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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAIGHEAD AND LAWRENCE COUNTIES

LITTLE ROCK (5-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Craighead and Lawrence Counties, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The first project calls for paving 6.3 miles of Highway 67 on new location near Cash. Weaver-Bailey Contractors, Inc. of El Paso, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$12,203,621.85.

The project will begin at Highway 226, in Craighead County, and extend northward to Highway 230 in Lawrence County. The work is a continuation of the new four-lane, divided highway on new location north of Newport. Plans call for the new roadway to extend northward to Walnut Ridge in the future.

A second project calls for widening Parker Road and the northeast exit ramp at the Highway 1B/Highway 63 Interchange in Jonesboro. New traffic lights will also be installed. Mobley Contractors, Inc. of Morrilton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$844,149.19.

Work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The Highway 67 project should be completed in the fall of 2013, while the Parker Road project should be completed in the spring of 2013.

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