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Construction Requires Lane Closures on State Highway 18 in Mississippi County

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY (7-24) – Construction work to widen State Highway 18 requires lane closures in Mississippi County, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will intermittently close the westbound lane to receive materials and place concrete for new bridge construction at the Big Lake Outlet Bridge southeast of Manila. Traffic will be reduced to one lane on State Highway 18 at the existing bridge, and flaggers and signage will control traffic. This work will occur intermittently between **8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** from **Thursday, July 26 through Friday, August 10**. Traffic may be stopped across all lanes for 15-minute periods when a crane is operating over the existing bridge.

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 CA1002) is part of ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 1.8 miles of State Highway 18 to five lanes southeast of Manila. More information on this \$35.5 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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