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Construction Requires Traffic Shift at I-49/US 71 Interchange with Bella Vista Bypass in Bentonville

BENTON COUNTY (05-07) – Construction to build the new Bella Vista Bypass interchange with U.S. Highway 71 and Interstate 49 in Bentonville requires a traffic shift, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will shift southbound US. 71 lanes onto the former northbound I-49 lanes prior to Exit 93 during overnight hours **Friday, May 8**. Crews will use message boards, construction barrels, and barriers during the shift.

This traffic pattern is estimated to be in place for two months. Watch for warning signs and safety personnel during the work. The public is advised to be cautious when traveling in the work zone, **and watch for slower traffic speeds.**

This project (Job CA0903) is part of ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes constructing approximately 2.8 miles of roadway with bridge structures on U.S. Highway 549, including a new Bella Vista Bypass interchange with U.S. Highway 71 in Bentonville. More information on this \$66.6 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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