



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **Hwy 71B (Fulbright Expressway) and I-49 Lane Closures**

**Fayetteville (3-10)** The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned lane closures that will impact traffic on Highway 71B (Fulbright Expressway) between I-49 and North Gregg Avenue in Fayetteville; and on I-49 near the Bobby Hopper Tunnel and near the Cato Springs Interchange.

Beginning Tuesday, March 10, the Contractor will close the inside lane in both the northbound and southbound directions of Highway 71B (Fulbright Expressway). The lane closures will occur between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 A.M and are anticipated nightly for approximately one week.

In addition, lane closures can be expected near log mile 40, south of the Bobby Hopper Tunnel, and near log mile 60, in the vicinity of the Cato Springs Road Interchange. The Contractor will close the inside lane in both the northbound and southbound directions at various times. It is anticipated that these lane closures will be necessary for approximately two weeks. The lane closures will be removed when no work is being performed.

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 September, 2014, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$829,734, to Time Striping, Inc. of Van Buren, AR to install Wire Rope Safety Fence along portions of I-49 and Highway 71B (Fulbright Expressway) in Washington County. Work on the project is expected to be complete in mid-2015.

Motorists are reminded that the speed limit in the work zone is reduced for the safety of the construction workers and the motorists. Increased traffic enforcement is scheduled in the work area and, under Arkansas law, fines are doubled for violations in the work zone.

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).

