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### **IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 49 REQUIRE OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES ON JOHNSON MILL BOULEVARD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (1-25)** – Construction work on I-49 in Johnson will require overnight lane closures on Johnson Mill Boulevard, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning at **11:00 p.m. on January 27**, crews will be erecting structural steel girders and placing safety platforms for the I-49 overpass widening at Exit 69. The eastbound and westbound lanes of Johnson Mill Boulevard will alternately be reduced to one lane between the east and west I-49 access ramp intersections as work progresses. When the girders are being positioned over the roadway, traffic may be stopped in both directions for up to 15 minutes. In addition, the double left turn on the I-49 southbound ramp will be reduced to one lane. Mainline traffic on I-49 will not be affected.

The lane closures will occur nightly between **11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.** The closures will begin Wednesday evening, **January 27, 2016 and will end Tuesday, February 2 2016**, weather permitting. Traffic will be controlled using signage, flaggers and barrels.

This project is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 4.5 miles of I-49 to three lanes in each direction. The work extends from U.S. Highway 71B in Johnson to U.S. Highway 412 in Springdale. The project is anticipated to be complete in early 2017. More information on this \$28.3 million project is available at [ConnectingArkansasProgram.com](http://ConnectingArkansasProgram.com).

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at [IDriveArkansas.com](http://IDriveArkansas.com) or [ArkansasHighways.com](http://ArkansasHighways.com). You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

