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### ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY

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

The purpose of the project is to install a traffic signal and improve the intersection of Highway 271 and Harvard Avenue in Fort Smith. Traffic Signals, Inc. of Edmond, Oklahoma, was awarded the contract at \$239,953.70.

“In addition to the new traffic signal, the intersection will be restriped to five lanes,” stated Trammel. “Wheelchair ramps will also be constructed.”

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](http://www.recovery.gov). For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to [www.recovery.arkansas.gov](http://www.recovery.arkansas.gov). Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to [www.ArkansasHighways.com](http://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 project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of 2010.

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