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Construction Begins on Interstate 630 in Little Rock

PULASKI COUNTY (7-13) – Construction and overnight lane closures are set to begin to widen 2.2 miles of Interstate 630 to four lanes in each direction in Little Rock, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, construction contractor Manhattan Road & Bridge will begin work **Monday, July 16** to widen I-630 between the Big Rock Interchange and University Avenue. Eastbound and westbound center and outside lanes within the work zone will be closed between **8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday** to allow the contractor to set temporary barrier walls, place pavement markings, erect safety platforms at the Hughes Street overpass and remove pavement corrugations along the shoulders. One lane of traffic in each direction will remain open, and interstate ramps will remain accessible except the westbound on-ramp from the old Sears parking lot. During the daytime travel peak hours, all six lanes on I-630 will be open to traffic. Neighborhoods adjacent to the interstate will experience noise impacts during nighttime hours.

Beginning **Friday night, July 20**, the Hughes Street overpass will be temporarily closed for approximately three months as crews perform bridge demolition and reconstruct the overpass. Detours will direct Hughes Street traffic to Mississippi Avenue to bypass the closure. A detour map is attached.

Within the construction zone, the posted speed limit will be 50 mph. Nightly lane closures will occur throughout the life of the construction project from Sunday night through Saturday morning, 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Also, traffic cameras have been installed along the project and can be viewed at IDriveArkansas.com. A project website on ConnectingArkansasProgram.com will include lane closure information, project schedules, upcoming work, and additional project information.

This project (Job CA0608) is part of ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program, which is funded through a 10-year, half-cent sales tax. The widening is estimated to be complete in early 2020. More information on this \$87.4 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.



Detour Plan for Hughes St. Bridge Construction

