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Update! **Improvements to Interstate 49 Require Overnight** **Lane Closure in Johnson**

WASHINGTON COUNTY (7-29) – Construction work on I-49 in Johnson requires overnight lane closures on Johnson Mill Boulevard, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **on Sunday night, July 31**, crews will be painting structural steel girders at the I-49 overpass on Johnson Mill Boulevard (Exit 69). Eastbound and westbound lanes on Johnson Mill Boulevard between the I-49 ramp intersections will alternately be closed to allow for construction. Single-lane traffic will be maintained in each direction during the work. Main lane traffic on I-49 will not be affected.

The overnight lane closures will occur nightly from **9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.** starting **Sunday night, July 31** and ending **Wednesday morning, August 3**, weather permitting. This work was original scheduled July 25-30 but has been delayed. Traffic will be controlled using signage, barrels, and flaggers.

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).

