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Southside School Safe Routes to School Traffic Signal Fully Operational

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY (1-15) – The new traffic signal at Southside School, funded through the Safe Routes to School program, is ready to begin full operations, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The traffic signal at Scott Drive and U.S. Highway 167 has been in a “flashing caution mode” for two weeks and is expected to begin full operation on **Monday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m.**

In 2011 the Southside School District was awarded \$94,274.00 in Safe Routes to School construction funds. The District used this funding to install a traffic and pedestrian signal at the corner of Scott and U.S. Highway 167. Prior to 2011 not many of the 1,500 Kindergarten through 12th grade children walked to and from school due to the enormous volume of drop-off and pick-up vehicle traffic. The District wanted to encourage more children to walk and or bike by providing safe passage across the highway.

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