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INFORMATION RELEASE

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I-49 Northbound and Southbound Nightly Lane Closures in Fayetteville

FORT SMITH (21-September) The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned nightly lane closures on I-49 in Fayetteville.

Beginning Monday, September 21, motorists may expect lane closures between the hours of 8 pm and 6 am for northbound traffic, and between 8 pm and 7 am for southbound traffic. The lane closures will be in place between Exits 62 and 66 on I-49. In an effort to accommodate additional traffic due to Bikes Blues and Barbeque, lane closures are not planned between Wednesday, September 23, and Sunday, September 27.

The lane closures will be necessary for the placement of asphalt in the existing travel lanes of I-49. It is anticipated that the nightly work will take 5 weeks to complete.

Adjustment of the dates of the traffic changes may become necessary due to weather or other unforeseen conditions.

In July 2013, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$16,600,000.00 to Pace Construction Co., LLC of St. Louis, MO for the project. The project will add a third lane for both the northbound and southbound lanes of I-49 between Highway 16 and Porter Road.

Motorists are urged to **Use Care and Think Ahead** when traveling through the work zone. They should remember to **Obey the Posted Speed Limits** and **Other Regulatory Signing**; to **Maintain a Steady Speed**; to **Leave Room** between them and other vehicles; to **Be Aware of Road Conditions** in front of them; and to **Anticipate the Unexpected Need to Stop or Reduce Speed Substantially** due to construction vehicles entering and exiting the work zone.

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