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Construction to Replace Interstate 49 Overpass Requires Lane Closure

BENTON COUNTY (7-29) – Construction work replacing the I-49 overpass bridge structure over U.S. Highway 71B (SE Walton Blvd. & W Walnut St.) in Rogers and Bentonville requires a lane closure, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will close alternating southbound lanes of I-49 nightly from **9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.** beginning **Monday evening, July 29 through Friday evening, August 2**. This closure will allow crews to repair potholes along the southbound bridge ends, widen the southbound on-ramp, and connect it to Interstate 49.

This project (Job BB0903) is part of ARDOT's Interstate Rehabilitation Program. Interstate 49 is being widened to three lanes in each direction (six total) for 0.9 miles between Exit 84 and Exit 86. Highway 71B (SE Walton Blvd. & W Walnut St.) will be reconstructed beneath the I-49 overpass to include a Single Point Urban Interchange, and widened to a total of five lanes total at the interchange. This project is estimated to be complete in late 2020. More information on this \$26.9 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.

Traffic will be controlled by traffic drums and signage. 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).