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

**BENTON COUNTY (04-27)** – Construction work on I-49 in Rogers, Lowell and Springdale requires overnight lane closures, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **Monday night, May 1**, crews will perform mainlane paving on northbound and southbound I-49 and remove barrier walls. The inside and outside lanes will alternately be closed from Wagon Wheel (Exit 76) to New Hope Road (Exit 83) during this time period to allow for construction.

The overnight closures will occur **Monday night, May 1 through Saturday morning, May 6**, weather permitting. Traffic will be controlled using signage and barrels.

- Northbound I-49 lane closures will occur **between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**
- Southbound I-49 lane closures will occur **between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**

This project (Job CA0901) is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 5 miles of I-49 to three lanes in each direction. The work extends from Highway 264 in Lowell to New Hope Road in Rogers, and it is expected to complete in late 2017. More information on this \$38.7 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).

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