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

GARLAND & SALINE COUNTIES (3-16) – Construction work to widen U.S. Highway 70 requires a lane closure in Garland and Saline counties for paving operations at the intersection with State Highway 88, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will perform asphalt paving operations at the U.S. Highway 70 and State Highway 88 intersection. Flagging operations will reduce traffic to one open lane on U.S. Highway 70 a quarter mile on either side of the intersection, alternating between eastbound and westbound lanes. This work will occur intermittently between **Monday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 21**, from **7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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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