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POWER LINE INSTALLATION TO CLOSE INTERSTATE 49 FOR THREE 15-MINUTE INTERVALS IN BENTON COUNTY

BENTON COUNTY (04-13) – Crews removing an overhead power line spanning I-49 requires closing lanes in both directions for a maximum of three 15-minute periods in Benton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The three 15-minute maximum closures will take place on **Sunday, April 17** between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. northbound and southbound traffic will be stopped between Exit 78 (State Highway 264) in Lowell and Exit 76 (Wagon Wheel Road) in Springdale to remove the power line, weather permitting. Traffic control will be handled by the Arkansas State Police.

Advance warning signs will be placed to notify traffic approaching the closure. The public is advised to be cautious if traveling in this work zone and are encouraged to find alternative routes to avoid the interstate closure. Traffic will be stopped prior to the exits to allow vehicles to exit.

After traffic reopens Sunday morning, construction work will continue throughout the day. Utility bucket trucks will be parked on the shoulder on both sides of the interstate and working over the travel lanes to minimize exposure while pulling wire across the road.

This project is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and constructs approximately four miles of the new four-lane U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass, which extends from Interstate 49 to State Highway 112. The U.S. Highway 412 Northern Bypass project will provide a principal east-west route north of the Springdale Metropolitan Area. More information on this \$100.6 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.