



# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FOUR

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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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

**FORT SMITH (July 8)** 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 at the Grand Avenue Interchange in Fort Smith.

Beginning at 12 a.m. (midnight) Wednesday, July 10, the ramps for traffic exiting to and entering from Grand Avenue in the southbound direction of I-540 will be closed. The ramps are expected to be re-opened to traffic by 3 a.m. The closure is necessary to allow for asphalt paving of the southbound I-540 lanes in this area.

The ramp closures will also be in place from Thursday, July 11 to Friday, July 19.

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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