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NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

WHAT: The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department will officially designate 44 miles of U.S. Highway 63 between U.S. Highway 49 in Jonesboro and Interstate 55 in Crittenden County as the new Interstate 555 during a sign unveiling event.

WHO: Arkansas Highway Commissioners and AHTD staff will join area elected officials and local business leaders, as well as Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, Congressman Rick Crawford and Senator John Boozman.

WHEN:

Friday, March 11	11:00 am.	Luncheon begins
	11:40 am.	Program begins
	12:45 pm.	Sign unveiling

WHERE: The luncheon and sign unveiling will both be at the St. Bernard's Auditorium located in Jonesboro at 501 E. Washington.

WHY: To celebrate the designation of I-555. Improvements to upgrade U.S. Highway 63 from Jonesboro to I-55 have been ongoing since the early 1970s. The final roadblock for the Interstate designation involved legislation at both the State and Federal levels that was completed in late 2015. Conversion of U.S. Highway 63 signs to I-555 along the corridor should be completed by the end of March.

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