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### **Detours Established for Routing Traffic Around Hill Slide on State Highway 23 in Franklin County**

**LITTLE ROCK (5-21)** – Detours have been established to route traffic around a hill slide on State Highway 23 north of Interstate 40 in Franklin County according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

A section of State Highway 23 approximately 5.5 miles north of Cass was closed last night (Wednesday, May 20) as a slope supporting the roadbed on the east side of the highway was in the process of sliding and caused large cracks to form in the northbound and southbound travel lanes, rendering both impassable.

The attached detour map illustrates available routes on State Highways motorists can take to get around the closed section of State Highway 23. This section will remain closed until repairs can be made, which may take several weeks. AHTD geotechnical engineers were on scene today assessing the slide; however delivery time for a solution has yet to be established.

Approximately 700 linear feet of roadway is at risk of sliding. The closure includes 3.2 miles of State Highway 23 between the Mulberry Mountain Lodge (south end) and Fly Gap Road (north end).

Portable electronic message boards have been placed to warn motorists of the closure at various points along State Highway 23 (both north and south of the closure as well as immediately north of I-40), and on State Highway 215 (which intersects State Highway 23 at Cass).

Additional State Highway closures can be found at [www.idrivearkansas.com/closures/](http://www.idrivearkansas.com/closures/) or [www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com). Follow us on Twitter @AHTD for alerts about travel conditions throughout Arkansas.

