

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 2014-06

TO: ALL DIVISION HEADS AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

We are transmitting herewith for your information and records a copy of the Minutes of the Commission Meetings in Little Rock, AR on March 11, 2014 and April 16, 2014.

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.



Scott E. Bennett
Director of Highways
and Transportation

c: Commission

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

March 11, 2014

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 11, 2014. Members present were:

John Ed Regenold, Chairman
Dick Trammel, Vice Chairman
Thomas B. Schueck, Member
Robert Moore, Jr., Member
Frank D. Scott, Jr., Member

2014-030 IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 1:00 p.m., March 11, 2014.

Director Scott Bennett gave an overview on the snow and ice removal efforts of the Department during the recent winter storm. He also discussed general maintenance needs of the Department related to winter weather – trucks, plows, spreaders, salt and personnel. Director Bennett said the Department is developing a new “Snow and Ice Removal Guide” which should lead to a better, more coordinated response to future winter weather events. No formal action was taken by the Commission.

2014-031 IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 2:25 p.m., March 11, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

April 16, 2014

Following is the record of proceedings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas, April 16, 2014. Members present were:

John Ed Regenold, Chairman
Dick Trammel, Vice Chairman
Thomas B. Schueck, Member
Robert S. Moore, Jr., Member
Frank D. Scott, Jr., Member

2014-032 IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be opened at 1:30 p.m., April 16, 2014.

2014-033 WHEREAS, the Purchasing Committee has awarded purchases on February 25, 2014, and March 3, 13, 17 and 26, 2014, in the amount of \$481,158.21, \$2,268,459.55, \$40,608.00, \$2,639,016.40, and \$262,710.50, respectively, totaling \$5,691,952.66, 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.

See Motions for additional action on this Minute Order.

2014-034 WHEREAS, Minute Order 2009-100 authorized the Director to purchase the necessary equipment and services for surveying, mapping, and inventorying purposes to make use of the Arkansas High Accuracy Reference Network (Arkansas HARN) and the Department's Continuous Operating Reference Stations (AHTD CORS) established by National Geodetic Survey (NGS) Branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

2014-034 - Continued

WHEREAS, the Department plans to continue and expand use of the Arkansas HARN and AHTD CORS for use with the Global Positioning System (GPS) to establish additional AHTD CORS and elevation bench marks; and

WHEREAS, this data will be provided to NGS as requested and will be used by the Department for design and land surveys, construction management and other uses which include, but are not limited to, collection of planning and environmental data and pavement, bridge, right of way, and sign inventories; and

WHEREAS, GPS and elevation data collection can increase productivity, allow more accurate and timely retrieval of historical data, and also provide the most precise data that can be used in planning, design, and operations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to continue and expand the use of the Arkansas HARN and AHTD CORS and elevation bench marks through the purchase of the necessary equipment and services for surveying, mapping, and inventorying purposes.

2014-035

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2013) identified the need for enhancing traffic data systems as a special emphasis area to improve the timeliness and accuracy of crash and roadway data; and

WHEREAS, the Department, the Arkansas State Police, and other state and local agencies have begun developing and implementing eCrash, a nearly real time crash reporting application; and

WHEREAS, enhancements to traffic data systems are eligible for Federal-aid Safety funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to provide Federal-aid Safety funds to participate in the development and implementation of eCrash by the Arkansas State Police.

2014-036

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has required that all states expand their linear referencing system (LRS) networks to cover all public roads; and

WHEREAS, this mandate will require the addition of approximately 73,000 miles to the Department's current 36,000 mile LRS; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Geographic Information Office (AGIO) currently oversees the production and maintenance of the Arkansas Centerline File (ACF) that is used for 911 Emergency Management and addressing; and

WHEREAS, the AGIO has the ability to adapt the ACF to meet FHWA requirements; and

WHEREAS, enhancements to traffic data systems are eligible for Federal-aid Safety funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into an agreement with the AGIO to develop an all public roads LRS to meet the Federal requirement as funds become available.

2014-037

WHEREAS, the U. S. Geological Survey collects and updates hydraulic data and develops models for estimating flow discharges for various frequencies; and

WHEREAS, these models are used by the Department's engineers in the design of highway drainage structures such as bridges, culverts, and storm drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, the USGS Continuous-Record Streamflow Gaging Network only covers larger streams across the state and the stream frequency and discharge estimating procedures require data from smaller streams to accurately predict discharges from both large and small streams for the design of highway drainage structures; and

WHEREAS, a proposal submitted by the U. S. Geological Survey to establish a Crest-Stage Gage Network on small streams and provide maintenance for the network for three years has been reviewed, and recommended by the Staff.

