



## **Who We Are**

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Research Program has been operating as we know it since 1976. Research is a Section of the Planning and Research Division. Researchers work with Arkansas' state universities and perform our own in-house research in all areas for AHTD.

## **What We Do**

The Research Section is responsible for conducting the Department's Transportation Research and Development Program, the Transportation Research Assistantship Program, the Training Transportation Professionals Program, and the Pavement Acceptability Verification Profilograph Program. Other responsibilities include monitoring contract project activities, conducting in-house research projects, installing and evaluating test sections of roadways, implementing findings of research projects, conducting Department support operations as requested or required, and other research-related activities.

## **How We Are Funded**

The Program is primarily funded with State Planning and Research, Part II funding. State funds are used to fund administrative costs, some in-house research, research projects with the Mack-Blackwell National Rural Transportation Research Study Center, and support of the Center for Training Transportation Professionals (CTTP) which was established in 1996 to develop, teach and train transportation technicians in proper methods for sampling, handling, and testing highway construction materials.

## **Staff**

Our seventeen-person staff consists of a Staff Research Engineer, administrative support, project coordinators, research engineers, and research technicians.

## **Facilities**

The Research Section is located on the central office complex on Interstate 30 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

## **Expertise**

Our program is designed to cover all major areas of transportation. Areas of expertise are: Design, Maintenance, Construction, Planning, Materials, Pavements, and Special Projects (environmental, traffic, safety, and geotechnical).

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