



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

**WHAT:** The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department will officially dedicate and open the first section of the Searcy Bypass (Highway 13 Extension) in White County.

**WHO:** Arkansas Highway Commissioners and AHTD staff will join Searcy Mayor David Morris, other area elected officials and local business leaders for the event. Former Arkansas Governor, and Searcy resident, Mike Beebe is also expected to attend.

**WHEN:** **Friday, May 13**      **10:30 am**      **Dedication**  
   **11:45 am**      **Luncheon**

**WHERE:** The dedication will be on the southern end of the new bypass on the Bayou Des Arc Bridge located on a new section of Highway 13 between Highway 267 and Honey Hill Loop.

To access the dedication site from the south proceed north on the new location at Highway 267. From the north take existing Highway 13 south from Highway 36 and proceed to the new location.

**WHY:** To celebrate the completion and opening of the first of three sections of the Searcy Bypass. This five-mile section was a \$16.4 million project to reconstruct and widen existing Highway 13 south of Highway 36 and to construct a new extension of the highway south to Highway 267.

The second section from Highway 16 to Highway 67 is a \$16.3 million project under construction. The third section that connects the two other sections will begin later this year.

Estimated total cost for the 13-mile Searcy Bypass is \$15-20 million.

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