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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GARLAND COUNTY

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

The purpose of the project is to widen 0.2 mile of Highway 88 (Higdon Ferry Road) in Hot Springs from three lanes to five lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalks and bicycle lanes. The work will extend north from Printers Place to Crawford St, near Central City Shopping Center. The job also includes the installation of a new traffic signal intersection of Emory St., Crawford St., and Highway 88 (Higdon Ferry Road).

Cranford Construction Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$2,166.873.33.

Construction is scheduled begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by late 2015.

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