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U.S. Highway 167 Project Receives Recognition

WASHINGTON D.C. (8-30) – The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) announced that a project on U.S. Highway 167 was selected as a regional winner in the America’s Transportation Awards competition, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The America’s Transportation Awards competition was created by AASHTO in 2008 with the support of AAA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to demonstrate that state departments of transportation are delivering value for transportation dollars. Projects nominated in this competition are making communities stronger, the economy more efficient, and quality of life better. This year 40 states participated in the competition, nominating 84 projects in one of three categories: “Under Budget”, “Best Use of Innovation”, and “Quality of Life/Community Development”. Arkansas’ winning project was in the “Under Budget – Medium” category.

The purpose of the project was to widen approximately five miles of U.S. Highway 167 just north of Fordyce from two lanes to four-lane and five-lane divided roadway. The widening project was awarded to McGeorge Contracting Company, Inc. of Pine Bluff Arkansas for \$33.4 million. It was completed on September 2, 2015. The improvements to U.S. Highway 167 were completed ahead of schedule and under budget. The final cost of was \$765,000 less than expected and was completed nearly two months ahead of schedule.