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ROCK BLASTING OPERATIONS ON WEST SIDE OF PEACH ORCHARD ROAD IN BENTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (01-20) – The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) has announced that construction contractor Kolb Grading will perform rock blasting operations on the west side of Peach Orchard Road in Benton County as part of the Bella Vista Bypass construction work. Weather permitting, the blasting will begin **Thursday, January 22** and will occur several times a week for approximately 30 days.

The blasting will occur approximately 2,000 feet west of Peach Orchard Road between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Watch for warning signs and safety personnel during this operation.

This project is constructing approximately 6 miles of the bypass, extending from Highway 71B to Highway 72 South. The project involves the initial two lanes of a four-lane facility. The project is part of the Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP), which is funded through a 10-year, half-cent sales tax. The CAP's 35 projects in 19 corridors are improving Arkansas' transportation system by expanding selected two-lane roadways to four-lane highways and adding new lanes to identified interstate highways. More information is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.

Motorists should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at IDriveArkansas.com or ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

