



# ARKANSAS GOOD ROADS FOUNDATION SUMMER POLICY MEETING

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER, MARIE HOLDER

JULY 25, 2025



**DOWNTOWN HOT SPRINGS**



## HIGHWAY 71 NEAR BELLA VISTA



- **First Commission created**
  - **No Highway Department**
  - **No Highway System**
- **3,600 vehicles**
- **\$72,000 total budget**
- **36,000 miles of public roads**

## WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 67 NEAR MALVERN



**“The advice, counsel and expert know-how, which is available from the Department’s own technical and administrative staffs, bear scant weight indeed when they are in conflict with the political pressures and political promises of the moment.”**

*— Highway Audit Commission Report, 1951*



# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION



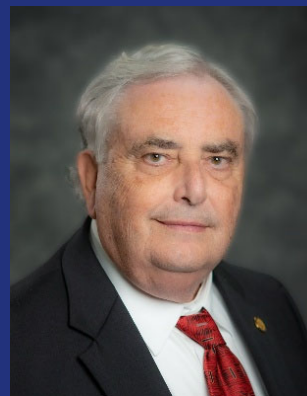
**Chairman  
Philip Taldo**



**Vice Chairman  
Keith Gibson**



**Commissioner  
Marie Holder**



**Commissioner  
David Haak**



**Commissioner  
Jerry Halsey**

# DECADES OF PROGRESS

**1975**

First state to complete its interstate system

**1991**

Highway Improvement Program

**2011**

Second Interstate Rehabilitation Program

**2020**

Renew Arkansas Highways Program

**1985**

Rural Road Program

**1999**

Interstate Rehabilitation Program

**2012**

Connecting Arkansas Program



2022 – FORT SMITH



2023 - JONESBORO



2023 – EL DORADO



2024 – MOUNTAIN HOME



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