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INSPECTION OF WHITE RIVER BRIDGE REQUIRES WESTBOUND DETOUR ON INTERSTATE 40 IN PRAIRIE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-8) – An inspection of the White River Bridge on Interstate 40 will require a detour of westbound traffic, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The work will require all westbound traffic to be diverted to Highway 70 at exit 202 in Biscoe. Traffic will be routed back on Interstate 40 at mile marker 193 in Hazen. The detour will be Tuesday, April 9th from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

On March 25th, inspectors discovered damage during a routine examination of the bridge. As a safety precaution, eastbound traffic was diverted away from the damaged area until the bridge was safe for traffic. Now that repairs are complete, the bridge must undergo a final inspection.

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. Additional travel information can be found at ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on Twitter [@AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

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