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Old Bridge Pier Demolition to Temporarily Close State Highway 41 near Sevier & Little River County Line

LITTLE RIVER COUNTY (4-2) – Demolition of piers for the old State Highway 41 Little River bridge will require a temporary closure on the new State Highway 41 Little River bridge, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews with Jensen Construction plan to stop both directions of traffic on State Highway 41 just south of Horatio, at the Sevier and Little River County line on **Wednesday, April 3, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** for a blasting operation to remove concrete piers in the river channel.

The closure should last approximately **10-15 minutes** to complete the detonation and inspection of the driving lanes for any debris.

The project to replace the State Highway 41 Little River Bridge was awarded to Jensen Construction in March of 2016 for \$13,965,914.82. The new bridge opened to traffic on February 26, 2019. Major work remaining includes constructing county road connections, removal of the old bridge structure, and placing the final layer of asphalt pavement on the bridge approaches. It is estimated that the project will be substantially complete mid-2019.

Traffic will be controlled with signage and traffic barrels. 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).