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POWER LINE INSTALLATION TO CLOSE INTERSTATE 49 FOR 15 MINUTES IN BENTON COUNTY

BENTON COUNTY (10-21) – Crews installing a new power line spanning I-49 requires closing lanes in both directions for 15 minutes in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

On **Sunday, October 25** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., northbound and southbound traffic will be stopped between Exit 78 (State Highway 264) in Lowell and Exit 76 (Wagon Wheel Road) in Springdale to install the power line, weather permitting. Traffic control will be handled by the Arkansas State Police.

Southbound traffic will be stopped approximately 0.4 miles north of the work site at the Highway 264 on-ramp on I-49, and northbound traffic will be stopped approximately 1.9 miles south of the work site at the Wagon Wheel Road on-ramp. See attached map.

Advance warning signs will be placed to notify traffic approaching the closure. The public is advised to be cautious if traveling in this work zone and are encouraged to find alternative routes to avoid the 15-minute interstate closure.

After traffic reopens Sunday morning, construction work will continue throughout the day. Utility bucket trucks will be parked on the shoulder on both sides of the interstate and working over the travel lanes to minimize exposure while pulling wire across the road.

This project is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and constructs approximately four miles of the new four-lane U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass, which extends from Interstate 49 to State Highway 112. The U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass project will provide a principal east-west route north of the Springdale Metropolitan Area. More information on this \$100.6 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.

NOT TO SCALE

Digital Signage
2,500 Feet from Road Closure

Utility Work Sign
2,000 Feet from Road Closure

Utility Work Sign
1,000 Feet from Road Closure

Hwy 264 (Exit 78)

Police Barricade

Utility Work Sign
2,000 Feet from Work Zone

Utility Work Sign
1,000 Feet from Work Zone

Crossing Location

Utility Work Sign
1,000 Feet from Road Zone

Utility Work Sign
2,000 Feet from Road Zone

Interstate 49

Police Barricade

Wagon Wheel Road (Exit 76)

Utility Work Sign
1,000 Feet from Road Closure

Utility Work Sign
2,000 Feet from Road Closure

Digital Signage
2,500 Feet from Road Closure

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