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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PULASKI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-1) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Pulaski County, according to Commissioner Tom Schueck of Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to widen 1.4 miles of Highway 5, near Little Rock, to five lanes. Weaver-Bailey Contractors, Inc. of El Paso, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$9,836,438.46.

“These improvements will begin at Otter Creek Road and extend to the southwest to the Saline County line,” stated Schueck. “In addition to widening the roadway to five lanes, sidewalks will be added as well as a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 5 and Alexander Road. Once completed, these improvements will improve the flow of traffic between Alexander and Little Rock”

A second project will resurface approximately 3.25 miles of Interstate 440, in the vicinity of the Little Rock National Airport and the Little Rock Port Industrial Park. Interstate Improvement, Inc. of Faribault, Minnesota, was awarded the contract at \$1,100,715.00.

“This project will involve concrete patching on Interstate 440 and will extend from the airport in Little Rock to Highway 165 in North Little Rock,” Schueck added.

Schueck said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Improvements to Highway 5 should be completed in late 2013. Work on Interstate 440 will be completed in late October of this year.

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