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Construction on U.S. Highway 70 Requires Lane Closure in Saline County

SALINE COUNTY (2-27) – Construction work to widen U.S. Highway 70 requires a lane closure for paving operations at the intersection with State Highway 88 in Saline County, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will perform asphalt paving operations at the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and State Highway 88 between **Thursday, March 1 and Saturday, March 3**. The lane closures will occur **between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Eastbound and westbound lanes will alternately be closed just east and west of the intersection.

Flagging operations will control traffic within the work zone as traffic will be reduced to one open lane. 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.

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at IDriveArkansas.com or ARDOT.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter [@myARDOT](https://twitter.com/myARDOT).

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