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## Missouri Department of Transportation

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SIKESTON -- The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded five construction contracts during its regular meeting today for more than 88 miles of roadway resurfacing projects in Southeast Missouri. The resurfacing contracts include applying new asphalt over the existing pavement along several routes in the area.

Improvement areas include:

**Dunklin County:**

22.7 miles of Route 412 (from Route 84 to just east of the Arkansas state line)

**Mississippi County:**

5.5 miles of Route 80 (from Route 75 to Route 77)

**New Madrid County:**

4.4 miles of Route U (from Route D to Route 61)

**New Madrid/Scott Counties:**

1.3 miles of Business Route 60 (From Route 114 to Route 60)

**Pemiscot County:**

9.3 miles of Route 84 (from east of new Route 412 in Hayti Heights to Route U in Caruthersville)

**Perry County:**

1.6 miles of Route 51 (from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to 1.7 miles south)

1.2 miles of Route 51 (from Brenda Lane to the southern city limits of Perryville)

**Scott County:**

12.6 miles of Route 61 (from the Scott City interchange to Route 77 at Morley)

3.9 miles of Route BB (from Route ZZ to Route 114)

**St. Francois County:**

3 miles of Business Route 67 (from Route 67 to Route Z)

0.8 mile of Route 8 (from Business Route 67 to Route Z)

**Ste. Genevieve County:**

0.8 mile of Route 32 (from the Route 61 intersection to the end of state maintenance)

1.9 miles of Route 61 (from Market Street to St. Mary's Road in Ste. Genevieve)

**Wayne County:**

18.4 miles of Route 67 (from Route 34 south at Silva to the Butler County line)

The resurfacing projects are part of MoDOT's annual program designed to maintain existing pavement and provide a smoother ride for motorists. Due to the winter weather season, the contractors are not anticipated to begin work until the summer and expects to be completed this fall. MoDOT had an opportunity to get a better price awarding the contracts now rather than waiting until early next year and the start of the busy construction season. "We may be holding off a few months before construction actually begins, but awarding the contract this winter uses taxpayer dollars more wisely," said District Engineer Scott Meyer.

The routes will only accommodate one lane of traffic while resurfacing is underway. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the work zones. Contracts were awarded to:

- Apex Paving Co., Cape Girardeau, for \$1,145,960.85 for resurfacing projects in Scott, New Madrid and Mississippi Counties
- Apex Paving Co., Cape Girardeau, for \$2,489,061 for resurfacing in Dunklin and Pemiscot Counties
- Jokerst Paving & Contracting, Inc., Festus , for \$528,174 for resurfacing in Perry and Ste. Genevieve Counties
- Lead Belt Materials Company, Inc., Park Hills, for \$428,226 for resurfacing in St. Francois County
- Pace Construction Company, St. Louis, for \$1,298,357 for resurfacing in Wayne County

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