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Construction Requires Lane Closures at Bella Vista Bypass Interchange in Bentonville

BENTON COUNTY (07-14) – Construction to build the new Bella Vista Bypass interchange with U.S. Highway 71 in Bentonville requires lane closures on Interstate 49, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will close various travel lanes associated with construction of the new interchange during overnight hours **Wednesday night, July 15 through Saturday morning, July 18**. The closures will **begin at 8:00 p.m. and end by 6:00 a.m. (Thursday and Friday mornings) and 10:00 a.m. (Saturday morning)**. Crews will use flagging operations, signage, and police enforcement for the following closures connected to the new interchange.

- Alternately close eastbound and westbound lanes on Highway 549 for paving.
- Closing southbound lanes on Highway 71/I-49 for paving.
- Alternately closing northbound and southbound lanes on Walton Boulevard for paving.
- Closing ramp lanes from the existing roundabout to I-49 southbound to relocate a barrier wall.

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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