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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PRAIRIE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-07) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Prairie County, according to Commissioner Tom Schueck of Little Rock.

The project will rehabilitate the existing lanes and shoulders on approximately ten miles of Interstate 40. Koss Construction Company of Topeka, Kansas, was awarded the contract at \$56,324,788.17.

“The main travel lanes in both directions on Interstate 40 will be rebuilt beginning at the Cache River and continuing ten miles to the west,” stated Schueck. “In addition to the rehabilitated lanes, the project will include reconstruction of two main lane bridges over the White River relief and the raising of two county road overpasses in the area to accommodate the newly built lanes below on Interstate 40.”

Schueck noted that this project does not include the replacement of the White River Bridge. The new bridge will be built at a later date.

Schueck said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in 2013.

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