



## INFORMATION RELEASE

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

**GARLAND & SALINE COUNTIES (3-5)** – Construction work to widen U.S. Highway 70 requires a lane closure for paving operations in Garland and Saline counties, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will perform asphalt paving operations on U.S. Highway 70 in select areas from half a mile west of State Highway 128 to half a mile west of Crossroads Road. The alternating eastbound and westbound lane closures will occur intermittently between **Wednesday, March 7 and Saturday, March 17, from 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

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](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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