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NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

WHAT: A dedication event of Highway 65 in Southeast Arkansas.

WHO: Arkansas Highway Commission, AHTD Director, elected officials and

local business leaders.

WHEN: Thursday, July 19 at two locations – 10:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: The first event will be at 10:45 a.m. in Dumas in the front parking lot of

the Merchants and Farmers Bank on Highway 65 located just south of the

intersection with Highway 54.

The second event will be at 2:00 p.m. in Pine Bluff at the AHTD District

Two Headquarters located at 4900 Highway 65 South just east of the

intersection with Highway 425.

WHY: These events are to celebrate the completion of the widening of Highway

65 from two lanes to four lanes between Pine Bluff and Lake Village.

The widening of Highway 65 to four lanes began in 1988 with a \$3.9 million contract near Lake Village and finished in 2012 with two projects near Gould. A total of 19 projects totaling over \$200 million have been

completed during that time.

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