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### **IMPROVEMENTS TO I-49 REQUIRE OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES ON JOHNSON MILL BOULEVARD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (9-11)** – Construction work on Interstate 49 in Johnson will require overnight lane closures on Johnson Mill Boulevard, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The contractor will be removing a section of the bridge deck to accommodate the widening of I-49. Eastbound and westbound lanes will alternately be reduced to one lane between the east and west I-49 access ramp intersections. Mainline traffic on I-49 will not be affected.

The lane closures will occur nightly between **9 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. starting Sunday night, September 13 and ending Thursday morning, September 17**, weather permitting. Traffic will be controlled using flaggers and barrels.

This project is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 4.5 miles of I-49 to three lanes in each direction. The work extends from Highway 71B in Johnson to Highway 412 in Springdale. The project is anticipated to be complete in late 2017. More information on this \$28.3 million project is available at [ConnectingArkansasProgram.com](http://ConnectingArkansasProgram.com).

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at [IDriveArkansas.com](http://IDriveArkansas.com) or [ArkansasHighways.com](http://ArkansasHighways.com). You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

