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**SCOTT E. BENNETT, P.E.**  
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October 30, 2018

The Honorable Bart Castleberry  
Mayor of Conway  
1201 Oak Street  
Conway, Arkansas 72032



Dear Mayor Castleberry:

Reference is made to your letter offering \$3.5 million towards the widening of Highway 65 Business (Harkrider Street) between Highway 64 (Oak Street) and Bruce Street.

In order to begin development of this project, the Department has set aside \$400,000 in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2019-2022. Because of the City's willingness to partner with the Department, this work will be given strong consideration for construction funding as we develop the 2020-2023 STIP. We will schedule a kick-off meeting with the City in the near future so that we may finalize the partnering arrangement and coordinate project development.

We appreciate the City's partnering proposal that will help to accelerate this important project. Thank you for your interest in and support of Arkansas' transportation system.

Sincerely,

  
Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director

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