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CONSTRUCTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 412 NORTHERN BYPASS REQUIRES PERMANENT CLOSURE OF TWO LOCAL ROADS TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

LITTLE ROCK (9-9) – Work on the new U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass around the city of Springdale has progressed to a stage that requires permanent closure of two local roads to through traffic, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

On Thursday, September 10, a stretch of Miller Road from its intersection with Grimsley Road toward the east will be permanently closed. This section of road runs east/west and is located just north of Willis Shaw Elementary School.

Also on Thursday, September 10, Sharp Springs Road will be closed to through traffic just west of its intersection with South Zion Street and south of East Brown Road.

Both routes will be terminated at the point of state right-of-way where the new bypass is being constructed. A map illustrating the route of the new bypass can be found on the Department's travel and construction information web site IDriveArkansas.com.

Advance warning signs will be placed to notify traffic approaching the closures. Barricades will be put in place at the points of closure. The public is reminded that areas beyond the barricades are an active work zone. Moving or driving around barricades places the driver in the work zone, which endangers the driver and the contractor's employees alike.

This project is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and constructs approximately four miles of the new four-lane U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass, which extends from Interstate 49 to State Highway 112. The U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass project will provide a principal east-west route north of the Springdale Metropolitan Area. More information on this \$100.6 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.