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December 5, 2019

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Appropriation and/or Funds Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Appropriation and/or Funds Transfer Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)

October 24, 2019

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Walther:

Pursuant to Section 20 of Act 334 of 2019, the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS) requests a transfer of cash appropriation, as follows:

Appropriation Transfer for FY20:

FROM:

FUNDS CENTER – TAA VENDOR PAYMENTS (V97) FUND – NWS0200 – Cash in Treasury

(\$150,000)

TO:

FUNDS CENTER - PAYMENTS TO PART CONTRACTORS (C27B)

\$150,000

FUND - 1770203 - Cash in Bank COMMITMENT ITEM: 590:00:46

COMMITMENT ITEM: 590:00:47

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) is a federal program, authorized by Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015, to help workers who are adversely affected by foreign imports or job shifts to a foreign country, as designated by the U.S. Department of Labor. Benefits are provided to eligible workers in the form of training and educational assistance, job search and relocation, travel and subsistence payments, and reemployment services.

The appropriation change allows these funds to be deposited into an existing cash account to provide reimbursements, via electronic payment, for training and educational expenses paid directly by program participants. Additionally, the federal government requires an alternative method of payment in 12 CFR Part 1005 (Regulation E).

There is no increase in ADWS' total authorized appropriation.

The deficiency of appropriation in Payments to Part Contactors is a result of a reallocation of appropriation to TAA Vendor Payments (V97) during the 2019-2021 Biennial process.

I appreciate your consideration and approval of this request. If you have questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Carl Davis at 683-4704 or Kaki Roberts at 683-1355.

Sincerely,

Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director

Arkansas Division of Workforce Services



STATE OF ARKANSAS

ASA HUTCHINSON GOVERNOR

November 18, 2019

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council 315 State Capitol Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Attached you will find a request from the Arkansas Department of Transportation to transfer funds in the amount of \$20,000,000 from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund. This will provide the department with funding to meet the required state match for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Federal Funds.

Please accept this letter as my recommendation that this transfer request be reviewed and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 19-6-832(c).

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Asa Hutchinson

cc: Scott Bennett,

Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation

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November 6, 2019

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson Governor of Arkansas State Capitol, Room 250 500 Woodlane Street Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

Reference is made to Act 1 of the 90th General Assembly's Third Extraordinary Session, the Arkansas Highway Improvement Plan of 2016 (hereinafter called the Plan).

The Plan established the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund which includes funding that can be utilized by the Arkansas Department of Transportation in State Fiscal Year 2020. By way of this letter, we are requesting the following:

Transfer Source	Amount
Securities Reserve Fund	\$ 20.0 million

Section 13 of the Plan, Arkansas Code 19-6-832 (c) reads as follows:

In the event revenues to the department are insufficient to fully address the highway construction and maintenance needs of the state, the department may provide a written document to the Governor outlining the reasons that additional funding is needed and requesting that the Governor provide a recommendation to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee for review and approval of the transfer of funds in the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund.

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The Department is seeking funding from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to provide the required state match and more efficiently utilize our Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Federal funds. Having adequate cash flow from month to month allows us to plan and obligate funds in a more effective manner and prevents the Department from having to delay projects due to a lack of state matching funds.

The Department respectfully requests your recommendation to the appropriate legislative body to transfer these funds from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Fund.

Thank you for your work to meet our State's immediate highway funding needs.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.

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Deputy Director and Chief Engineer
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