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INFORMATION RELEASE

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I-540 Lane Closures in Fort Smith/Van Buren

FORT SMITH/VAN BUREN (June 30) The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned work that will affect traffic on Interstate 540 between Highway 22 (Rogers Avenue) in Fort Smith and Highway 64 in Van Buren.

The Contractor will utilize a mobile operation to close one lane of Interstate 540 in the northbound direction beginning at 7:00 a.m. on July 1. The contractor plans to move the operation to the southbound lanes in the mid-afternoon and cease operations by 8:00 p.m. The mobile operation and sequence will be repeated on July 2.

The lane closures are necessary to allow the Contractor to access and perform work on select sections of the roadway. The effective length of the lane closure is expected to be less than one mile at any given time.

Adjustment of the dates and times of the traffic changes may be required due to weather or other unforeseen traffic conditions.

Motorists are advised to consider alternate routes to reduce congestion in the work zone.

In November, 2012, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$78.8 million, to Kiewit Infrastructure South Company of Fort Worth, Texas. Work on the project is expected to be complete in mid-2014.

Motorists are reminded that the speed limit in the work zone is 65 miles per hour. Increased traffic enforcement is scheduled in the work area and, under Arkansas law, fines are doubled for violations in the work zone.

Motorists are urged to use care and think ahead when traveling through the work zone. They should remember to Obey the Posted Speed Limits and Other Regulatory Signing; to Maintain a Steady Speed; to Leave Room between them and other vehicles; to Be Aware of Road Conditions in front of them; and to Anticipate the Need to Stop or Reduce Speed Substantially.

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

