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Improvements to U.S. Highway 70 Requires a Lane Closure in Garland and Saline Counties

GARLAND & SALINE COUNTIES (6-16) – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Garland and Saline Counties requires a lane closure, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **Monday, June 19**, the contractor will perform asphalt work and reduce eastbound traffic to one lane on Highway 70 between State Highway 128 and State Highway 88, near Lonsdale.

The lane closure will occur periodically **Monday June 19 through Saturday, July 1**, from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, weather permitting. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers.

Motorists are encouraged to consider alternate routes during construction, including U.S. Highway 270. The public is advised to be cautious when traveling in the work zone at reduced speeds, and speeding fines double within the work zone.

This project (Job CA0610) is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 17.5 miles of U.S. Highway 70 from I-30 in Benton (Exit 111) west to the interchange with U.S. Highway 70 Business in Hot Springs (Exit 6). The highway is being widened to two lanes in each direction with a continuous center turn lane. The project is anticipated to be complete in late 2018. More information on this \$78.5 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).

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