

GOOD ROADS PLAN MAKING PROGRESS
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The Arkansas Good Roads Foundation has been conducting since July a process by which a long-term highway funding plan can be developed prior to the January 2017 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly. That process will be concluded and a plan presented for consideration by Christmas.

As part of the process, the Foundation has conducted over 20 stakeholder meetings and public focus groups. In addition, the Foundation has received in excess of 1,000 responses to a stakeholder online survey. The results of these opinion and fact-finding efforts will be combined with information gleaned from discussions with legislative leaders, all at the direction of Governor Hutchinson.

The next step in the process will be a statewide opinion research survey. The results of that survey will inform the final elements of a long-term highway funding plan.

The Arkansas Good Roads Foundation looks forward to sharing the proposed plan with AAPA leadership, and enlisting the Association's valued support for its passage.