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IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE HIGHWAY 38 WILL REQUIRE LANE CLOSURES IN PRAIRIE COUNTY

PRAIRIE COUNTY (10-16) – Improvements to State Highway 38 will require lane closures in Prairie County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will seal the highway with Bituminous Surface Treatment (liquid asphalt and pea gravel). The work will include the section of State Highway 38 between the Lonoke County Line and Hickory Plains.

The lane closures will **start on Monday, October 19th between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and last for several days**, 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).

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