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### **Maintenance on State Highways Requires Alternating Lane Closures in Benton County**

**BENTON COUNTY (7-21)** – Maintenance to State Highways 279 and 94 requires a series of alternating lane closures in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

- Weather permitting; State Highway 279 will have an alternating lane closure from Centerton to Hiwasee, between **7:30 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** daily from **Monday, July 24** through **Wednesday, July 26**.
- Weather permitting; State Highway 94 will have an alternating lane closure from Beaver Lake to Blue Hill Rd., between **7:30 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** daily from **Thursday, July 27** through **Monday, July 31**.

This will reduce traffic to one lane within the work zone. Traffic will be controlled using warning signs and flaggers. Crews will seal the State Highways with Bituminous Surface Treatment (liquid asphalt and pea gravel).

Bituminous surface treatment is a proven method of sealing cracks and providing a durable wearing surface utilizing local materials at an economical cost. Although loose material is swept from the roadway after the treatment is placed, it usually takes from four to eight days from the time the material is placed until the pea gravel is fully bonded to the roadway. The time varies with the length of the section being surfaced and weather conditions. Therefore reduced speeds are recommended for two weeks following the work.

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).

