



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **UPDATE!!!**

## **Construction to Close Interstate 49 for 15-Minute Intervals in Benton County**

**BENTON COUNTY (5-4)** – Crews placing bridge beams over Interstate 49 will require closing all lanes in both directions for multiple 15-minute periods in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Due to weather impacts, workers will close all northbound and southbound lanes of I-49 for **15-minute intervals** between **10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** from **Tuesday, May 2 through Friday, May 12**, excluding weekend nights. The work was anticipated to complete May 5. Lanes will be closed from Wagon Wheel Road (Exit 76) in Springdale to 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](http://ConnectingArkansasProgram.com).

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at [IDriveArkansas.com](http://IDriveArkansas.com) or [ArkansasHighways.com](http://ArkansasHighways.com). You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

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