



# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FOUR

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### On and Off Ramps to Be Closed in Fort Smith

**FORT SMITH (July 17)** The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned closures of the on and off ramps for I-540 for the Highway 22 (Rogers Avenue), Grand Avenue, and Kelley Highway Interchanges in Fort Smith.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 18, individual ramps for traffic exiting to and entering from Highway 22 (Rogers Avenue), Grand Avenue, and Kelley Highway in the southbound direction of I-540 will be closed intermittently to allow for paving of the main lanes. The work will begin at the Kelley Highway ramps and progress south towards Highway 22 (Rogers Avenue). The ramps are expected to be closed for approximately one hour at a time as the paving equipment progresses through each ramp area. All ramps are expected to be re-opened to traffic by 6 a.m. each day.

This work is scheduled to continue through Wednesday, July 24.

Adjustment of times of the ramp closures may be required due to weather or other unforeseen conditions.

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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