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IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY 38 WILL REQUIRE LANE CLOSURES IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-14) – Improvements to Highway 38 will require lane closures in St. Francis County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will seal Highway 38 with Bituminous Surface Treatment (liquid asphalt and pea gravel). The work will extend east from Highway 50 to Highway 79 in Hughes. The work will reduce traffic to one lane within the work zone.

The lane closures in sections of Highway 38 will **be Tuesday, July 21st through Thursday, July 30th between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**, weather permitting.

Bituminous surface treatment is a proven method of sealing cracks and providing a durable wearing surface utilizing local materials at an economical cost. It usually takes from four to eight days from the time the material is placed until the loose material is swept off the roadway. The time varies with the length of the section being surfaced and weather conditions.

Drivers are urged to use caution when traveling on a highway that is undergoing this treatment because gravel can cause glass breakage when it is kicked up by a vehicle that is traveling too fast for conditions.

Numerous signs are placed near the work zone to warn drivers of the conditions and to restrict speed to 25 mph. Speed is the primary factor in reducing glass damage.

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