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Improvements to Interstate 49 Require Overnight Lane Closures in Washington County

WASHINGTON COUNTY (5-11) – Construction work on I-49 in Johnson and Springdale requires overnight lane closures on I-49, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **on Sunday night, May 15**, crews will be placing asphalt concrete to level uneven areas of the existing roadway between the Johnson Mill Boulevard interchange and the Don Tyson Parkway overpass. Northbound and southbound outside lanes on I-49 will alternately be closed during this time period between mile markers 68 and 72 to allow for construction.

The overnight lane closures will occur nightly starting on **Sunday, May 15** and ending **Friday morning, May 20**, weather permitting. Traffic will be controlled using signage and barrels.

- Northbound I-49 lane closures will occur **between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**
- Southbound I-49 lane closures will occur **between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**

Mainline traffic will be re-routed onto the newly constructed median lane adjacent to the work area during overlay operations and returned to existing lanes each day at the conclusion of the work shift.

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 late 2016. More information on this \$28.3 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 ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).