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NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey for this project. The Department will contribute State funds in the amount of \$114,500 for the installation and maintenance of the network for three years. The U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will contribute an additional \$75,000 for the installation of the network.

2014-038

WHEREAS, accurate and timely weather forecasts are a critical aspect of the planning and deployment of Department resources in response to a winter weather event; and

WHEREAS, Department staff has identified custom forecasting services used by other states that provide hourly site-specific weather and road condition forecasting; and

WHEREAS, this service will enable the Department to coordinate local snow and ice removal operations in a more cost effective and efficient manner than is currently possible utilizing traditional forecasting information.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to proceed with a contract to obtain custom weather forecasting services.

2014-039

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users authorized funding for the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Recreational Trails Program; and

WHEREAS, Minute Order 2011-094 authorized the solicitation of applications for the Motorized Trails in the Recreational Trails Program in Arkansas on a first come, first served basis; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Arkansas Recreational Trails Advisory Committee have reviewed the applications submitted and developed recommendations.

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

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract No. 51R in fee from David Dotson and Janet Dotson, husband and wife, as Grantors, for Job No. 100013-1, Highway 63B East – U. S. Hwy. 49 (Jonesboro Bypass), Craighead County, Arkansas, by Warranty Deed dated July 9, 1981, filed for record on July 27, 1981, in Book, Vol. 290 at page 639 in the Circuit Clerk's office of Craighead County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the above named Grantors assigned their rights to re-acquire Tract No. 51R to Ted Rook and Patsey Rook, husband and wife, on July 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ted Rook and Patsey Rook, husband and wife, have asked to repurchase Tract No. 51R which the District Engineer for District 10 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 51R for ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000.00), which tract is more particularly described as follows:

A part of Lot 8, Rook Subdivision to the City of Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Rook Subdivision, said point being on the existing Southerly right of way line of U. S. Highway 63 Bypass; thence South 89° 52' West along said existing right of way line a distance of 1,128.0 feet to a point; thence South 53° 57' 38" West along said existing right of way line a distance of 120.3 feet to a point on the existing Easterly right of way line of State Highway #1 (Young Road); thence South 04° 29' 52" West along said existing right of way line a distance of 301.1 feet to a point; thence South 00° 08' East along said existing right of way line a distance of 89.1 feet to a point; thence South 00° 46' West along said existing right of way line a distance of 413.6 feet to a point; thence North 89° 52' East a distance of 7.7 feet to a point on the proposed Easterly right of way line of said State Highway for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 05° 20' East along said proposed right of way line a distance of 28.6 feet to a point; thence North 62° 45' East along said proposed right of way line a distance of 31.7 feet to a point; thence South 00° 46' West a distance of 42.9 feet to a point; thence South 89° 52' West a distance of 30.3 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1,032.0 square feet, more or less.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt of the consideration of ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000.00), the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a quitclaim deed conveying the above-described property to Ted Rook and Patsey Rook, husband and wife; the Deed and a copy of this Minute Order shall be recorded in Craighead County, Arkansas, and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented. Any Federal-aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal Funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

2014-041

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract No. 13XR in fee from Harold R. Thetford and Dianna K. Thetford, husband and wife, as Grantors, for Job No. 100642, Highway 67 – East, Route 226 Section 2, Craighead County, Arkansas, by Warranty Deed dated January 20, 2010, filed for record on January 20, 2010, in Deed Book 813 at page 174 in the Circuit Clerk’s office of Craighead County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the above named Grantors assigned their rights to re-acquire Tract No. 13XR to Lester Watkins and Virginia Watkins, husband and wife, on February 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Lester Watkins and Virginia Watkins, husband and wife, have asked to repurchase Tract No. 13XR which the District Engineer for District 10 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 13XR for FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,700.00), which tract is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 1 East, Craighead County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point being used as the common Corner of Sections 34 and 35; thence North 01°01'08" East along the East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34 a distance of 45.00 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Arkansas State Highway 226 as established by ATHD Job 10773; thence North 88°30'25" West along said right of way line a distance of 248.47 feet to a point; thence North 88°57'31" West along said right of way line a distance of 563.06 feet to a point; thence North 00°59'26" East a distance of 40.95 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of U. S. Highway 226 as established by AHTD Job 100642 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 88°48'53" West along said right of way line a distance of 46.18 feet to a point; thence South 89°45'49" West along said right of way line a distance of 163.86 feet to a point; thence North 00°59'26" East a distance of 151.14 feet to a point; thence South 89°12'36" East a distance of 210.00 feet to a point; thence South 00°59'26" West a distance of 148.53 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.72 acres more or less as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 100642.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt of the consideration of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,700.00), the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a quitclaim deed conveying the above-described property to Lester Watkins and Virginia Watkins, husband and wife; the Deed and a copy of this Minute Order shall be recorded in Craighead County, Arkansas, and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented. Any Federal-aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal Funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

