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Construction to Close Interstate 49 for 15-Minute Interval in Benton County

BENTON COUNTY (11-14) – Crews moving a crane into the Interstate 49 median will require closing lanes in both directions for a 15-minute period in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The closure will take place on **Wednesday, November 16** and **Thursday, November 17** for a 15-minute period between 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., weather permitting. Northbound and southbound traffic will be stopped between Wagon Wheel Road (Exit 76) in Springdale and State Highway 264 (Exit 78) in Lowell. Traffic control will be handled by the Arkansas State Police.

Advance warning signs will be placed to notify traffic approaching the closure. The public is advised to be cautious if traveling in this work zone and are encouraged to find alternative routes to avoid the interstate closure. Traffic will be stopped prior to the exits to allow vehicles to exit.

This project (Job CA0907) is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and constructs approximately 4 miles of the new four-lane U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass, which extends from Interstate 49 to State Highway 112. The U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass project will provide a principal east-west route north of the Springdale Metropolitan Area. More information on this \$100.6 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).

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