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I-430/I-630 INTERCHANGE UPDATE I-630 EASTBOUND EXIT RAMP RELOCATING

LITTLE ROCK (5-24) – Six days are left until significant changes are made to the southbound I-430 lanes of the Big Rock Interchange (I-430/I-630) on Wednesday, May 30. The most significant change will be a relocated exit for those that travel I-430 south and then east on I-630 or west on Financial Center Parkway.

The new exit will be located south of the present location. The first southbound exit will remain in the current location, but will become a Markham Street only exit. The second exit will be a new off ramp location for I-630 east and Financial Center Parkway west traffic. Message boards will be in place to help direct motorists.

Motorists are encouraged to stay away from the southbound lanes of the interchange on Wednesday, May 30, as workers begin shifting lanes at 9:00 a.m. Delays are expected for 18-21 hours as a combination of lane closures involving one to two lanes will occur. At least one southbound and all northbound lanes will remain open at all time during the shift.

“We waited until school was out to start this stage,” said Arkansas State Highway and Transportation (AHTD) Director Scott Bennett. “Motorists will see significant progress in construction throughout the summer.”

The southbound lanes of I-430 between Markham Street and I-630 need to shift to accommodate the next stage of construction. This traffic pattern will remain in place approximately four to five weeks. Three southbound lanes into the interchange are currently in place and will remain after the transition, but lane widths will be reduced, and the advisory speed will be 40 mph through the area.

The \$124 million interchange modification project will continue through 2014.

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