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Construction Requires Lane Closures on State Highways 88 and 128 in Garland and Saline Counties

GARLAND AND SALINE COUNTIES (9-20) – Construction work to widen U.S. Highway 70 in Garland and Saline Counties requires lane closures on State Highways 88 and 128, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will be performing asphalt work that will alternately close lanes on State Highways 88 and 128.

- Friday, September 22 to Friday, September 29, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Northbound and southbound lanes of State Highway 128 will alternately be closed from U.S. Highway 70 to half a mile north of Highway 70.
- > Monday, September 25 to Friday, September 29, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastbound and westbound lanes of State Highway 88 will alternately be closed from U.S. Highway 70 to half a mile south of Highway 70.

Flaggers will control traffic within these work zones. Motorists are encouraged to consider alternate routes during construction, including U.S. Highway 270. The public is advised to be cautious when traveling in the work zone at reduced speeds, and speeding fines double within the work zone.

This project (Job CA0610) is part of ArDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 17.5 miles of U.S. Highway 70 from I-30 in Benton (Exit 111) west to the interchange with U.S. Highway 70 Business in Hot Springs (Exit 6). The highway is being widened to two lanes in each direction with a continuous center turn lane. The project is anticipated to be complete in late 2018. More information on this \$78.5 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 ARDOT.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter <a>@myARDOT.