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AHTD RECOGNIZED FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS

LITTLE ROCK (9-3) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department was presented a regional “America’s Transportation Award” this week by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) during the Southeastern Association of American Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) regional conference held in Little Rock on August 30th & 31st.

The award for “Best Recovery Act Medium Project” was presented for Arkansas’ Recovery Act Rehabilitation Project that has improved 170 miles of roadways at 52 locations statewide. The work included resurfacing, guardrail replacement, pavement markings and shoulder improvements. Beginning in April of 2009, 52 contracts were awarded to 17 contractors.

The project achieved the aim of the Recovery Act by positively impacting Arkansas communities through the preservation and creation of approximately 315 jobs, promotion of economic recovery and investment in transportation infrastructure.

"These improvements represent a tremendous value to the taxpayer and illustrate the complex tasks that go into modernizing and maintaining the nation's system of highways and bridges," said John Horsley, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, in announcing the winners at the conference.

“These transportation projects improve travel and create hundreds of thousands of jobs in communities across the country," Horsley added. "It's important to recognize the outstanding job state DOTs are doing to deliver both quality and value to the American people."

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