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TRAFFIC RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE ON HIGHWAY 23

LITTLE ROCK (10-16) Repair work on Highway 23, at two locations approximately 18 and 19.5 miles north of Interstate 40 in Franklin County, will require traffic to use only one lane for an extended period of time, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Both northbound and southbound traffic on Highway 23 will encounter YIELD signs at the project site. One travel lane will remain open through the construction area. The single lane operation is currently in place at approximately 18 miles north of Interstate 40. When work is complete at that location, work will begin at the location approximately 19.5 miles north of Interstate 40. The work is expected to continue for several months.

“Motorists will encounter message boards and signing prior to the work sites and are urged to use caution when approaching the construction and to be prepared to stop and yield to oncoming traffic,” stated Joe Shipman, District Engineer for District Four.

Heavy rains in early 2008 resulted in soils supporting the slope downhill of the highway to become unstable. The Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a \$2.5 million contract to Kesser International of Little Rock in August 2009 for the repair work.

Motorists are urged to exercise caution when approaching and traveling through highway work zones.

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