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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FAULKNER COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (12-14)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Faulkner County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to widen Interstate 40, near Conway, to six lanes. Mid-South Pavers, LLC, was awarded the contract at \$44,659,164.71.

“This is the first of four projects that will widen Interstate 40, between Conway and North Little Rock, to three lanes in each direction,” stated Burkhalter. “These projects are being done to improve the flow of traffic between the two cities. Once completed, motorists will experience less congestion on the Interstate, especially during rush hours.”

“This first project will begin at Highway 65 in Conway and continue eastward for approximately eight miles. Following this project, three more will widen the Interstate eastward to Interstate 430 in North Little Rock.”

Burkhalter said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in 2014.

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