



# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FOUR

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### Hwy. 71 Lane Closure for Greenwood and Fort Smith

**FORT SMITH (9-July)** The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned work that will affect northbound traffic on Highway 71 between Greenwood and Fort Smith. The lane closure will allow for the construction of turn lanes and crossovers associated with the Highway 71 relocation work between Highways 71 and 22.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 11, the Contractor will restrict Highway 71 to one lane in the northbound direction between Elmwood Cutoff and Howard Hill Road north of Greenwood. The nature of the work will require the lane closure to remain in place until work on the existing lanes is completed. The contractor intends to concentrate their forces on this portion of the work in an effort to minimize impacts to motorists. The lane closure is expected to remain in place for approximately 6 weeks.

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

In October 2012, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$22,649,692.08, to APAC-Tennessee, Inc. of Memphis, TN. The project includes concrete paving of Future I-49 main lanes and ramps; constructing median crossovers, traffic signals, a turn lane, and ramp tie-ins at Highway 71 north of Greenwood. The project also includes constructing ramp tie-ins at Highway 22 near Barling. Work on the project is expected to be completed in late 2014.

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.

Up-to-date information on lane closures on this and other projects in the state is available at [www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com).

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