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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Crittenden County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The purpose of the project is to widen approximately one mile of Airport Road (Highway 118) in West Memphis. APAC-Tennessee of Memphis, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$3,196,773.48.

“This project will widen Airport Road to five lanes,” stated Regenold. “The improvements will begin at Interstate 40 and extend southward to Highway 70.”

The project is 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.

Regenold said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of 2011.

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