

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FOUR

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INFORMATION RELEASE

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Highway 265 Road Closure in Fayetteville & Springdale

FORT SMITH (3-July) The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned work that will affect through traffic on Highway 265 in Fayetteville and Springdale between Joyce Boulevard in Fayetteville and Don Tyson Parkway in Springdale. The road closure will allow for the removal of an existing drainage structure and for the construction of bridge approaches for the new bridge over Clear Creek. Local traffic will be allowed to use the highway to access their residence or business but no through traffic will be allowed.

Beginning Monday, July 7, the Contractor will close Highway 265 to through traffic between Joyce Boulevard and Don Tyson Parkway. A detour route utilizing Joyce Boulevard and Don Tyson Parkway will be established and marked with appropriate signage. However, it should be noted that truck traffic is not allowed on the portion of the Don Tyson Parkway used for the detour route. The road closure is expected to remain in place through July 29.

Adjustment of the times of any announced road closures may become necessary due to weather or other unforeseen conditions.

In April 2013, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$9,498,700.58 to DECCO Contractors-Paving, Inc. of Rogers, AR for the project. The project will widen the existing highway from three lanes to a grass median divided highway with two lanes and a bike lane in each direction from Joyce Blvd. in Fayetteville to Ivey Lane in Springdale.

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 Unexpected Need to Stop or Reduce Speed Substantially due to construction vehicles entering and exiting the work zone.

Additional travel information can be found at <u>IDriveArkansas.com</u> or <u>ArkansasHighways.com</u>. You can also follow us on <u>Twitter @AHTD</u>

