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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PULASKI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Pulaski County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock.

The first project is located at the Interstate 430/630 Interchange in Little Rock and will replace four existing bridge structures, reconstruct approaches on Interstate 430 and also widen the Interstate 630 loop ramp connections. Kiewit Southern Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$18,813,387.95.

“This is the second phase of improvements at this interchange,” stated Rosenbaum. “Phase One is already underway and once all phases are completed, traffic flow will be greatly improved on both 430 and 630.”

A second project will widen 1.6 miles of the southbound lanes of Highway 67. The project will also replace one main lane bridge. Kiewit Southern Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$13,677,341.26.

“This widening job will begin at Redmond Road and continue southward to Highway 440,” stated Rosenbaum. “This project is a continuation of the improvements we are making to Highway 67 between North Little Rock and Jacksonville that will provide three lanes in each direction from Interstate 40 up to Redmond Road in Jacksonville.”

The purpose of the third project is to resurface 7.25 miles of Highway 165, in the area of Scott. Cranford Construction Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,146,293.60.

“This resurfacing project will begin at Highway 391 and continue eastward to Highway 386 in Lonoke County,” stated Rosenbaum.

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Phase Two of the Interstate 430/630 Interchange should be completed in late 2011. Work on Highway 67 should be completed by the fall of 2010. Completion is expected on Highway 165 by September 14, 2009.

The Interstate 430/630 and Highway 165 projects are being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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