2014-042

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property and imposed Permanent Easements in connection with Job No. 60027-5, East Belt Freeway, Faulkner Lake Road – U. S. Hwy #70, Pulaski County, Arkansas from two different owners. Tract Nos. 512-E and 513-E for Job No. 60027-5 were acquired by Order of Possession in a certain condemnation case of *Arkansas State Highway Commission vs. Pearl Lee Smith, Twin City Bank of North Little Rock, Mortgagee; B. F. Smith & Son, Inc., Pearl Lee Smith, President; Pulaski County Circuit Civil Case 77-4229*, filed for record on August 30,

1977, in the Circuit Clerk's office of Pulaski County, Arkansas; and acquired Tract No. 514-E as Permanent Easement for Job No. 60027-5 from Marvin and Lucille Ray, recorded in Book 1448 at page 410 filed for record on July 21, 1977, in the Circuit Clerk's office of Pulaski County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Ben E. Keith Company purchased property originally owned by *Pearl Lee Smith and B. F. Smith & Son, Inc., Pearl Lee Smith, President* at the time of acquisition with the Permanent Easements on Tract Nos. 512-E and 513-E for Job No. 60027-5; and property from *Marvin and Lucille Ray* with the Permanent Easement on Tract No. 514-E for Job No. 60027-5 which is now in common ownership making the access road no longer necessary;

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 512-E for SIX THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,000.00), which the tract is more particularly described as follows:

Job No. 060027, Tract No. 512-E – Permanent Construction Easement

Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 11 West, Pulaski County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the Northeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27; thence South 01° 13' 00" West along the East line thereof a distance of 811.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 01° 13' 00" West along said East line a distance of 87.0 feet to a point on the proposed northerly right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 70; thence South 68° 00' 39" West along said proposed right of way line a distance of 361.8 feet to a point; thence South 71° 54' 40" West along said proposed right of way line a distance of 300.2 feet to a point; thence South 60° 07' 15" West along said proposed right of way line a distance of 28.8 feet to a point; thence North 02° 58' 13" West a distance of 125.1 feet to a point; thence North 75° 52' 49" East a distance of 399.7 feet to a point; thence North 68° 00' 39" East a distance of 287.5 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.46 acres, more or less;

WHEREAS, the Commission Tract No. 513-E for THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,200.00), which the tract is more particularly described as follows:

Job No. 060027, Tract No. 513-E - Permanent Construction Easement

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 11 West, Pulaski County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26; thence South 01° 13' 00" West along the West line therefore a distance of 811.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 63° 00' 39" East a distance of 241.8 feet to a point; thence South 01° 47' 00" West a distance of 87.4 feet to a point on the proposed northerly right of way of U. S. Highway No. 70; thence South 68° 00' 39" West along said proposed right of way line a distance of 240.8 feet to a point on said West line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26; thence North 01° 13' 00" West along a said West line a distance of 87.0 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.44 Acre, more or less;

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 514-E for THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,600.00), which tract is more particularly described as follows:

Job No. 060027, Tract No. 514-E – Permanent Easement

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 11 West, Pulaski County, Arkansas more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the proposed westerly right of way line of the East Belt Freeway which is 170.8 feet left of and perpendicular to Centerline Station 481+87.4; thence South 01° 49' 00" West along said proposed right of way line a distance of 87.4 feet to a point on the proposed northerly right of way line of U. S. Highway 70; thence South 68° 00' 39" West along said proposed right of way line a distance of 272.8 feet to a point; thence North 01° 47' 00" East a distance of 87.4 feet to a point; thence North 68° 00' 39" East a distance of 272.8 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.50 Acre, more or less.

WHEREAS, the Ben E. Keith Company has asked the Commission to abandon and transfer all of the right, title, interest or equity for Tract Nos. 512-E, 513-E and 514-E that were imposed for Job No. 60027-5 in exchange for the compensation originally paid for the three said tracts being a total sum of TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$12,800.00) which the District Engineer for District 6 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, the above-described properties are declared surplus and upon receipt of the receipt and consideration the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$12,800.00) from the Ben E. Keith Company, the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying all of the right, title, interest or equity of the above-described permanent easements that were imposed for Job No. 60027-5, of the East Belt Freeway, Faulkner Lake Road – U. S. Hwy #70, Pulaski County, Arkansas, to the Ben E. Keith Company; as reflected on the Right of Way Maps as Exhibit “A” which are attached hereto; and hereby releasing 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 Funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

