

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCLAMATION**

EO 21-19

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

**EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S  
INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS: President Joe Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law on November 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides \$1.2 trillion in both grants and dedicated spending for infrastructure projects, capital assets, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes provisions that allow for disbursements to entities and individuals through various programs operated by agencies of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to identify best practices and procedures for ensuring that the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and businesses realize the maximum relief and benefits available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

- (1) There is hereby created the Governor's Infrastructure Planning Advisory Committee, which shall serve as an investigative and advisory body of the Governor.
- (2) The advisory committee shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Secretary Becky Keogh shall serve as the chairman of the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall be composed of the following individuals, or his or her designee:
  - a) Becky Keogh, Secretary of the Department of Energy and Environment;
  - b) Larry Bengal, Chief Administrator of Energy, Department of Energy and Environment;
  - c) Julie Linck, Chief Administrator of Environment, Department of Energy and Environment;
  - d) Shane Khoury, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Energy and Environment;
  - e) Wes Ward, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture;
  - f) Chris Colclasure, Director, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission;
  - g) Jami Cook, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety;
  - h) A.J. Gary, Director, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management;
  - i) Mike Preston, Secretary of the Department of Commerce;
  - j) Cody Waits, Director, Office of Skills Development;
  - k) Jerry Chism, Director, Division of Aeronautics;
  - l) Steven Porch, Executive Director, State Broadband Office;
  - m) Cassandra Caldwell, Director, Arkansas Waterways Commission;
  - n) Secretary Amy Fecher, Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services;

- o) Jonathan Askins, Director, Division of Information Systems;
  - p) Lorie Tudor, Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation;
  - q) Austin Booth, Director, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission; and
  - r) Additional officials as the Governor deems necessary.
- (3) The members of the advisory committee shall have the following duties:
- a) Determine whether a consultant should be hired to assist in facilitating grant applications and to maximize opportunities of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act;
  - b) Study and analyze the relief available to the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and businesses under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021;
  - c) Identify and prioritize the needs of the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and businesses for the application of available relief;
  - d) Identify the most efficient practices and procedures to obtain and apply available relief; and
  - e) Make recommendations to the Governor on best uses of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding.
- (4) Utilize sub-committees or working groups as needed within state agencies and the private sector to assist in the development of investment plans for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds.
- (5) Obtain information and testimony from stakeholders regarding needs throughout the State of Arkansas.
- (6) Cabinet level departments which are eligible to receive Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds shall create working groups within their respective departments to analyze the relief available and provide that information to the advisory committee.
- (7) The Arkansas Department of Transportation and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission are constitutionally independent state agencies. Nothing in this executive order shall be construed as the executive branch mandating actions of those agencies.
- (8) Upon request, the Department of Energy and Environment may provide staff and other personnel to support the work of the advisory committee.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed the 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2021.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State