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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN BENTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Benton County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

The purpose of the first project is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 279 and Highway 340 in the city of Bella Vista. Traffic Signals, Inc. of Edmond, Oklahoma, was awarded the contract at \$111,380.65.

The second project will install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 112 and Highway 264 in the city of Cave Springs. Sweetser Construction, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$855,586.53.

“These signals are going to make these safer intersections for motorists driving through these areas in Benton County,” Trammel stated.

The 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 lower right portion of the page.

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on the traffic signals in the summer of 2010.

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