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### **AHTD PLANS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 35 & 65 IN CHICOT COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (10-6)** – The Arkansas State Highway Commission has authorized a project to make safety improvements to the intersection of Highways 35 & 65 in Chicot County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The intersection, located east of Dermott, has experienced an increase in the number of vehicle crashes since 2013. At the request of Commissioner Robert S. Moore, Jr. of Arkansas City, the AHTD carried out a safety study on the intersection this past summer.

“The results of the safety study determined that the realignment of this intersection would increase safety for motorists,” commented Commissioner Moore.

The intersection currently lies at an angle of approximately 70 degrees.

“Realigning the intersection to 90 degrees will increase driver visibility, resulting in a safer intersection and fewer accidents at this location,” Moore added.

Estimated cost of the project is between \$500,000 and \$750,000. The improvements are eligible for Federal-aid Safety funds. Design plans and construction will begin as soon as funds become available.

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at [IDriveArkansas.com](http://IDriveArkansas.com) or [ArkansasHighways.com](http://ArkansasHighways.com). You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

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