2014-043

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission (Commission) acquired property known as Tract No. 11XR in fee from Carl Reeves and wife, JoAnn Reeves, as Grantors, for Job No. 040524, STP-0072(38), Highway 62 Bypass (Gr. & Strs.)(Prairie Grove) Washington County, Arkansas, by Warranty Deed dated July 15, 2010, filed for record on July 15, 2010, as Document 2010-00019861 in the Circuit Clerk’s office of Washington County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the above named Grantors assigned their rights to re-acquire Tract No. 11XR to City of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, The Honorable Sonny Hudson, Mayor, on January 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, City of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, The Honorable Sonny Hudson, Mayor has asked to repurchase Tract No. 11XR which the District Engineer for District 4 has determined is not now, nor in the foreseeable future will be, needed for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acquired Tract No. 11XR for ONE THOUSAND FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,050.00), which tract is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 31 West, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a half inch rebar being used as the Northwest Sixteenth corner of Section 17; thence South $87^{\circ} 31' 36''$ East along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17 a distance of 20.00 feet to a point; thence North $01^{\circ} 57' 09''$ East a distance of 368.20 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North $01^{\circ} 57' 09''$ East along said right of way line a distance of 167.74 feet to a point; thence South $87^{\circ} 21' 57''$ East a distance of 61.38 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of U. S. Highway 62 Bypass as established by the AHTD Job 040524; thence South $06^{\circ} 02' 31''$ West along said right of way line a distance of 167.85 feet to a point; thence North $87^{\circ} 33' 48''$ West a distance of 49.40 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.21 acres more or less as shown on plans prepared by the AHTD referenced as Job 040524.

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NOW THEREFORE, the above-described property is declared surplus and upon receipt of the consideration of ONE THOUSAND FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,050.00), the Chairman of the Commission is authorized and directed to execute a quitclaim deed conveying the above-described property to City of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, The Honorable Sonny Hudson, Mayor; the Deed and a copy of this Minute Order shall be recorded in Washington County, Arkansas, and, if necessary, the right of way shall be remonumented. Any Federal-aid funds from this disposal shall be credited to Federal Funds or otherwise credited as permitted by Federal Law.

2014-044

WHEREAS, IN BENTON COUNTY, the alignment of the Bella Vista Bypass has been approved; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Bella Vista Bypass are currently under construction or programmed for construction; and

WHEREAS, the Department has received approval from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to designate the Bella Vista Bypass as Future Interstate 49; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has also approved designation of the Bella Vista Bypass as Future Interstate 49.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

- The approved alignment of the Bella Vista Bypass beginning at the junction with Highway 71 Business in the vicinity of Bentonville and continuing northwest to the Missouri State Line is hereby designated as Highway 549, Section 9.
- The approved alignment of the Bella Vista Bypass beginning at the junction with Highway 71 Business in the vicinity of Bentonville and continuing northwest to the Missouri State Line will be dual-signed as Highway 549 and Future Interstate 49.

2014-045

WHEREAS, IN CRAWFORD, WASHINGTON AND BENTON COUNTIES, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has approved the redesignation of Interstate 540, from the junction with Interstate 40 in the vicinity of Alma to the junction with Highway 62 in the vicinity of Rogers and Bentonville as Interstate 49; and

WHEREAS, the AASHTO has approved redesignation of Highway 71, from the junction with Highway 62 in the vicinity of Rogers and Bentonville to the junction with Highway 71 Business in the vicinity of Bentonville as Interstate 49; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has also approved the redesignation of Interstate 540 and Highway 71 as Interstate 49.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

- Interstate 540, Sections 3, 4 and 5 from the junction with Interstate 40 in the vicinity of Alma to the junction with Highway 62 in the vicinity of Rogers and Bentonville is hereby redesignated as Interstate 49, Sections 7, 8 and 9.
- Highway 71, Section 19 from the junction with Highway 62 in the vicinity of Rogers and Bentonville to the junction with Highway 71 Business in the vicinity of Bentonville is hereby designated as Interstate 49, Section 9.

WHEREAS, IN MILLER COUNTY, the new location segment of roadway between the Louisiana State Line and near the junction with Highway 160 in the vicinity of Doddridge is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, the Department has received approval from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to designate the segment from the Louisiana State Line to the Texas State Line as Interstate 49, contingent upon Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon approval by the FHWA and upon official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

- The newly constructed portion of roadway from the Louisiana State Line to near the junction with Highway 160 in the vicinity of Doddridge is hereby designated as part of Interstate 49, Section 1.

2014-046 - Continued

- Highway 549, Section 1 from near the junction with Highway 160 in the vicinity of Doddridge to the Texas State Line in the vicinity of Texarkana is hereby designated as part of Interstate 49, Section 1.

