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## IMPROVEMENTS WILL REQUIRE OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES ON U.S. HIGHWAY 67 BETWEEN JACKSONVILLE & CABOT

**LITTLE ROCK (7-21)** – Improvements will require lane closures on U.S. Highway 67 between Jacksonville and Cabot, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will be patching and rehabilitating the roadway to extend the pavement life and improve ride quality until a major widening project begins in a few years. A \$2.7 million contract was awarded to Chester Bross Construction Company of Hannibal, Missouri. It's scheduled to be complete by the end of this year. The project extends from just north of the Main Street interchange in Jacksonville to the Highway 5 interchange in Cabot. Overnight lane closures will be necessary to complete the project.

The work will reduce northbound and southbound traffic to 1 lane during the overnight hours beginning Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd.</sup> Southbound lane closures will occur between 6:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. nightly. Northbound will be reduced to 1 lane between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. nightly, weather permitting. No work will take place on Sundays between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. Traffic will be controlled using barrels and warning signs.

Work will also begin soon on a project to replace the Main Street and Redmond Road overpasses on U.S. Highway 67 in Jacksonville. A \$41.0 million contract was awarded to the James Construction group of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The new bridges and roadways between the bridges will be three lanes in each direction. Work is scheduled to begin in mid to late August. It should be complete by early 2016. Limited overnight lane closures will be needed in the beginning of the project, but otherwise, two lanes of travel will be maintained in each direction throughout the construction process.

Motorists should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at <u>IDriveArkansas.com</u> or you can follow us on <u>Twitter</u> <u>@AHTD</u>.

