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TEMPORARY SIGNALS TO BE PLACED ON HIGHWAY 43 IN VICINITY OF ROCK SLIDE IN BOONE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (11-15)--Officials with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department have announced that temporary traffic signals will replace “Yield” signs currently in place on Highway 43 in Boone County in the area of a rock slide that occurred last spring.

The traffic signals will be located on Highway 43 approximately four miles south of the junction of Highways 43 and 397, which is located in Harrison.

“Traffic through the slide area has increased this fall and we are receiving more calls,” stated Steve Lawrence, District 9 Engineer. “These lights will enhance safety for motorists traveling through the area.”

“These new signals have motion sensors that will detect when vehicles are approaching the slide area and will allow traffic to flow through accordingly,” stated Lawrence. The new signals will be operational beginning Wednesday, November 16th.

This area of Highway 43 was damaged during heavy rains last spring. The rains caused a rock slide that destroyed one lane of the highway in the area. The damaged area is approximately one-half mile in length.

Department officials are now advertising for bids and hope to award a contract in December for permanent repairs to the roadway. The new traffic signals will remain in place during reconstruction.

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