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I-430 NORTHBOUND LANES SHIFT BACK – LOOPS TO REOPEN THIS WEEKEND AT BIG ROCK INTERCHANGE

LITTLE ROCK (8-3) – The ambitious 20 days of accelerated work at the Big Rock Interchange (I-430/I-630) is entering its final stages as the contractor has completed hanging all the steel beams.

Beginning Saturday morning, August 4, at 6:00 a.m., drivers on I-430 northbound can expect a combination of lane closures with only one lane open for up to 12 hours between Colonel Glenn Road and the Big Rock Interchange. Delays are to be expected as workers restripe and shift the northbound lanes back to their original and final position. Only the northbound lanes will be moved during this weekend lane shift, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Once the northbound lane shift is complete, the two loop ramps that have been closed for a week will re-open, and the detour utilizing Shackleford Road will be removed. This should occur sometime late Saturday afternoon or Saturday evening. Two lanes of travel will be open through the interchange area after the lane shift, and that pattern will remain in place for the rest of this year.

If the weather cooperates, the final traffic pattern shift should occur next Wednesday, August 8, when workers will begin shifting the I-430 southbound lanes back to their original and final position. Once the southbound lane shift begins, motorists can expect a combination of lane closures with only one lane open for up to 12 hours between Rodney Parham Road and the Big Rock Interchange. The AHTD will update this information early next week.

“The good news is that we will be wrapping up this work before school starts, and that was the goal,” said AHTD Director Scott Bennett. “We simply ask for the motorists’ patience for just a few more days.”

For the latest information on this project, go to www.ArkansasHighways.com.

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