

# INFORMATION RELEASE



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### **I-540 Traffic Pattern Change in Fort Smith/Van Buren**

**FORT SMITH/VAN BUREN (3-11)** - The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned changes to traffic patterns in the construction zone that will affect traffic on I-540 between Rogers Avenue in Fort Smith and the I-40/I-540 Interchange in Van Buren.

On Wednesday, March 12, the Contractor will begin the process to move northbound traffic to the outside, northbound lane of I-540 between Rogers Avenue and the I-40/I-540 Interchange. Southbound traffic will remain in the outside, southbound lane. The Contractor will begin making the traffic change after 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Traffic will continue to be restricted to one lane in each direction through the construction zone.

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

