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IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE HIGHWAYS 249 AND 302 WILL REQUIRE LANE CLOSURES IN PRAIRIE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (8-24) – Improvements to State Highways 249 and 302 will require lane closures in Prairie County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will seal both highways with Bituminous Surface Treatment (liquid asphalt and pea gravel). The work will include the entire length of State Highway 249 and State Highway 302 between State Highway 249 and State Highway 86.

The lane closures in sections of both State Highways will occur **weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, August 25th and will continue until Thursday, September 10th**, 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.

Additional travel information can be found at IDriveArkansas.com or ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

