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Improvements to U.S. Highway 70 Require Lane Closures and a Lane Shift in Saline County

SALINE COUNTY (6-23) – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Saline County requires an eastbound and westbound lane shift, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Periodically between **Monday, June 26 and Friday, June 30**, eastbound and westbound lanes will alternately be closed as crews work to shift traffic onto the newly constructed pavement between Caney Creek Bridge and the Interstate 30/Highway 70 interchange. Intermittent flagging operations will control traffic as crews make the transition within this work area. This lane shift allows the contractor to continue widening the roadway.

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.

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).

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