



## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **Improvements to U.S. Highway 70 Require Lane Shifts in Garland & Saline Counties**

**GARLAND & SALINE COUNTIES (3-5)** – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Garland and Saline Counties requires new traffic patterns over the next few months, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

To continue with the widening project, eastbound and westbound travel lanes of U.S. Highway 70 will be shifted as needed to new alignments within the project's 18-mile work zone between U.S. Highway 270 and Interstate 30. These traffic shifts are required to allow for final asphalt to be placed across the highway. Weather permitting, these shifts will begin **Wednesday, March 7** and continue through **Friday, May 25**. When temperatures allow, night construction may occur.

Traffic will be controlled using traffic barrels and warning signs. The public is advised to be cautious when traveling in the work zones.

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).

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