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### **Highway 149 Overpass Crossing I-40 Near Forrest City Re-opened**

**LITTLE ROCK (1-31)** – The Highway 149 overpass crossing Interstate 40 east of Forrest City re-opened today according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Construction crews completed work to repair an apparent failure in the shoring of an embankment that occurred on January 14 where a new overpass is being constructed. The construction is taking place at the Earle exit near Shell Lake on I-40 (Exit 260).

Approximately 2,000 vehicles travel across the overpass daily, 43 percent of which are heavy trucks.

The project was successfully bid in June 2012 by Tulsa-based Manhattan Road & Bridge Company for approximately \$7.5 million. Work began in August. Completion for the new overpass is estimated to be in fall 2013.

Motorists should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones.

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