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IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 40 REQUIRE OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-15) – Improvements to Interstate 40 require overnight lane closures in St. Francis County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will begin the process to replace two bridges. One is located over Shell Lake (mile marker 260). The other is over Blackfish Lake (mile marker 261). The work will reduce westbound traffic to one lane within the work zones.

The westbound lane closures will begin **Monday, May 18th** and continue for approximately 2 weeks. The closures will only occur between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., each night, weather permitting. Once work is complete in the westbound lanes, similar work will begin on the eastbound lanes. When eastbound is complete, a barrier wall will be set up and traffic will shift to begin median work.

Both bridge projects are estimated to be complete in spring 2017.

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).

