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NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

WHAT: Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new location of Highway 549 (Future I-49) across Fort Chaffee near Fort Smith. The road is expected to open to traffic that day.

WHO: Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, Highway Commissioners, AHTD Director, Fort Smith Mayor Sandy Sanders, Barling Mayor Jerry Barling, Sebastian County Judge David Hudston, Chaffee Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Ivy Owen, Fort Smith Area Chamber of Commerce officials, other local officials and business leaders.

WHEN: **Tuesday, July 14 at 10:00 am.**

WHERE: The event will take place on the new location of Highway 549 over Highway 22. From just east of the Barling Interchange of Highways 22/59, enter the new on ramp to the event site. Police units will be on site to direct and park vehicles.

WHY: To celebrate the completion of the approximate \$130 million, nearly six-mile Future I-49 roadway.

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