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Maintenance Work on State Highway 12 Requires Alternating Lane Closures near Gentry

BENTON COUNTY (7-15) – Maintenance work on State Highway 12 requires a series of alternating lane closures near the city of Gentry, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting; the alternating lane closures will occur between **7:30 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m. daily** from **Wednesday, July 17** through **Wednesday, July 24** starting at the Oklahoma State Line and continuing to the city of Gentry.

This will reduce traffic to one lane within the work zone. Traffic will be controlled using warning signs and flaggers. Crews will seal State Highway 12 with Bituminous Surface Treatment (liquid asphalt and pea gravel).

Bituminous surface treatment is a proven method of sealing cracks and providing a durable wearing surface utilizing local materials at an economical cost. Although loose material is swept from the roadway after the treatment is placed, it usually takes from four to eight days from the time the material is placed until the pea gravel is fully bonded to the roadway. The time varies with the length of the section being surfaced and weather conditions. Therefore reduced speeds are recommended for two weeks following the work.

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).