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### **Improvements to Interstate 49 Require Overnight Lane Closures in Washington County**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (5-20)** – 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 22**, crews will be overlaying the existing roadway between Johnson Mill Boulevard (Exit 69) and U.S. Highway 412 (Exit 72). Northbound and southbound 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 22** and ending **Friday morning, May 27**, 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.**

The work was originally scheduled this week, but postponed due to weather.

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](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).