2014-047

WHEREAS, IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY, the new location segment of roadway between Highway 71 and Highway 22 in the vicinity of Fort Smith and Barling is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, the Department has received approval from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to designate this segment as Future Interstate 49, contingent upon Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon approval by the FHWA and upon official notification by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, the following changes are hereby made to the State Highway System as shown on the attached sketch.

- The newly constructed portion of roadway from Highway 71 to the junction with Highway 22 in the vicinity of Fort Smith and Barling is hereby designated as Highway 549, Section 6.
- The newly constructed portion of roadway from Highway 71 to the junction with Highway 22 in the vicinity of Fort Smith and Barling will be dual-signed as Highway 549 and Future Interstate 49.

2014-048

WHEREAS, IN PULASKI COUNTY, Minute Order 2008-022 authorized a study to determine the need for and feasibility of capacity improvements to Highway 161 in the City of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 161 Improvement Study has been prepared and has identified two feasible alternatives to reduce congestion and enhance traffic flow in the corridor.

2014-048 - Continued

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

2014-049 WHEREAS, IN UNION COUNTY, Minute Order 2010-110 authorized a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to Highway 335 from Highway 7 to Highway 82; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 335 Improvement Study has been prepared and identified a feasible improvement alternative to enhance safety and traffic flow.

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

2014-050 WHEREAS, IN BENTON COUNTY, on Highway 71 from the Bella Vista Bypass to the Missouri State Line, local officials have requested a study to evaluate the need for intersection improvements along this corridor to enhance safety and improve traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to this route would be useful as a planning guide in developing future highway construction programs.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to conduct a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to Highway 71 from the Bella Vista Bypass to the Missouri State Line.

2014-051 WHEREAS, IN PULASKI COUNTY, in the City of Little Rock, on Interstate 630 from University Avenue to Interstate 30, a distance of approximately 5 miles, the need to evaluate traffic operations based on current and future conditions has been identified; and

WHEREAS, a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to this route would be useful as a planning guide in developing future highway construction programs.

2014-051 - Continued

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to conduct a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to Interstate 630 between University Avenue and Interstate 30 in Little Rock.

2014-052 WHEREAS, IN SALINE AND PULASKI COUNTIES, on Interstate 30 from Benton to Little Rock, a distance of approximately 13 miles, the need to evaluate traffic operations based on current and future conditions has been identified; and

WHEREAS, a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to this route would be useful as a planning guide in developing future highway construction programs.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to conduct a study to determine the need for and feasibility of improvements to Interstate 30 between Benton and Little Rock.

2014-053 WHEREAS, IN MADISON AND CARROLL COUNTIES, an improvement study of Highway 23, Sections 9 and 10 from Huntsville to Eureka Springs has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the analysis determined that the predominant type of crashes are roadway departure crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2013) identified roadway departure crashes as a primary safety emphasis area; and

WHEREAS, shoulder widening and geometric improvements would enhance safety on this route; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are eligible for Federal-aid Safety funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is authorized to proceed with surveys, plans and construction of projects as funds become available.

2014-054

WHEREAS, it has been determined that improvements are warranted to enhance safety at the eighteen railroad crossings indicated on the attached list; and

WHEREAS, Federal-aid Rail-Highway Crossing Safety funds are available for these improvements.

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

- Maintenance of the signals and surfaces shall be performed by the Railroad Company at no cost to the State.
- All required right-of-way shall be furnished at no cost to the State.

2014-055

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart has developed a national program for the designation of a continuous network of major highways as the "National Purple Heart Trail"; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commission believes that such designation is appropriate to honor and give tribute to those who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, a request from the Arkansas Department of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has been made to designate Interstate 30 from Little Rock to Texarkana as part of the "National Purple Heart Trail"; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Veterans Coalition and the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs support this designation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Highway Commission hereby designates Interstate 30 from Little Rock to Texarkana as a part of the "National Purple Heart Trail".

FUTHERMORE, the Director is authorized to install appropriate roadside signs noting such designation at strategic locations along the route.

