



# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### Highway 64 Traffic Pattern Change in Van Buren

**FORT SMITH (May 8)** The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned changes to traffic patterns on Highway 64 (Alma Highway) in Van Buren associated with the construction on I-540.

Temporary changes to the traffic patterns are necessary to allow the raising of the bridge deck carrying Highway 64 westbound traffic over I-540.

All traffic will be moved to the existing eastbound lanes of Highway 64 in the area of I-540 to allow the bridge over I-540 in the westbound direction to be raised. Westbound traffic will be diverted to the eastbound lanes using temporary median crossings. Eastbound and westbound traffic will be separated by a temporary concrete Barrier wall.

The on ramp for westbound traffic on Highway 64 to I-540 southbound and the northbound off ramp from I-540 to westbound Highway 64 will be closed to accommodate this work.

Traffic changes will begin after 7 p.m. on May 9 and work is expected to be completed and traffic patterns restored to the existing lanes and ramps within 48 hours.

Motorists are advised to consider alternate routes to reduce congestion in the work zone.

In November, 2012, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$78.8 million, to Kiewit Infrastructure South Company of Fort Worth, Texas. Work on the project is expected to be complete in mid-2014.

Motorists are urged to use care and think ahead when traveling through the work zone. Motorists should **Obey the Posted Speed Limits and Other Regulatory Signing; Maintain a Steady Speed; Leave Room Between Vehicles; Be Aware of Road Conditions; and 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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