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CONSTRUCTION REQUIRES LANE CLOSURES ON HIGHWAY 264 (W. MONROE AVE.) IN BENTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-26) – Construction work will require lane closures on Highway 264 (W. Monroe Ave.) in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will be restriping the Highway 264 bridge over Interstate 49. The work will reduce Highway 264 eastbound and westbound traffic to one lane in each direction. The contractor may also need to reduce traffic to one lane, using flaggers. However, this flagging operation will only be needed for short durations, if necessary.

The Highway 264 lane reductions will be **Tuesday, January 27**th, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Crews will also set up a temporary concrete barrier wall on top of the Hwy. 264 overpass in order to configure traffic to two 13' lanes (eastbound and westbound) along the north side of the overpass bridge to begin bridge widening on the south half of the overpass bridge. The work will reduce all Highway 264 traffic to one lane with flaggers for several hours.

This lane reduction will occur on **Wednesday**, **January 28**th, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Once the work is complete, Highway 264 traffic on the overpass will remain two 13' lanes (eastbound and westbound) throughout the entire bridge overpass widening construction project.

Back in December, APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville was awarded a contract at \$6,108,445.92 to replace the overpass. The project is expected to be complete by the summer of 2016. This project is part of the 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program that will improve 455 miles of Arkansas interstates in the coming years.

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at <u>IDriveArkansas.com</u> or <u>ArkansasHighways.com</u>. You can also follow us on <u>Twitter @AHTD</u>.

