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April 5, 2018

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

RE: FY18 Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment(s)



## STATE OF ARKANSAS

ASA HUTCHINSON GOVERNOR

March 21, 2018

Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair Representative Jim Dotson, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council 315 State Capitol Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Attached you will find requests from the Arkansas Transportation of Department to transfer funds in the sum of \$8,700,000 from the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund in order to have sufficient matching funds to fully utilize available federal-aid funds for scheduled transportation projects.

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

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Asa Hutchinson

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cc: Scott Bennett, P.E.

Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation

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SCOTT E. BENNETT, P.E. DIRECTOR

February 6, 2018

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

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

Reference is made to Act 1 of the 90th General Assembly's Third Extraordinary Session, the <u>Arkansas Highway Improvement Plan of 2016</u> (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 2018. By way of this letter, we are requesting the following:

Transfer Source	Amount
Securities Reserve Fund	\$ 4.6 million

This amount is in addition to the approximately \$10.23 million transferred the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund in January, and the \$4.1 million requested for transfer in our letter dated January 12, 2018. This brings our total amount received/requested to \$18.97 million. According to the provisions of the Plan, \$20 million is transferred annually into the Arkansas Highway Transfer Fund from the Securities Reserve Fund.

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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As you are aware, current state funding levels for highways are insufficient to provide the state match required to utilize Federal funds appropriated for Arkansas. Therefore, 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) 2018 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 Department Fund.

Thank you for your work to meet our State's immediate highway funding needs. I appreciate your, your administration's, and the legislature's efforts to address our funding shortfall.

We look forward to the future as we strive to find a long term funding solution that will enable us to continually improve the transportation system in our great State by maintaining a state of good repair, enhancing safety, increasing mobility and encouraging economic development.

Sincerely.

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.

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Director

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