



# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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

**FORT SMITH (1-Mar)** The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned lane closures associated with work to install Wire Rope Safety Fence in the median of Highway 71 from Greenwood to Fort Smith.

Beginning Monday, March 4, lane closures may be expected in the inside lane in both or either the northbound and southbound directions of Highway 71 between Highway 10 Spur in Greenwood and Riley Park Drive in Fort Smith except during the following times:

- All northbound lanes will be available to traffic from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., Sunday through Saturday.
- All southbound lanes will be available to traffic from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Sunday through Saturday.

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

In January, 2013, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$941,523, to Nationwide Construction Group of Chesterfield, Michigan. The project includes adjusting grades of existing drainage structures, reconfiguring median slope grades and constructing and installing Wire Rope Safety Fence in the median areas of Highway 71 between Highway 10 Spur and Riley Park Road/Co. Rd. 179 and Highway 271 (I-540) from the Oklahoma/Arkansas State Line east for approximately one-half mile. Work on the project is expected to be completed in Summer 2013.

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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