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## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

### ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2025-11

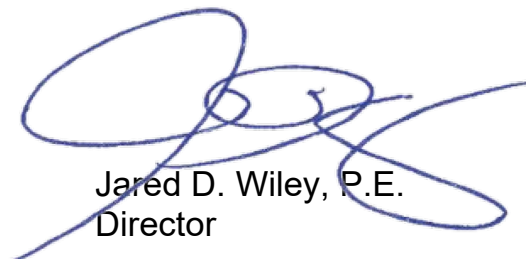
October 31, 2025

**TO: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS, DIVISION HEADS AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS**

**SUBJECT: OCTOBER 8, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Attached for your information and records are the minutes from the Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting held in Little Rock on October 8, 2025.

After carefully reviewing these proceedings, please take appropriate action through the designated lines of authority to carry out any orders applying to your respective Divisions and Districts.



Jared D. Wiley, P.E.  
Director

Attachment

c: Highway Commission

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

October 8, 2025

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 8, 2025. Members present were:

Philip Taldo, Chairman  
Keith Gibson, Vice Chairman  
Marie Holder, Member  
David Haak, Member  
Jerry L. Halsey, Jr., Member

2025-064

IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 10:00 a.m., October 8, 2025.

2025-065

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on August 29, September 9, September 16 and September 29, 2025, in the amounts of \$656,864.00, \$107,335.00, \$2,089,550.72, and \$1,850,995.06, respectively, totaling \$4,704,744.78, 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.

2025-066

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 2, 2025 to July 2, 2025; 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 the implementation of the projects included in the attached list.

2025-067

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) authorized funding for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, applications were solicited and received for these two programs from February 3, 2025 to April 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation, the Transportation Alternatives Program Advisory Committee, and the Arkansas Recreational Trails Advisory Committee have reviewed the applications submitted and developed funding recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into contracts with the projects' sponsors for implementation of the projects recommended for award on the attached list.

2025-068

WHEREAS, a pooled fund study titled, National Partnership to Improve the Quality of Pavement Preservation Treatment Construction & Data Collection

Practices (PG Phase III), has been established by the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, this pooled fund study seeks to improve pavement preservation practices through applied research, data collection, and analysis related to the performance of pavement treatments; and

WHEREAS, participating in this pooled fund study will ensure the Department has access to current best practices for selecting and determining the optimal timing of pavement preservation treatments; and

WHEREAS, this pooled fund study is eligible for State Planning and Research funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to participate in this pooled fund study and enter into necessary agreements to fulfill the Department's commitment.

2025-069

WHEREAS, a pooled fund study titled, Improving the Quality of Highway Profile Measurement, has been established by the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, this pooled fund study seeks to improve practices for measuring pavement smoothness through the development of device specifications, maintenance guidelines, analysis software, and training programs; and

WHEREAS, participating in this pooled fund study will ensure the Department has access to the most current technologies and practices related to measuring pavement smoothness; and

WHEREAS, this pooled fund study is eligible for State Planning and Research funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to participate in this pooled fund study and enter into necessary agreements to fulfill the Department's commitment.

2025-070

WHEREAS, the existing Clay County Area Headquarters facility in Corning, on Highway 67 north, was constructed in 1960; and

WHEREAS, due to a fire on May 28, 2025, this Area Headquarters sustained significant damage and was deemed a total loss by the Department's insurance provider; and

WHEREAS, the existing Area Headquarters' property size of 2.0 acres is undersized for the current operations and provides no space to relocate the building elsewhere on the lot.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to identify the most appropriate location for the new facility, acquire the necessary property, and construct an Area Headquarters facility, including buildings, appurtenances, fencing, and related items as funds become available.

2025-071

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property identified as Job 4171, in Sebastian County, Arkansas, by a Sebastian County Court Order dated November 9, 1935, and as recorded in the County Court Records of Sebastian County, Arkansas in Book 0, Page 54; and

WHEREAS, the Commission previously addressed the release and disposition of portions of the right of way in Minute Order 72-441 upon completion of Job 004594; and

WHEREAS, Minute Order 72-441 does not include the legal descriptions for the areas to be released as described in Exhibit A as Tract 1 and Tract 4; and

WHEREAS, the District Engineer for District Four has determined that the areas described as Tract 1 and Tract 4 in Exhibit A of this Minute Order are no longer needed for highway purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission releases its interest in the right of way described as Tract 1 and Tract 4 in Exhibit A and the Director is authorized to record a copy of this Minute Order in the records of Sebastian County.

