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Improvements to Interstate 49 Require Overnight Lane Closures in Washington County

WASHINGTON COUNTY (5-4) – Construction work on I-49 in Springdale requires overnight lane closures on U.S. Highway 412, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning at **11:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9**, crews will be erecting structural steel and placing safety platforms to widen the I-49 overpass at U.S. Highway 412 between the I-49 ramp intersections. Eastbound and westbound lanes on U.S. Highway 412 will alternately be closed to allow for construction. In addition, all traffic may intermittently be stopped for 15-minute periods to place girders over the road. Mainlane traffic on I-49 will not be affected.

The overnight lane closures will occur nightly from **11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.** starting on **Monday, May 9** and ending **Friday morning, May 13**, weather permitting. Traffic will be controlled using signage 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 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).