2014-056

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway Commission received bids on the following projects at the April 16, 2014 letting;

JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
BB0101	01	MONROE	CACHE RIVER-BAYOU DEVIEW (S)	40	Y
BB0110	01	CRITTENDEN	JERICO-LAKE DAVID (S)	55	Y
110605	01	CROSS & WOODRUFF	HWY. 64-SOUTH (OVERLAY) (S)	49	Y
110606	01	PHILLIPS	HWYS. 1 & 49 (SEL. SECS.) (OVERLAY) (S)	1 & 49	Y
110607	01	ST. FRANCIS & CROSS	HWY. 306-HWY. 350 (OVERLAY) (S)	1	Y
020563	02	ASHLEY	WALL RD.-HWY. 133 (OVERLAY) (S)	82	Y
020564	02	DREW	HWY. 425 (MONTICELLO) (SEL. SEC.) (OVERLAY) (S)	425	Y
020565	02	GRANT	HOT SPRING CO. LINE-SALINE RIVER (OVERLAY) (S)	270	Y
020566	02	GRANT	HWY. 270-SOUTH (SEL. SECS.) (OVERLAY) (S)	167	Y
020567	02	JEFFERSON	I-530-HWY. 365 (OVERLAY) (S)	46	Y
020568	02	DESHA	HWY. 138-WATSON (OVERLAY) (S)	1	N
030443	03	HOWARD	HWYS. 371 & 980 (NASHVILLE) (SEL. SECS.) (MILL & INLAY) (S)	371 & 980	Y
030444	03	LAFAYETTE	HWY. 29 (SEL. SEC.) (MILL & INLAY) (S)	29	Y
FS4001	04	FRANKLIN	HWYS. 41 & 398 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	41 & 398	N
040668	04	SEBASTIAN	HWY. 22Y-I-540 (FT. SMITH) (OVERLAY) (S)	22	Y
040669	04	CRAWFORD	ARKANSAS RIVER-FLAT ROCK CREEK (OVERLAY) (S)	64	Y
040670	04	WASHINGTON	HWY. 112-WEST (TONTITOWN) (OVERLAY) (S)	412	Y
040671	04	LOGAN	MOUNTAIN CR.-EAST (PARIS) (OVERLAY) (S)	22	Y
FS5034	05	CLEBURNE & STONE	HWY. 25-NORTH (S)	5	Y
FS5035	05	JACKSON	WHITE CO. LINE-INDEPENDENCE CO. LINE (S)	367	Y
050306	05	SHARP	HWY. 354-SOUTH (OVERLAY) (S)	167	Y
050307	05	INDEPENDENCE	MILLER CREEK-HWY. 167 (OVERLAY) (S)	233 & 394	Y

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050308	05	JACKSON	HWY. 67-POINSETT COUNTY LINE (OVERLAY) (S)	18	Y
BB0613	06	PULASKI	I-30-BINGHAM RD. (S)	530	Y
061421	06	PULASKI	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PARKING LOT & DEMONSTRATION BUILDING (LR) (S)	338	Y
061429	06	GARLAND	MALVERN AVE.-EAST (HOT SPRINGS) (OVERLAY) (S)	70B	Y
061430	06	PULASKI	I-430-WEST (OVERLAY) (S)	100	Y
070409	07	UNION	HWY. 167-SOUTH (OVERLAY) (S)	7	N
070410	07	OUACHITA	HWY. 278-WEST (OVERLAY) (S)	24	Y
070411	07	DALLAS	MANNING-EAST (SEL. SEC.) (OVERLAY) (S)	8	Y
FS8042	08	FAULKNER	EAST FORK CADRON CREEK-CONWAY (S)	65	Y
FS8043	08	POPE	HWY. 124-HWY. 105 (S)	326	N
FS8044	08	VAN BUREN	HWY. 65-WEST (S)	336	N
FS8045	08	YELL	HWY. 309 SO.-HWY. 309 NO. (S)	10	Y
FS8046	08	CONWAY	ARKANSAS RIVER-I-40 (S)	9	Y
FS8047	08	POPE	LINKER CREEK-NORTH (S)	7	Y
BB0805	08	POPE	HWY. 331-ATKINS (S)	40	Y
080488	08	POPE	D & R RAILROAD SPUR-NORTH (OVERLAY) (S)	7	Y
080489	08	PERRY	SALINE CO. LINE-NORTH (OVERLAY) (S)	9	Y
080490	08	JOHNSON	FRANKLIN CO. LINE-CLARKSVILLE (SEL. SECS.) (OVERLAY) (S)	64	Y
090411	09	BENTON	PLEASANT GROVE RD.-WALNUT ST. (ROGERS) (OVERLAY) (S)	71B	Y
090412	09	CARROLL	DRYFORK-OSAGE (SEL. SECS.) (OVERLAY) (S)	412	Y
090413	09	MARION	YELLVILLE-WEST (OVERLAY) (S)	62	Y
100813	10	CLAY	BOYDSVILLE-EAST (SEL. SECS.) (OVERLAY) (S)	90	N
100814	10	MISSISSIPPI	HWY. 312-HWY. 137S (OVERLAY) (S)	137	Y

