

# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

- WHAT:** News conference to recognize National Work Zone Safety week.
- WHO:** Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department officials, representatives of the construction industry, Fort Smith Mayor Sandy Sanders, Van Buren Mayor Bob Freeman and others will attend.
- WHEN:** **Thursday, April 11 at 10:15 a.m.**
- WHERE:** The event will take place in Fort Smith in the I-540 work zone. Entry to the news conference area will be from Grand Avenue take the southbound on-ramp and Highway Police will direct attendees to the closed southbound I-540 lanes.
- WHY:** April is recognized around the country as a time for Work Zone Safety Awareness. Construction recently began in Fort Smith on the \$78.8 million I-540 rehabilitation project and will continue for another year, and everyone needs to do their part to make this construction project a safe route to travel.
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