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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PULASKI & LONOKE COUNTIES

LITTLE ROCK (6-10) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to a roadway in Pulaski & Lonoke counties, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The project will resurface 7 miles of U.S. Highway 67 between Jacksonville and Cabot. The work will extend north from Main Street in Jacksonville to Highway 5. The purpose of the project is to improve the driving surface and extend the life of the pavement until it is widened in the coming years.

Chester Bross Construction Company of Hannibal, Missouri was awarded the contract at \$2,696,218.02.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete next spring.

This project is considered an interim pavement improvement. The highway is scheduled to be reconstructed in this area. The \$61 million reconstruction and widening between Main Street and Vandenberg Boulevard is scheduled to begin in 2016. The \$70 million project between Vandenberg Boulevard and Highway 5 is scheduled for 2019.

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