



## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **UPDATE!**

## **Construction on U.S. Highway 70 Requires Lane Closures in Garland and Saline Counties**

**GARLAND AND SALINE COUNTIES (1-10)** – Construction work to widen U.S. Highway 70 requires lane closures for paving operations in Garland and Saline Counties, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will perform paving operations on State Highway 128 **through Saturday, January 20**. Previously scheduled paving operations on U.S. Highway 70 at State Highway 88 have been postponed to a future date.

The lane closures on State Highway 128 will occur continue through **Saturday, January 20**, excluding Sunday, January 14 and Monday, January 15, **between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Northbound and southbound lanes will alternately be closed beginning at U.S. Highway 70 and ending a quarter mile north of U.S. Highway 70.

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 ArDOT'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 mid 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 [ArDOT.gov](http://ArDOT.gov). You can also follow us on Twitter [@myArDOT](https://twitter.com/myArDOT).