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### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRAVEL IN ARKANSAS

**LITTLE ROCK (11-18)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) will have minimal lane closures on major highways during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, according to AHTD officials.

**There will be no lane closures on the I-40 project in Prairie County from Wednesday, November 23 through Monday, November 28.** A \$56.3 million project is underway to rehabilitate the Interstate both east and west of the White River bridge, between milemarkers 193 and 202, and there have been recent lanes closures through the area. However, all lanes will be open (two lanes in each direction) from Wednesday through Monday. Motorists should note that temporary lane closures will resume after Thanksgiving, and permanent lane closures (one lane of travel in each direction) will begin soon and remain in place for approximately 18 months.

The I-55 construction zone between milemarkers 61 and 69, south of Blytheville, will continue to have a lane closure through the holidays. In the Texarkana area, traffic will remain limited to one lane in each direction on Loop 245 between I-30 and Arkansas Boulevard.

Travel patterns in the area of the Big Rock Interchange project (I-430/I-630) in Little Rock are expected to remain unchanged through the end of the year.

As always, motorists are encouraged to exercise caution when traveling through work zones. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is historically the busiest travel weekend of the year, and motorists should take that into consideration when making travel plans.

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