

# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

**WHAT:** News conference.

**WHO:** Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department officials and Kiewit Infrastructure South officials.

**WHEN:** **Monday, January 7 at 2:00 pm.**

**WHERE:** The AHTD District Headquarters at 4019 Towson Avenue, Fort Smith.

**WHY:** To announce the beginning of construction of the \$78.8 million Interstate Rehabilitation Project (IRP) to improve over seven miles of I-540 between I-40 and Highway 22 in the Van Buren and Fort Smith area.

Work will include replacing nine bridges, improvements to four bridge structures and the installation of sign structures in Crawford and Sebastian Counties. Over 50,000 vehicles per day travel through the limits of this construction zone.

The 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program is an estimated \$1.2 billion program to improve approximately 450 miles of Arkansas Interstates.

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