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IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 49 REQUIRE OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

WASHINGTON COUNTY (2-12) – Construction work on I-49 in Johnson and Springdale requires overnight lane closures, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning at **8:00 p.m. February 17**, crews will be placing concrete girders for Clear Creek Bridge structures, which will affect the inside (median) lanes of I-49. Northbound and southbound lanes will alternately be reduced to one lane between mile markers 68 and 72 to enable crews to work. Transport trucks for the girders will be staged on the inside lane of the bridge and the girders off-loaded into position by a crane.

The overnight lane closures will occur nightly starting on **Wednesday, February 17** and ending on **Friday, February 26**, weather permitting. Traffic will be controlled using signage and barrels.

- Northbound I-49 lane closures will occur **between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**
- Southbound I-49 lane closures will occur **between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**

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 U.S. Highway 71B in Johnson to U.S. Highway 412 in Springdale. The project is anticipated to be complete in late 2016. More information on this \$28.3 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.

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

