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### **Improvements to U.S. Highway 70 Requires a Lane Closure in Garland County**

**GARLAND COUNTY (6-22)** – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Garland County requires an eastbound lane closure, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **Friday, June 23**, crews will close the eastbound lane between Ohana Terrace and the Highway 70 Rest Area to install reinforced concrete pipes. Traffic will be reduced to one direction in this area during the intermittent lane closure and it will be controlled by flaggers and barrels.

The lane closure will occur **Friday June 23 through Tuesday, June 27**, between **7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**, weather permitting.

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 AHTD'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](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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