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Improvements to Interstate 49 Require Overnight Lane Closures in Washington County

WASHINGTON COUNTY (7-7) – 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.

Beginning **on Sunday night, July 10**, crews will remove the temporary concrete barrier rail from the median shoulder and place asphalt on the new median lane and shoulder between Mile Marker 68, which is south of Johnson Mill Boulevard (Exit 69), and a quarter mile north of the Johnson Mill Boulevard overpass. The inside lane of northbound and southbound I-49 will alternately be closed during this time period to allow for construction.

The overnight lane closures will occur nightly starting on **Sunday, July 10** and ending **Friday morning, July 15**, 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).