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### **Maintenance on State Highway 7 Requires Alternating Lane Closures**

**NEWTON COUNTY (7-26)** – Improvements to State Highway 7 requires a series of alternating lane closures on in Newton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will seal State Highway 7 with Bituminous Surface Treatment (liquid asphalt and pea gravel). The work will be done between State Highway 16 and Asia Point Road. This will reduce traffic to one lane within the work zone. Traffic will be controlled using warning signs and flaggers.

The closure will occur **Thursday, July 28**, through **Monday, August 1**, between **7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**, each day, weather permitting.

Bituminous surface treatment is a proven method of sealing cracks and providing a durable wearing surface utilizing local materials at an economical cost. Although loose material is swept from the roadway after the treatment is placed, it usually takes from four to eight days from the time the material is placed until the pea gravel is fully bonded to the roadway. The time varies with the length of the section being surfaced and weather conditions. Therefore reduced speeds are recommended for two weeks following the work.

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).