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
100815	10	POINSETT	HWY. 69-SOUTH (TRUMANN) (OVERLAY) (S)	463	Y
100816	10	RANDOLPH	HWY. 90-HWY. 251 (OVERLAY) (S)	115	Y
100817	10	MISSISSIPPI	I-55-HWY. 980 (BLYTHEVILLE) (OVERLAY) (S)	18	Y
100818	10	GREENE	SHILOH RD.-REYNOLDS RD. (PARAGOULD) (OVERLAY) (S)	412	Y
BB1103	04 & 08	FRANKLIN & JOHNSON	OZARK-HWY. 164 (S)	40	Y
C04001	09	BENTON	CAVE SPRINGS & SULPHUR SPRINGS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C11001	10	CLAY	CORNING, MCDUGAL & PIGGOTT STREET IMPVTS. (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C22001	02	DREW	WILMAR STREET IMPROVEMENTS (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C25001	05	FULTON	MAMMOTH SPRING & SALEM OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C29001	03	HEMPSTEAD	HOPE WEST AVE. B OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C38002	10	LAWRENCE	IMBODEN, BLACK ROCK, & RAVENDEN (OVERLAY) (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C42001	04	LOGAN	PARIS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C53001	08	PERRY	BIGELOW OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C56001	10	POINSETT	HARRISBURG & WALDENBURG OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C60003	06	PULASKI	NORTH LITTLE ROCK MCCAIN BLVD. OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C64001	09	SEARCY	MARSHALL OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C72001	04	WASHINGTON	FARMINGTON & ELKINS OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
C76008	09	BAXTER & MARION	COTTER & YELLVILLE OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA0355	09	BAXTER	BAXTER COUNTY RESEAL NO. 10 (S)	---	-
SA1836	01	CRITTENDEN	HWY. 70-SOUTH OVERLAY (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-

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JOB NO.	DISTRICT	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	APHN
SA2366	08	FAULKNER	FAULKNER COUNTY OVERLAY NO. 7 (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA3453	05	JACKSON	HWY. 37-NORTH OVERLAY (S)	---	-
SA5132	09	NEWTON	NEWTON CO. SURFACING (SEL. SECS.) (S)	---	-
SA5345	08	PERRY	COUNTY ROAD 90 REHABILITATION (SEL. SEC.) (S)	---	-
SA6939	05	STONE	HWY. 9-EAST (OVERLAY) (S)	---	-

and

WHEREAS, a thorough bid review and analysis is undertaken by the Department to ensure that only those projects are awarded which are judged to be in the best interests of the State; and

WHEREAS, the right is retained to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities, or to advertise for new proposals, also as judged to be in the best public interests of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to expedite work on these important projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, Section 6, as well as other laws of this State, the Commission has the authority to delegate certain of its powers to the Director of Highways and Transportation.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the Contractors furnishing the necessary performance and payment bonds and submitting all additional information required for the above mentioned projects, the Director is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and supplemental agreements for any projects deemed to be in the best interests of the State. Further, the Director is authorized to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities, and/or to advertise for new proposals whenever deemed to be in the best interests of the State.

MOTION Vice Chairman Dick Trammel moved, Commissioner Robert S. Moore, Jr. seconded and the motion passed to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2014.

MOTION Vice Chairman Dick Trammel moved, Commissioner Frank D. Scott, Jr. seconded and the motion passed to approve the Purchasing Minute Order as read, but defer consideration of the award of Contract No. H-14-294P, opened February 25, 2014 and awarded March 19, 2014, to O.J.'s Service Two for Janitorial and Cleaning Services (Dist. 8), pending consultation with the Department's Chief Legal Counsel.

MOTION The Commission approved Minute Order 2013-124 on December 11, 2013 to authorize the Department staff to advertise for consultant services for On-Call Planning Services (2014-2016). Vice Chairman Dick Trammel moved, Commissioner Frank D. Scott, Jr. seconded and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations with the following firms:

- Atkins North America, Inc.----- Austin, TX
- Cambridge Systematics, Inc.----- Atlanta, GA
- CDM Smith, Inc.----- Little Rock, AR
- Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.----- New Orleans, LA
- Parsons Transportation Group, Inc.----- Memphis, TN
- URS Corporation----- Little Rock, AR

MOTION The Commission approved by Minute Order 2013-125 on December 11, 2013 to authorize the Department staff to advertise for consultant services for Architectural Services for the design of Welcome Centers. Vice Chairman Dick Trammel moved, Commissioner Tom Schueck seconded and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations with the firm of Leidos Engineering, LLC of Lowell, AR.

MOTION The Commission approved by Minute Order 2013-125 on December 11, 2013 to authorize the Department staff to advertise for consultant services for Architectural Services for the design of Tourist Information Centers. Commissioner Tom Schueck moved, Vice Chairman Dick Trammel seconded and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations with the firm of Garver, LLC of North Little Rock, AR.

