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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PULASKI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Pulaski County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock.

The first project will widen 1.4 miles of Highway 67 to six lanes. Weaver-Bailey Contractors, Inc. of El Paso, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$9,463,183.44.

“This project will widen the north and southbound lanes of Highway 67 beginning at Kiehl Avenue and continuing northward to Highway 440,” stated Rosenbaum. “The project is a final contract of the improvements we are making to Highway 67 between North Little Rock and Jacksonville that will provide three lanes in each direction from Interstate 40 up to Redmond Road in Jacksonville.”

The purpose of the second project is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Maumelle Boulevard (Highway 100) and Vestal Boulevard in the city of Maumelle. L.E.G. Enterprises, Inc. of Cabot, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$127,334.35.

“This signal is going to make this a safer intersection for motorists driving through this area in Maumelle,” Rosenbaum stated.

A third project is a city street project that will widen Brockington Road, in Sherwood, to five lanes. Redstone Construction Group, Inc. of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$3,217,669.20.

“The widening on Brockington Road will begin at Kiehl Avenue and extend northward approximately one mile to Maryland Avenue,” Rosenbaum added. “It will connect to a four-lane project nearing completion that extends from Maryland Avenue to Highway 107.”

All three projects are being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the lower right portion of the page.

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Rosenbaum said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on the Maumelle traffic signal in the summer of 2010. Work on Highway 67 and on Brockington Road will be completed in late 2011.

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