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IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 40 /55 REQUIRE RAMP CLOSURES IN WEST MEMPHIS

LITTLE ROCK (2-12) – Improvements to Interstate 40/55 will require ramp 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). The work will require closing some eastbound ramps in West Memphis, weather permitting.

- **7th Street eastbound entrance ramp closed Saturday, February 15th.**
- **Ingram Boulevard eastbound exit ramp (Exit 279-A) closed by Tuesday, February 18th.**
- **Ingram Boulevard eastbound entrance ramp closed by Wednesday, February 19th.**

These ramp closures are expected to continue until mid-June. The 7th Street exit ramp (Exit 278) will remain open. Drivers wanting to access businesses along the South Frontage Road should take the 7th Street exit ramp (Exit 278). Interstate access will be available at Martin Luther King Boulevard.

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. It's part of the Interstate Rehabilitation Program, which was approved by voters in 2011. The entire project is scheduled to be complete by November.

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).

