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WEATHER DELAYS OPENING OF HIGHWAY 549 TO TRAFFIC IN TEXARKANA

LITTLE ROCK (5-3) – Poor weather conditions will delay the opening of Highway 549 to traffic in Texarkana, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

On Tuesday, April 30th, a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new location of the Texarkana Loop (Highway 549), from Arkansas Boulevard to Highway 71 north of Texarkana.

Highway 549 was scheduled to open to traffic next week. However, due to recent rainy conditions, the contractor has been unable to complete all the work as scheduled. AHTD officials hope to have Highway 549 open the week of May 13th. We will provide additional information when an exact date has been set.

This project is part of the future of the Interstate 49 corridor which will link the Gulf of Mexico with Canada through western Arkansas.

Motorists should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel related information can be found at ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on Twitter [@AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

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