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HIGHWAY 226 CONNECTOR DETOUR SCHEDULED DEDICATION CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE

LITTLE ROCK (8-4) – A dedication ceremony for the new Highway 226 connector road will require a temporary detour on the new 1.8-mile section between 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Detour signs will be posted on the western end at the intersection of Highway 226 and “old” Highway 226, and on the eastern end where Highway 226 connects to Highway 49. Traffic will be routed to “old” Highway 226 and Highway 226 spur.

Special guest U.S. Congressman Rick Crawford will attend the ribbon cutting that will take place at 1:00 p.m. on top of the new railroad overpass near Gibson. Highway Commissioners, AHTD officials, area elected officials and local business leaders are expected to attend. The public is also invited to attend.

Law enforcement will be directing traffic to the dedication area at the two detour sites.

The Highway 226 connector road is a 12-mile, \$83 million, four-lane divided highway between Highway 67 and Highway 49 southwest of Jonesboro at Gibson. A \$10 million project previously widened Highway 49 to four lanes for the 2.7 miles from Gibson Switch to Valley View. Jonesboro is now connected with four-lane access to the east with Interstate 555, and to the west and to Central Arkansas via Highways 226 and 67.

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).

