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Maintenance on State Highway 123 Requires Alternating Lane Closures

JOHNSON COUNTY (8-29) – Improvements to State Highway 123 requires a series of alternating lane closures in Johnson County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Crews will seal State Highway 123 with Bituminous Surface Treatment (liquid asphalt and pea gravel). The work will be done between the Pope County Line and the Big Piney Bridge. This will reduce traffic to one lane within the work zone. Traffic will be controlled using warning signs and flaggers.

The closure will occur **Wednesday, August 31**, through **Thursday, September 8**, 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 or ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

