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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-16) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Washington County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately two miles of Highway 412. APAC-Arkansas, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$551,922.15.

"This resurfacing project will begin at Interstate 540 and extend westward to Highway 112," stated Trammel.

A second project will replace the existing drainage structure for Little Sandy Creek on Shady Grove Road in Springdale. APAC-Arkansas of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$792.809.36.

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on Highway 412 in late 2009. Improvements on Shady Grove Road should be completed in early 2010.

The resurfacing project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provides 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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