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Continuing Slide Prompts Closure on State Highway 23 in Franklin County

LITTLE ROCK (6-16) – A hill slide on State Highway 23 north of Interstate 40 in Franklin County has prompted the closure of a section of the route north of Cass, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

A slope supporting the roadbed on the east side of the highway continues to slide and has caused large cracks to form in the travel lanes, rendering both impassable. This section of State Highway 23 will remain closed until repairs can be made, which may take several weeks. A more definitive timeframe will be announced once AHTD engineers have had an opportunity to further evaluate the slide.

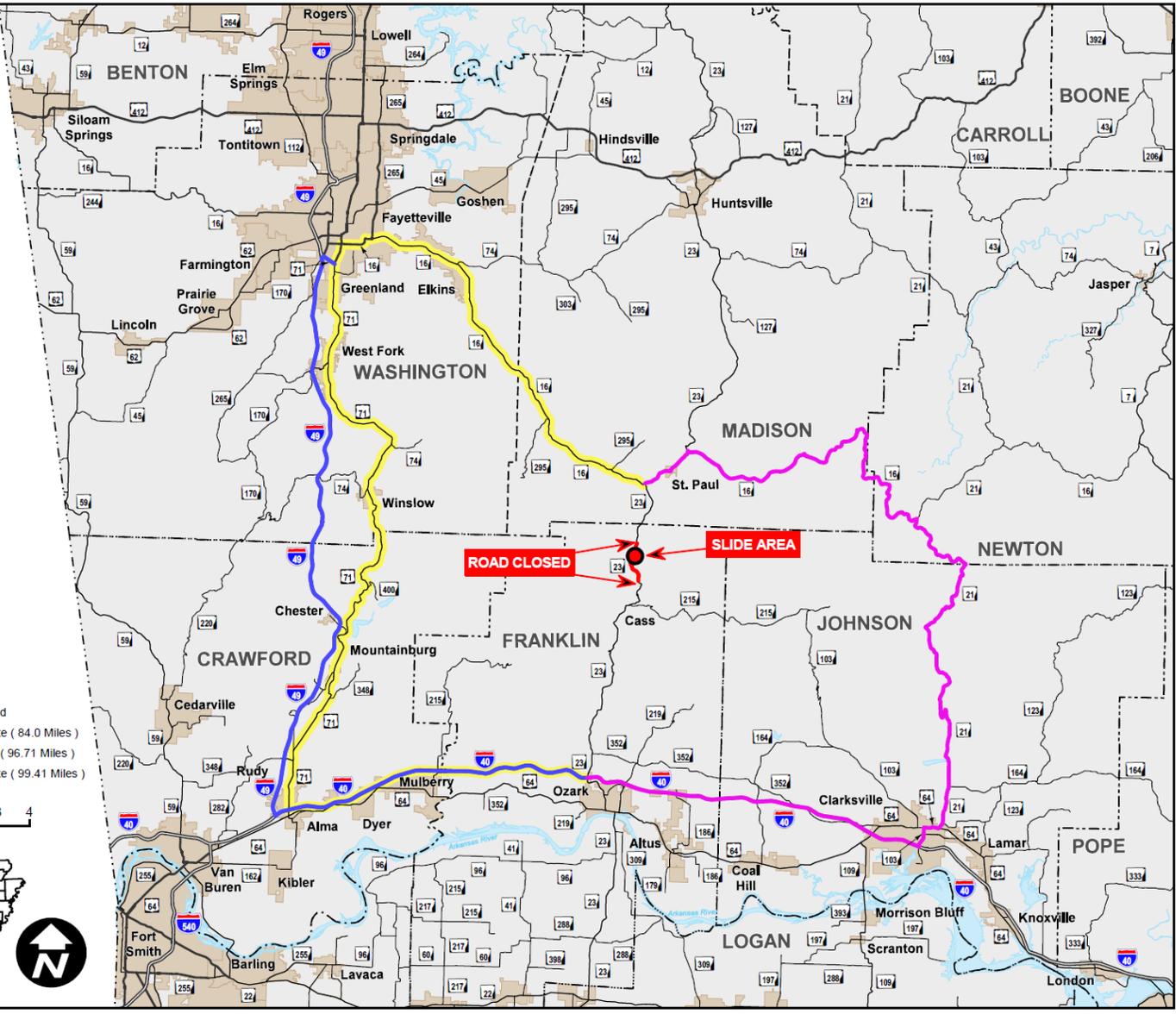
UPDATE 9/03/15: The emergency slide repair should be complete on or before October 30, 2015.

The slide location is the same that closed this section of State Highway 23 back in May and is approximately 19 miles north of I-40 and 5.5 miles north of Cass. While only 700 linear feet of roadway is impacted the closure includes 3.2 miles of State Highway 23 between the Mulberry Mountain Lodge (south end) and Fly Gap Road (north end). See attached map.

A detour route has been established and 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/ or www.arkansashighways.com. Follow us on Twitter @AHTD for alerts about travel conditions throughout Arkansas.





- Red line: Road Closed
- Purple line: Purple Route (84.0 Miles)
- Blue line: Blue Route (96.71 Miles)
- Yellow line: Yellow Route (99.41 Miles)

