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WORK REQUIRES LANE CLOSURE ON HIGHWAY 71 IN FORT SMITH AND GREENWOOD

FORT SMITH (2-21) - The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned lane closures associated with work to construct a turn lane and crossovers in the median of Highway 71 and to construct ramp tie-ins with Highway 71 between Greenwood and Fort Smith.

Beginning Monday, February 24th, lane closures may be expected in either the northbound or southbound directions of Highway 71 between Elmwood Cutoff and Howard Hill Road north of Greenwood. The Contractor intends to concentrate their forces on this portion of the work in an effort to minimize impacts to motorists. Lane closures are expected to remain in place for approximately 6 weeks.

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

In October 2012, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$22,649,692.08, to APAC-Tennessee, Inc. of Memphis, TN. The project includes concrete paving of future I-49 main lanes and ramps, as well as constructing median crossovers, traffic signals, a turn lane, and ramp tie-ins at Highway 71 north of Greenwood. The project also includes constructing ramp tie-ins at Highway 22 near Barling. Work on the project is expected to be completed in late 2014.

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).

