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### **One Lane of the State Highway 51 Bridge Over the Ouachita River Reopens**

**CLARK COUNTY (7-7)** – One lane of traffic has been restored on the Ouachita River Bridge on State Highway 51 in Arkadelphia that closed following an accident on Tuesday, June 28, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Traffic will be limited to one lane and governed by portable traffic lights. Repairs will be conducted **Monday** through **Thursday** starting on **Monday, July 11** and will continue until the bridge is able to safely support normal two-lane traffic. Oversized and/or overweight loads will not be permitted to use the bridge.

Completed in 1930 and moved to its current location in 1960, the Ouachita River Bridge on State Highway 51 in Clark County is a Pratt Thru-Truss bridge that is 503 feet in length, 24 feet wide (two lanes of traffic), and carries 3,100 vehicles daily.

A replacement structure is under construction on the downstream side of the bridge. Work began in April 2015 on a \$14.9 million contract let to Robinson Contractors, Inc. That project should be completed in the summer of 2017.

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