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UPDATE!!!!

CONSTRUCTION ON INTERSTATE 49 REQUIRES LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES IN BENTON COUNTY

BENTON COUNTY (4-20) – Work to construct the interchange that connects I-49 to the new U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass requires long-term lane closures on I-49 in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Work within the I-49 median will require the contractor to close the inside northbound and southbound I-49 lanes beginning north of Exit 76 (Wagon Wheel Road) and ending south of Exit 78 (State Highway 264).

The closures will begin **Thursday, April 21** and are anticipated to continue through **project completion**. Traffic will be controlled using a precast barrier wall, barrels, electronic message boards, and warning signs.

In addition, overnight lane closures are required to install the traffic control devices.

- Northbound I-49 will be reduced to one lane **Thursday, April 21** between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and **Friday, April 22**, between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., weather permitting, to install the traffic control devices.
- Southbound I-49 will be reduced to one lane **Friday, April 22** between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and **Saturday, April 23** between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., weather permitting, to install the traffic control devices.

This project is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and constructs approximately four miles of the new four-lane U.S. Highway 412 Bypass, which extends from Interstate 49 to State Highway 112. The U.S. Highway 412 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.

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).

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