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MOTORISTS URGED TO USE CAUTION DURING JULY 4TH HOLIDAY TRAVELS

LITTLE ROCK (6-27) – Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department officials remind motorists to use extra care and attention when driving through highway work zones during the approaching July 4th holiday.

Several locations on Arkansas’ Interstates will be reduced to one lane or have closed shoulders where construction zones are located.

“Travelers should stay alert and plan ahead for possible delays,” stated AHTD Director Scott Bennett. “Motorists traveling on the Interstates during the July 4th holiday should be prepared for additional traffic throughout the day. Keeping distractions to a minimum and following all roadside signage instructions will help travelers arrive safely at their destination.”

Bennett urges travelers to visit the Department’s website at www.arkansashighways.com and click on the “Know the REDZones” icon. The site will highlight areas with significantly reduced capacity during highway construction projects.

“We want travelers to be aware of these REDZones and to consider alternate routes, when available, before they get into the construction area,” Bennett added.

Following is a list of Arkansas’ Interstate lane closures for the holiday:

<u>Interstate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Milemarker</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>One lane closed</u>
30	Hot Spring	Social Hill	92 – 98	6 miles	Both directions
40	Prairie	White River	198 – 205	7 miles	Both directions
245	Miller	Texarkana	6 – 8	1.5 miles	Both directions
530	Grant/Jefferson	Redfield	16 – 24	8 miles	Both directions

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In addition to these locations, construction zones will be in place during the holiday at the Interchange of 430/630 in Little Rock, on Interstate 40 south of Conway and on Interstate 30 near Texarkana. No lane closures are in place at these locations but motorists should exercise caution when traveling through the work area.

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