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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GARLAND COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Garland County, according to Commissioner Tom Schueck of Little Rock.

The first project will be located in Hot Springs, at the Highway 70 East interchange, and will construct a new ramp and acceleration lane to Highway 70. Mobley Contractors, Inc. of Morrilton, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$6,949,176.56.

“This new ramp will carry northbound traffic on the Martin Luther King Expressway to the westbound lanes of Highway 70 leading into Hot Springs,” stated Schueck. “The new ramp will mean safer, faster travel through the interchange area for motorists planning to go west on Highway 70.”

The purpose of the second project is to resurface selected sections of four miles of Highway 7, north of Hot Springs. Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$682,177.68.

“This project will begin at Highway 5 and continue northward,” stated Schueck.

Schueck said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on Highway 7 in September of this year. Work on the Highway 70 interchange should be completed in late 2012.

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