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Pavement & Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Requires Ramp Closure and Lane Closures on both I-540 and I-40 in Alma and Fort Smith

CRAWFORD & SEBASTIAN COUNTIES (7-5) – Bridge deck rehabilitation and paving requires lane closures on both Interstate 540 in Fort Smith and Interstate 40 in Alma, as well as the closure of the I-540 Northbound entrance ramp from Zero Street in Fort Smith, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, the following closures will be put into place:

- The outside northbound lane of I-540 between U.S. Highway 71 (Exit 12) and Airport Dr. (Exit 9) will be closed starting **Monday night, July 8 at 8:00 p.m.** and will remain in place until bridge work is complete, which is estimated to take approximately 4 weeks. The Northbound entrance ramp from Zero Street onto I-540 in Fort Smith will also be closed for the full duration of this work. Traffic is urged to use Hwy 45 (Old Greenwood Rd.) to access I-540 in the Northbound direction during this time.
- Alternating lanes and ramps in the southbound direction of I-540 between Rogers Ave. (Exit 8) and U.S. Highway 71 (Exit 12) will be closed 2 miles at a time between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. nightly starting on **Sunday night, July 7 at 8:00 p.m.** and continue until paving work is complete, which is estimated to take approximately 4 weeks.
- The inside eastbound and westbound lanes of I-40 in Alma between Mile Marker 12 and Mile Marker 14 will be closed starting on **Sunday night, July 7 at 8:00 p.m.** and will remain in place until bridge work is complete, which is estimated to take approximately 4 weeks.

Traffic will be controlled with signage, barricades, 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).