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### **Improvements to U.S. Highway 70 Require Lane Closures in Saline County**

**SALINE COUNTY (7-17)** – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Saline County requires lane closures within the work zone, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **Tuesday morning, July 18**, crews will perform asphalt paving on Highway 70. The eastbound and westbound lanes will alternately be closed between State Highway 88 and 10 Mile Road. The lane closure will occur **Tuesday, July 18 through Friday, July 21, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, weather permitting.

Flagging operations will control traffic within the work zone. 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).

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