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Power Line Maintenance to Close Interstate 49 for 15 Minutes in Benton County

BENTON COUNTY (11-19) – Crews retiring an existing power line spanning I-49 requires closing lanes in both directions for 15 minutes in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

On **Sunday, November 22** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., northbound and southbound traffic will be stopped between Exit 78 (State Highway 264) in Lowell and Exit 76 (Wagon Wheel Road) in Springdale to retire the power line, weather permitting. Traffic control will be handled by the Arkansas State Police.

Southbound traffic will be stopped approximately 0.4 miles north of the work site at the Highway 264 on-ramp on I-49, and northbound traffic will be stopped approximately 1.9 miles south of the work site at the Wagon Wheel Road on-ramp.

Advance warning signs will be placed to notify traffic approaching the closure. The public is advised to be cautious if traveling in this work zone and are encouraged to find alternative routes to avoid the 15-minute interstate closure.

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.