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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PULASKI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-22) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission has approved a bid for improvements to a roadway in Pulaski County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to replace the Highway 70 (Broadway St.) bridge over the Arkansas River between Little Rock and North Little Rock.

Massman Construction Company of Kansas City, Missouri was awarded the contract at \$98,404,049.69.

Pulaski County is contributing \$20 million to finance the construction of a Double Arch. The arches will rise 100 feet above the roadway surface. Vertical clearance on the Arkansas River will be 62.4 feet. Horizontal clearance will be 396 feet. The current bridge was dedicated in 1922 and carries a daily average of 25,000 vehicles.

Construction is scheduled begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by mid 2016.

Additional travel information can be found at <u>IDriveArkansas.com</u> or <u>ArkansasHighways.com</u>. You can also follow us on <u>Twitter @AHTD</u>.

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