(501)565-1228                  | \$1,727,164.00  |
| 110859<br>DISTRICT 1<br>CROSS        |        | ST. FRANCIS RIVER STR. RECOVERY<br>(COLDWATER) (S)                        | 42               | MOBLEY CONTRACTORS, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 150<br>MORRILTON, AR 72110-0150<br>(501)354-2510                 | \$700,503.30    |
| 030595<br>DISTRICT 3<br>HEMPSTEAD    | 06     | HWY. 195 FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS<br>(HEMPSTEAD CO.) (S)                      | 195              | KESSER INTERNATIONAL, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 723<br>LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203-0723<br>(501)244-2450             | \$4,267,016.76  |
| 030596<br>DISTRICT 3<br>HEMPSTEAD    | 06     | HWY. 371 FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS<br>(HEMPSTEAD CO.) (S)                      | 371              | KESSER INTERNATIONAL, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 723<br>LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203-0723<br>(501)244-2450             | \$3,438,377.95  |
| 040792<br>DISTRICT 4<br>SEBASTIAN    | 06     | HWY. 45 STRS. & APPRS. (S)  | 45               | ROBINSON CONSTRUCTION, LLC<br>P.O. BOX 807<br>POTEAU, OK 74953<br>(918)649-0023                       | \$10,396,251.89 |
| 061741<br>DISTRICT 6<br>HOT SPRING   | 06     | I-30 STR. & APPRS. (HWY. 283) (S)   | 283              | KIEWIT INFRASTRUCTURE SOUTH CO.<br>2050 ROANOKE RD., STE. #100<br>WESTLAKE, TX 76262<br>(817)337-7000 | \$8,829,982.13  |
| 061771<br>DISTRICT 6<br>PULASKI      |        | CENTRAL OFFICE BRICK FACADE<br>IMPVTS. (S)                                | ---              | FLYNCO, INC.<br>7711 DISTRIBUTION DR.<br>LITTLE ROCK, AR 72209-4356<br>(501)565-1228                  | \$3,091,645.00  |

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**CONTRACTS AWARDED FROM LETTING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

| JOB NO.                                     | STATUS   | JOB NAME   | ROUTE       | CONTRACTOR   | AMOUNT            |
|---|----------|--|-------------|--|-------------------|
| 061826<br>DISTRICT 6<br>HOT SPRING          |          | SOCIAL HILL REST AREA SAFETY<br>IMPVTS. (S)              | I-30        |  | NO BIDS RECEIVED  |
| 070591<br>DISTRICT 7<br>OUACHITA &<br>UNION | 06       | HWY. 7 CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER<br>IMPVTS. (S)               | 7           | CUSTOM PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE<br>AND SAFETY, LLC<br>P.O. BOX 435<br>VAN BUREN, AR 72957<br>(479)262-6160 | \$9,461,842.12    |
| 080499<br>DISTRICT 8<br>JOHNSON             |          | GEE CREEK STR. & APPRS. (S)                              | 123         |  | NO BIDS RECEIVED  |
| 090558<br>DISTRICT 9<br>BENTON              | 06       | SULPHUR SPRINGS – DECATUR<br>(PASSING LANE) (S)          | 59          | GRANT GARRETT EXCAVATING, INC.<br>1008 BEAU TERRE<br>BENTONVILLE, AR 72712<br>(501)520-5200            | \$3,499,466.42    |
| 100633<br>DISTRICT 10<br>GREENE             | 06<br>08 | PARAGOULD – NORTH (S)                                    | 49          | DELTA ASPHALT OF ARK., INC.<br>11719 HWY. 412 W.<br>PARAGOULD, AR 72450-8252<br>(870)573-6882          | \$23,927,182.25   |
| 101172<br>DISTRICT 10<br>CLAY               | 06<br>08 | CORNING BYPASS (FUTURE I-57) (S)                         | FUTURE I-57 | KOSS CONSTRUCTION CO.<br>P.O. BOX 751263<br>TOPEKA, KS 66675<br>(785)228-2928                          | \$55,892,021.23   |
| 012479<br>DISTRICTS 2,<br>6 & 7<br>VARIOUS  | 06       | HWYS. 100 & 167 CABLE MEDIAN<br>BARRIER IMPVTS. (S)      | 100 & 167   | COLLINS & HERMANN, INC.<br>1215 DUNN RD.<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63138<br>(314)869-8000                       | \$16,871,658.98   |
| 012494<br>VARIOUS<br>VARIOUS                |          | SPECIALIZED BRIDGE SCOUR<br>REMEDICATION (S)             | VARIOUS     |  | ALL BIDS REJECTED |
| 012497<br>DISTRICTS 6 & 8<br>VARIOUS        |          | I-40 SIGN UPGRADES<br>(DISTRICTS 6 & 8) (S)              | I-40        | EMS CONSTRUCTION, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 1808<br>VAN BUREN, AR 72957<br>(479)652-7444                        | \$3,327,657.00    |
| 012507<br>DISTRICTS 2,<br>3 & 7<br>VARIOUS  | 06       | DISTRICTS 2, 3 & 7 RAISED<br>PAVEMENT MARKERS (2025) (S) | VARIOUS     | HIGHWAY GRAPHICS, L.L.C.<br>602 WELL RD.<br>WEST MONROE, LA 71292<br>(318)388-2764                     | \$1,085,946.18    |
| 012509<br>DISTRICTS 6 & 8<br>VARIOUS        | 06       | DISTRICTS 6 & 8 RAISED PAVEMENT<br>MARKERS (2025) (S)    | VARIOUS     | DELTA TRAFFIC CONTROL LLC<br>P.O. BOX 185<br>MABELVALE, AR 72103-0185<br>(501)916-2777                 | \$1,058,339.60    |

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| FA7119<br>DISTRICT 8<br>VAN BUREN | 06     | CO. RD. 1750 DRAINAGE<br>IMPROVEMENTS (S) | ---   | KESSER INTERNATIONAL, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 723<br>LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203-0723<br>(501)244-2450      | \$473,307.84 |
| SA7541<br>DISTRICT 8<br>YELL      |        | HWY. 27 – CO. RD. 425<br>IMPROVEMENTS (S) | ---   | BLACKSTONE CONSTRUCTION, LLC<br>P.O. BOX 11840<br>RUSSELLVILLE, AR 72812-1840<br>(479)968-1149 | \$366,339.67 |

**TOTAL AMOUNT FOR JOBS AWARDED TO CONTRACT**

**\$169,222,604.45**

- 01 SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
- 02 SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
AND THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY
- 03 SUBJECT TO THE CONTRACTOR'S SATISFACTORY COMPLIANCE WITH ARKANSAS  
CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAWS
- 04 SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY
- 05 SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
AND THE CONTRACTOR'S SATISFACTORY FULFILLMENT OF DBE REQUIREMENTS
- 06 SUBJECT TO THE CONTRACTOR'S SATISFACTORY FULFILLMENT OF DBE REQUIREMENTS
- 07 SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE STATE AID STREET COMMITTEE
- 08 SUBJECT TO THE CONTRACTOR'S SATISFACTORY FULFILLMENT OF THE BID SCHEDULE  
AND BID SCHEDULE NARRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

APPROVED BY:

  
 DIRECTOR

9/20/2024  
 DATE

