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IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 40 REQUIRE LANE CLOSURE IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-13) – Improvements to Interstate 40 will require a lane closure and diversion in St. Francis County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will reconstruct 8 miles of Interstate 40 from Forrest City, eastward. The work will require a lane closure for eastbound traffic beginning **Sunday, September 15th** at 8:00 p.m. This closure will be for the entire length of the 8 mile project.

On **Monday morning, September 16th**, all westbound traffic will be reduced to one lane as crews remove a barrier wall and complete crossover construction. Workers will also begin installing a precast concrete barrier wall on the centerline of the eastbound lanes. This work is expected to last one week.

Current plans are to shift all traffic to one lane in each direction beginning **Monday, September 23rd**.

This project is part of the 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program that will improve 455 miles of Arkansas' Interstates in the coming years. APAC-Tennessee, Inc. of Memphis, TN, was awarded the contract at \$51,946,709.12. The project should be complete in late 2014.

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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