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Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Marvin L. Franklin announced today the award of a $2.4 million contract with Burgess Construction Company of Phoenix, Ariz., for the bituminous surfacing of 12.768 miles of Navajo India n Reservation road extending from Ganado, Ariz.; to the Nazlini - Sawmill Road Junction. Included in the contract is a 200-foot bridge to be built over Ganado Wash near Ganado Lake.

"The new road will provide an all-weather road for use of general traffic and commerce to the communities of Ganado and Nazlini and the surrounding area," Franklin said.

The road constructing project is in line with the Administration's program to accelerate reservation development. An immediate objective is to increase the number and improve the quality of reservation roads.

Five other bids were received, ranging to a high of $2.9 million.