



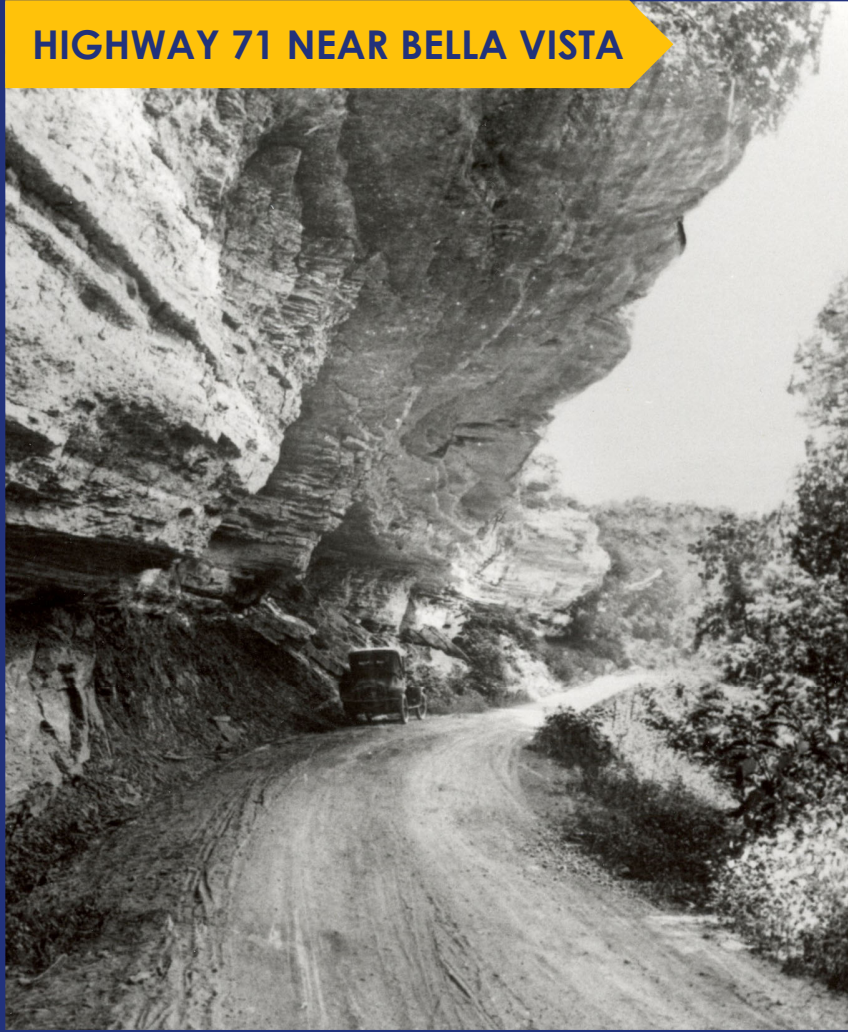
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HIGHWAY 71 NEAR BELLA VISTA



HISTORY

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

- **1913** – 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



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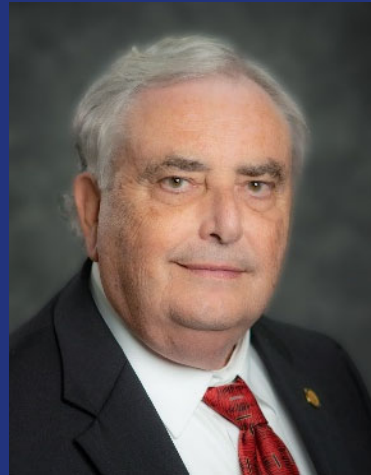
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**Vice Chairman
Keith Gibson**



**Commissioner
Marie Holder**



**Commissioner
David Haak**



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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**



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