



# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### Hwy. 71 Construction for the Fayetteville Area

**FORT SMITH (2-July)** The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith that work will begin July 6 on Highway 71 in south Fayetteville.

The project consists of resurfacing and making safety improvements to Highway 71 (parts of South School Street and Fulbright Expressway) from just north of the Fayetteville Executive Airport to the intersection with I-540.

The work will include removal and replacement of the approach slabs and gutters and guard rail at the ends of bridges spanning the Arkansas-Missouri Railroad between Highway 71B (South School Street) and I-540. This work will require that traffic be reduced to one lane in each direction during construction.

The work is scheduled to be completed by September 3, 2010.

In June 2010, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a \$1.04 million contract for this project to APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville.

Funding for this project is 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. Information about the ARRA can be found at [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov). Additional information about the impact of the ARRA on Arkansas can be obtained at [www.recovery.arkansas.gov](http://www.recovery.arkansas.gov). Specific information about this and other road and bridge construction projects that are part of the ARRA in Arkansas is available at [www.ArkansasHighways.com](http://www.ArkansasHighways.com).

Motorists are urged to use care and think ahead when traveling through the work zone. They should remember to **Obey the Posted Speed Limits and Other Regulatory Signage**; to **Leave Room** between them and other vehicles; to **Be Aware of Road Conditions** in front of them; and to **Anticipate the Unexpected Need to Stop or Reduce Speed Substantially**.

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