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REPAIRS ON WHITE RIVER BRIDGE REQUIRE EASTBOUND DETOUR ON INTERSTATE 40 IN PRAIRIE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (3-26) -- Repairs to the White River Bridge on Interstate 40 will continue to require a detour of eastbound traffic, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Inspectors discovered damage during a routine examination of the bridge on Monday. As a safety precaution, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department immediately decided to divert all eastbound traffic away from the damaged area. Since that time, crews have been working around the clock to make repairs.

Currently, drivers are being detoured at Exit 193 to Highway 70 in Hazen. Traffic is being routed back on Interstate 40 at mile marker 202 at Biscoe. Westbound traffic will not be affected. This detour is expected to continue until sometime Thursday, March 28th, weather permitting.

The Interstate 40 White River Bridge is inspected every 12 months. It's estimated that 30,000 vehicles cross the bridge daily, 58 percent of which are tractor-trailers. The bridge was constructed in 1968 and is 2,701 feet in length. It is scheduled to be replaced in 2015.

Motorists should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Information on lane closures, construction projects, and public hearings can be found at ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on Twitter [@AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

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