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IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 40/55 REQUIRE LANE CLOSURES IN WEST MEMPHIS (SCHEDULE CHANGED DUE TO WEATHER)

LITTLE ROCK (1-29) – Improvements to Interstate 40/55 will require lane closures in West Memphis, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews are preparing to reconstruct Interstate 40/55 between the Interstate 40/55 interchange in northern West Memphis and Highway 131 (Mound City Road). This will reduce I-40 eastbound traffic by one lane. **Note: I-40 and I-55 share the same lanes through this area. Therefore, I-55 will be affected as well.**

The initial lane closures will begin Thursday, January 30th, at 7:00 a.m., weather permitting. The closures will only affect traffic on Interstate 40 eastbound/Interstate 55 southbound. Traffic will initially be controlled using barrels and warning signs.

This work had been scheduled to start Monday, January 27th, but had to be rescheduled due to freezing temperatures. There are temperature limitations for pavement markings.

Last December, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department awarded the \$32.1 million dollar contract to Koss Construction of Topeka, Kansas. It includes Interstate reconstruction and rehabilitation of six bridges on Interstate 40/55 in West Memphis. The entire project is estimated to be complete in the summer of 2015. This project is part of the Interstate Rehabilitation Program, which was approved by voters in 2011.

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).

