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Improvements Require a Lane Closure on Interstate 49 in Benton County

BENTON COUNTY (1-6) – Construction on the Bella Vista Bypass (State Highway 549/Future I-49) will require a lane closure on the I-49 exit ramp to Bentonville (Exit 93), according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **Monday, January 9**, crews will be installing signs and the concrete barrier wall for widening the ramp and roundabout connection. The work will shift Exit 93 traffic to the inside shoulder of the ramp.

The lane closure will begin **Monday, January 9**, and continue through **Friday, January 20**, weather permitting. One-lane traffic will be in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Traffic will be controlled using signage, traffic drums, and flaggers.

This project is constructing approximately 6 miles of the bypass, extending from Highway 71B to Highway 72 South. The project involves the initial two lanes of a four-lane facility. The project is part of the Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP), which is funded through a 10-year, half-cent sales tax. The CAP's 36 projects in 19 corridors are improving Arkansas' transportation system by expanding selected two-lane roadways to four-lane highways and adding new lanes to identified interstate highways. More information 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).

