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### **Improvements to Interstate 49 Require Overnight Lane Closures on U.S. Highway 71-B (Fulbright Expressway) in Fayetteville**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (5-2)** – Construction work on I-49 requires overnight lane closures in Fayetteville on U.S. Highway 71B, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Weather permitting; motorists should expect nightly lane closures between **11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.**, in **fifteen minute intervals** for both north and southbound traffic starting on **Tuesday, May 2**, and continuing through **Thursday, May 11**. This closure will allow the contractor to place structural steel beams over U.S. Highway 71B.

In August 2016, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract in the amount of \$94,824,907.70 to Kiewit Infrastructure South Co. of Fort Worth, Texas for the project. The project will add a third lane for both the north and southbound lanes on I-49 between Exit 65 and Exit 69. Also the project will consist of improvements to the Hwy. 112 (Exit 66) and Hwy. 71B (Exit 67) interchanges.

Traffic will be controlled using programmable message boards, signage and traffic barrels. 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).

