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## INTERSTATE 540 CONSTRUCTION SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE IN CRAWFORD & SEBASTIAN COUNTIES

**LITTLE ROCK (6-6)** – Construction work on Interstate 540 is substantially complete in Crawford and Sebastian counties, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Since early 2013, crews have been paving and replacing nine structurally deficient bridges, modifying or raising four bridges, and installing sign support structures along the seven mile stretch of interstate. The work has extended from Interstate 40 to the Oklahoma border.

AHTD has now fully opened the northbound lanes. Southbound lanes are still reduced to one lane as crews do patchwork on the Arkansas River bridge. This work is scheduled to be complete next week. At that time, all southbound lanes will be opened. Additional work will continue in the area, so drivers should exercise caution when traveling in the construction zone.

This project was one of the first let to contract in the 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program, which was approved by voters to improve 455 miles of Arkansas roadways. The \$78.8 million contract was also the largest ever awarded by AHTD.

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).

