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I-540 Lane and Road Closures In Fort Smith

FORT SMITH (27-June) The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned work that will affect traffic on I-540 and Highway 45 (Old Greenwood Road) in Fort Smith.

Lane closures and short term road closures are necessary to allow the Contractor to remove the bridge recently taken out of service. Lane closures may be expected between the hours of 10 p.m. and midnight and short term road closures may be expected between midnight and 5 a.m. on the following dates:

- Beginning the night of June 28 and continuing until the morning of June 30.
- Beginning the night of July 2 and continuing until the morning of July 3.
- Beginning the night of July 5 and continuing until the morning of July 7.
- Beginning the night of July 9 and continuing until the morning of July 13.

Work will begin in the southbound direction and will progress to the northbound direction. Road closures will be limited to 30 minutes at any one time and then one lane will be re-opened in each direction to allow traffic through the work zone before any additional closure. All lanes will be available to traffic after 5 a.m. each day.

Adjustment of the times of any announced lane closures may become necessary due to weather or other unforeseen conditions.

Motorists are reminded that the speed limit in this work zone has been reduced from 65 miles per hour to 55 miles per hour, for the safety of the construction workers and the motorists. Increased traffic enforcement is scheduled in this work area and, under Arkansas law, fines are doubled for violations in the work zone.

Motorists are urged to use care and think ahead when traveling through the work zone. They should remember to **Obey the Posted Speed Limits and Other Regulatory Signing**; to **Maintain a Steady Speed**; to **Leave Room** between them and other vehicles; to **Be Aware of Road Conditions** in front of them; and to **Anticipate the Need to Stop or Reduce Speed Substantially**. Motorists are advised to take alternate routes to reduce congestion of this area.

Up-to-date information on lane closures on this and other projects in the state is available at www.arkansashighways.com.

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