2025-072

WHEREAS, The Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired the Des Arc Suspension Bridge, Job 006813, from Raymond Roddy, of the City of Little Rock, County of Pulaski and State of Arkansas under Acts 276 of 1939 by Commissioners Deed dated March 11, 1940, and filed of record on April 9, 1940, in Book Vol. 16 at Page 607 in the Office of Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Prairie County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Des Arc Suspension Bridge was demolished in 1970; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Arc has requested to purchase the property whereon the Des Arc Suspension Bridge, Job 006813, was located, and which the District Engineer for District Six has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Des Arc Suspension Bridge was acquired as right of way by the Commission and is not exempt from reacquisition by the former owner under Ark. Code Ann §27-67-322, and previous heirs were notified by publication with no response; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Arc offered to purchase five tracts as shown on Exhibit B for NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$19,275.00), representing the fair market value as determined as of January 31, 2025, by three qualified appraisers; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired the Des Arc Suspension Bridge for ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$118,955.00).

WHEREAS, the legal description for the property to be released are attached in Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt and consideration of the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$19,275.00) from the City of Des Arc, 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 City of Des Arc; 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 Prairie 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.

2025-073

WHEREAS, Act 1 of the 90th General Assembly's Third Extraordinary Session established the Arkansas Highway Improvement Plan of 2016, which provides funding for highway construction; and

WHEREAS, Minute Order 2020-004 authorized the use of up to \$15 million in Act 1 Surplus funding from State Fiscal Year 2019 State Surplus funds for projects that promote economic development and economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program allocates an additional \$5 million annually for Economic Development projects starting in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Memphis has requested \$2 million in Economic Development funds to support infrastructure improvements to connect the South Loop Drive extension to a new economic development known as Project Acorn; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission requested the release of the Department's Economic Development funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders supports the request to release the Department's Economic Development funds for the project.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to commit up to \$2 million of Economic Development funds for infrastructure improvements to connect the South Loop Drive extension to Project Acorn's site entrance as requested by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and supported by the Governor.

2025-074

WHEREAS, the Commission, through Minute Order 2022-014, approved the transfer of Bridge M2165, commonly known as the Fourche River Bridge on Highway 166, to Independence County, Arkansas, upon disassembly and delivery of the historic bridge as part of Job 100993; and

WHEREAS, the Independence County Judge has withdrawn interest in accepting the transfer of title for Bridge M2165 under the Historic Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pocahontas expressed an interest in obtaining the truss components of Bridge M2165 for pedestrian use; and

NOW THEREFORE, the transfer of Bridge M2165 to Independence County in Minute Order 2022-014 is rescinded.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS ORDERED that Bridge M2165 bridge components be released to the City of Pocahontas upon disassembly and delivery with ownership to become effective upon physical possession of the bridge components by the City of Pocahontas.

2025-075

WHEREAS, IN PULASKI COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, local officials have requested that the Department add a two-way left-turn lane on Highway 5 (Stagecoach Road) from Baseline Road to Otter Creek Road in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, sufficient pavement width exists on Highway 5 to accommodate four travel lanes and a two-way left-turn lane by restriping the current roadway instead of widening; and

WHEREAS, restriping this segment of Highway 5 to accommodate the two-way left turn lane would result in the removal of the existing bike lanes; and

WHEREAS, a construction project is currently scheduled to resurface Highway 5 and Highway 70 from Otter Creek Road to Brodie Creek; and

WHEREAS, this resurfacing project has been modified to include the requested restriping work; and

WHEREAS, to maintain bicycle accommodations along this corridor, the City of Little Rock has requested to partner with the Department to construct a separate, multi-use trail along Highway 5 from Baseline Road to Otter Creek Road.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with the City of Little Rock to proceed with the proposed multi use trail construction as funds become available.

2025-076

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has requested that the new bridge currently under construction on Highway 88, over Little Bayou Meto in Reydell, be designated as the “AGFC Commissioner Joe A. Morgan Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Highway Commission has adopted guidelines for the installation of commemorative signs by Minute Order 2014-023, and this request meets these guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to install signs on each end of the future Little Bayou Meto Bridge, as requested by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, in accordance with Arkansas Highway Commission Policy.

### MOTIONS

MOTION Vice Chairman Keith Gibson moved, Commissioner Jerry Halsey seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Minutes from the Commission Meeting on August 20, 2025.

### OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Patrick Patton, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided the August 2025 State Highway Revenue update. For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Budgeted vs. Actual Operating Expenses for ARDOT, overall expenses (maintenance, operations, administrative, and construction) were below budget by -16.1% (-\$5.6 million). Mr. Patton noted that State Highway Revenues to the Department from traditional sources for the year are higher than budgeted a total of 3.8% (\$4.6 million) in SFY 2026 compared to the same period for SFY 2025. Revenue from the Natural Gas Severance Tax was higher this year compared to last year, resulting in total revenues available being 4.3% (\$5.3 million) below last year. Actual revenue received in SFY 2026 is 4.0% (\$5.0 million) above projected (budgeted) revenue for this year. August revenue from the Amendment 101 of 2021 Sales Tax was 5.3% (\$2.5 million) above this year compared to last year.

Kevin Thornton, Chief of Administration, provided an update on Federal and State legislative activities.

Crystal Woods, Assistant Chief of Administration, provided an update on the Arkansas Legislative Council Efficiency Study Recommendations Rules for Implementation. To date, the Department has completed 85 of the 90 individual rules, bringing the Department to a 94% completion rate. Ten of the thirteen recommendations have been fully implemented.

Keli Wylie, Assistant Chief Engineer for Program Delivery provided a demonstration of the Project Dashboard found on the Department's website.

Jessie Jones, Chief Engineer – Preconstruction provided the bid letting update from the September 17, 2025, bid letting.

Chad Adams, Assistant Chief for Construction, and Steve Frisbee, Assistant Chief Engineer for Maintenance provided construction and maintenance activity updates.

Director Wiley updated the Commission on recent Department activities.

Danny Keene, Division Head of Equipment and Procurement, presented on the Division's roles and responsibilities.

Director Wiley provided a list of upcoming events including the December Service Awards schedule.

In closing, Director Wiley updated on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program.

2025-077

IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 11:47 a.m., October 8, 2025.

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 8, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christie Heidelberg". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Christie Heidelberg  
Commission Secretary

\*In accordance with Minute Order 2023-042, attached to this record is the awards list of the September 17, 2025 bid letting.

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**CONTRACTS AWARDED FROM LETTING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

JOB NO.	STATUS	JOB NAME	ROUTE	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT
040889 DISTRICT 4 SEBASTIAN	06	I-540/HWY. 255 INTCHNG. IMPVTS. (ZERO ST.) (FORT SMITH) (S)	I-540 & 255	FORSGREN, INC. P.O. BOX 368 FORT SMITH, AR 72902-0368 (479)782-1061	\$3,376,855.29
061510 DISTRICT 6 PULASKI	04	HWY. 70/UNIVERSITY AVE. INTERS. IMPVTS. (S)	70	REDSTONE CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. 505 WEST DIXON RD. LITTLE ROCK, AR 72206-4320 (501)374-1557	\$2,177,839.29
061915 DISTRICT 6 LONOKE & PULASKI	06	I-57 GUARDRAIL IMPVTS. (LONOKE & PULASKI COS.) (S)	I-57	CREATIVE DESIGN CONCEPTS, INC. P.O. BOX 429 VAN BUREN, AR 72957 (479)420-7396	\$2,763,347.81
070509 DISTRICT 7 CLARK	04 06	CADDO RIVER STR. & APPRS. (CADDO VALLEY) (S)	67	ROBERTSON CONTRACTORS, INC. 1909 S. WESTWOOD BLVD. POPLAR BLUFF, MO 63901-6121 (573)785-0880	\$19,194,938.23
090647 DISTRICT 9 BAXTER	06	HICKS CREEK STR. & APPRS. (MOUNTAIN HOME) (S)	5	CROUSE CONSTRUCTION CO. P.O. BOX 1816 HARRISON, AR 72602-1816 (870)741-8622	\$2,373,216.37
101132 DISTRICT 10 POINSETT	06	HWY. 69 STR. & APPRS. (POINSETT CO.) (S)	69	SEAGRAVES CONSTRUCTION, INC. P.O. BOX 605 POCAHONTAS, AR 72455 (870)378-6767	\$1,257,461.85
SA4347 DISTRICT 6 LONOKE		LONOKE CO. OVERLAY NO. 17 (S)	---	ROGERS GROUP, INC. P.O. BOX 25250 NASHVILLE, TN 37202-5250 (615)780-5773	\$531,385.98
SA7635 DISTRICTS 2 & 7 CLEVELAND & LINCOLN		HWY. 54 – EAST (OVERLAY) (S)	---	PINE BLUFF SAND & GRAVEL CO. P.O. BOX 7008 PINE BLUFF, AR 71611-7008 (870)534-7120	\$129,153.14
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT FOR JOBS AWARDED TO CONTRACT</b>					<b>\$31,804,197.96</b>

# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## CONTRACTS AWARDED FROM LETTING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

- 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:



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DIRECTOR

SEP 19 2025

DATE