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### **Governor Hutchinson Names Commissioner Robert S. Moore, Jr. To Governor's Advisory Council on Cycling**

**LITTLE ROCK (2-24)** – Governor Asa Hutchinson has named AHTD Commissioner Robert S. Moore, Jr., of Arkansas City, to the Governor's Advisory Council on Cycling, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The Council is being formed to promote the health benefits of cycling and the industry's impact on the state economy, in addition to working to improve cyclists' experience on Arkansas trails.

The council will consist of one representative each from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Arkansas Forestry Commission and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, in addition to seven "at-large" members with an interest in cycling and tourism.

Governor Hutchinson announced plans for the new Council at the International Mountain Bicycling Association World Summit held in Bentonville in November of last year.

"This is an exciting time to be involved in cycling here in Arkansas," Moore commented on his appointment. "Cycling is the fastest growing hub of outdoor tourism in our State and I look forward to aiding in the efforts of the Council."

Moore owns and operates Moore Farms in Arkansas City. He was named to the Arkansas Highway Commission in 2013. During that time, he has been instrumental in the continued development of cycling opportunities in the State, particularly the Delta Heritage Trail in southeast Arkansas. The 84-mile trail is being developed in phases on abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way and will extend from Arkansas City northward to Lexa when completed.

Moore served three terms as a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and served as Speaker of the House for the 88<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

He will serve his term on the Advisory Council on Cycling at the will of the Governor.