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## **HIGHWAY 167 DETOUR IN EL DORADO TO END IN DECEMBER**

**LITTLE ROCK (11-18)** – Rerouting of traffic at a construction site on Highway 167 just outside of El Dorado will come to an end in early December, according to officials from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD).

Traffic traveling on Highway 167 has had to be routed to a detour where the highway crosses Highway 7, due to a shift of shoring materials near the end of the bridge caused by weeks of wet weather. The Highway 167 overpass is being widened from two to four lanes as part of a \$23 million construction project in the area.

“We appreciate everyone’s patience as repair work has progressed,” stated AHTD District Seven Engineer Carl Bachelor. “We know it has caused inconvenience to motorists in the area over the past few weeks but we are going to complete this work as quickly as possible.”

Plans call for traffic to return to normal the first week of December.

“We want to remind motorists that even though work is almost completed, the detour will have to be in place through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend,” Bachelor added. “We encourage people with family and friends coming into town for the holidays to make everyone aware of the detour and follow the signs closely as they approach the construction area.”

Motorists traveling south on Highway 167 entering El Dorado must take the ramp (as directed by detour signs) to Highway 7 North. At the end of the ramp, there are stop signs and detour signs for Highway 167 South (left turn), Highway 167B (right turn) and Highway 7 North (right turn). Detour signs are placed along the route to direct motorists. Motorists traveling from El Dorado going north on Highway 167 must take the ramp to Highway 167 South. They must follow detour signs to Champagnolle Road, exit and cross over Highway 167 and go north to Highway 167 North and Highway 7 North.

As always, motorists are urged to use an alternate route if possible and to exercise caution when approaching and traveling through highway work zones.

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