



INFORMATION RELEASE

Office of the Director

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. Box 2261 – Little Rock, Arkansas Telephone (501) 569-2227

Contact:
Randy Ort/Scott Munsell

AHC-224
September 12, 2012

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-12) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Washington County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The purpose of the first project is to widen 1.2 miles of Highway 265 from two to five lanes, along with adding sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides. APAC-Central, Inc., of Fayetteville, was awarded the contract at \$5,415,999.85. The improvements will begin at the southern city limits of Springdale and extend northward to Highway 412.

The purpose of the second project is to widen selected sections of 1.2 miles of Highway 16 from two to four lanes, along with adding sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides. Sweetser Construction, Inc., of Fayetteville, was awarded the contract at \$6,212,756.93. The improvements will begin at South Armstrong Road and extend northeastward to South Stone Bridge Road. Traffic signals will also be installed at the intersection of Highway 16 and Stone Bridge Road.

Work on both projects could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in mid-to-late 2014.

####

040490
040578