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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-10) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to a roadway in Mississippi County.

The purpose of the project is to reconstruct 7.8 miles of Interstate 55 from Highway 181 (Kieser Road) to Highway 158 (Victoria Road).

The work includes bridge deck repair on two main lane bridges and raising one bridge structure over West Keiser Avenue in Osceola. Median cable barrier will also be added.

Koss Construction Co. of Topeka, Kansas was awarded the contract at \$28,983,450.28.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by summer 2014.

This project is part of the 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program that will improve 455 miles of Arkansas' Interstates in the coming years.

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