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AHTD ANNOUNCES LANE CLOSURES FOR I-49 WORK

LITTLE ROCK (10-17) Overnight lanes closures on southbound I-49 in Benton County will begin Sunday night, October 19th, at 8:00 p.m. and will continue nightly throughout the week, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The closures are needed to give the contractor room to repave the two outside lanes on southbound I-49 between Highway 264 at Lowell and the Wagon Wheel Road exit. The two outside lanes will be closed and traffic will be placed on the newly constructed inside lane. This will occur nightly between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Sunday night through Friday morning (Oct. 19-24), weather permitting. Two lanes of traffic will be open each day from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Work on the northbound lanes was completed over the weekend of Oct. 3-5. Original plans were to complete the southbound side this weekend, but the AHTD postponed the closures because of the increased traffic expected for the War Eagle Craft Fair.

Rather than wait until November and risk the onset of colder weather, the AHTD opted to allow the contractor to use a series of weekday overnight closures instead of a full weekend. Should the contractor not complete the work the week of the 19th- 24th, closures will begin again on Sunday night, October 26th and continue nightly (weather permitting) until completion.