MOTION

The Commission approved by Minute Order 2014-006 on January 15, 2014 to authorize the Department staff to advertise for consultant services for Architectural Services for an assessment of the Central Office Structure and for the District 5 Headquarters. Vice Chairman Dick Trammel moved, Commissioner Tom Schueck seconded and the motion passed to accept the Staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations with the firms of Crafton, Tull & Associates, Inc. of Rogers, AR and Cromwell Architects Engineers, Inc. of Little Rock, AR.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Bennett gave an update on the status of the 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) and the Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP), and State Aid City Street Program. The 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program was approved by Arkansas voters in November 2011. Under this program, the Commission has the authority to issue up to \$575 million in GARVEE bonds for Interstate rehabilitation. Two series of bonds have been issued. The first was sold in September 2012 at a par value of \$197 million (true interest cost of 1.6%) with a premium of \$33 million (total of \$230 million available for construction). The second was sold in October 2013 at a par value of \$171 million (true interest cost of 2.2%) with a premium of \$29 million (total of \$200 million available for construction).

The Connecting Arkansas Program was approved by Arkansas voters in November 2012. Under this program, the Commission has the authority to issue up to \$1.3 billion in general obligation bonds for four-lane highway construction. The first series of bonds was sold in September 2013 at a par value of \$469 million (true interest cost of 3.1%) with a premium of \$25 million (total of \$494 million available for construction).

With the approval of the 0.5% Sales Tax for the Connecting Arkansas Program, 1 cent in motor fuel tax revenue (approximately \$20 million annually) is being set aside for a State Aid City Street Program. Projects are selected by the State Aid City Street Committee and are designed, let to contract, and inspected by the Department.

Larry Dickerson, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided the March 2014 update on state highway revenue. Mr. Dickerson noted that state highway revenues to the Department from most traditional sources are down a total of \$8.1 million for the first nine months of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 compared to the first nine months of SFY 2013. With the revenue from the Natural Gas Severance Tax coming in higher this year than last year, total revenues available are only slightly lower for this year. Actual state revenue received is also slightly higher compared to projected (budgeted) revenue for this year.

In closing, Mr. Dickerson stated that March revenue from the 0.5% General Sales Tax for the Connecting Arkansas Program was 2.4% higher than projected by the Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A). This revenue source has now come in under DF&A's projections for seven of the nine months since the tax went into effect.

Director Bennett provided the latest information on the Federal highway and transit funding issues. The President signed Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) on July 6, 2012, authorizing funding for the final two months of FY 2012 plus two full fiscal years (FYs 2013 and 2014). On January 17, 2014, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, which provides transportation funding through September 30, 2014.

In its latest Highway Trust Fund (HTF) projections, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports, "the highway and transit accounts of the HTF will have insufficient revenues to meet obligations starting in fiscal year 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015)." However, the CBO has also said that it is possible that the HTF will run out of funding before the expiration of the current surface transportation bill, MAP-21, on September 30, 2014. This is consistent with U. S. Department of Transportation's projection that the Highway Account of the HTF is likely to run out of money in July of this year.

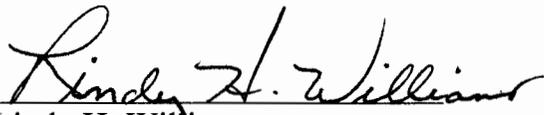
In closing, Director Bennett stated that some states are already cutting back on their Federally-supported capital projects in order to stabilize and protect their cash flow. The Department decided not to advertise ten Federal-aid projects totaling over \$60 million for the April letting. Prior to each future scheduled letting and until Congress acts to correct the funding shortfall, we will re-evaluate our State cash balance forecast and determine which, if any, federally funded projects may be advertised for bids and let to contract.

Director Bennett provided an update on the highway system condition and needs. Arkansas' latest highway condition and needs assessment was last updated in 2007. Over the past few months, the Department has been updating this assessment. Previously, the highway condition and needs assessments have evaluated capacity and new location needs, system preservation needs (including bridges), economic development connectors, Congressionally-designated High Priority Corridors, and, to only a limited extent, maintenance. Director Bennett began showing the results of the 2014 highway system and needs assessment. Information was presented on system preservation for pavements, bridges, signing and striping, for capacity needs to address congestion, for Department equipment and some facilities, and for Intelligent Transportation Systems.

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IT IS ORDERED that a meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission be closed at 4:05 p.m., April 16, 2014.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true record of the proceedings taken by the Arkansas Highway Commission at its meetings on March 11, 2014 and April 16, 2014.


Lindy H. Williams
Commission Secretary