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UPDATE! **Improvements to Interstate 49 Require Overnight** **Lane Closures in Washington County**

WASHINGTON COUNTY (8-05) – Construction work on I-49 in Johnson and Springdale requires overnight lane closures on I-49, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Continuing **on Sunday night, August 7**, crews will remove temporary concrete barriers, overlay the widened median and resurface existing roadways on northbound and southbound lanes of I-49 south of the U.S. Highway 412/Sunset Avenue overpass (Exit 72) in Springdale. The lane closures will occur south of Johnson Mill Boulevard (Exit 69) and U.S. Highway 412/Sunset Avenue. The inside and outside lanes of I-49 will alternately be closed during this time period to allow for construction.

The overnight lane closures will occur nightly starting on **Sunday, August 7** and ending **Friday morning, August 12**, 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).