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Improvements to U.S. Highway 70 Require Lane Closures in Garland and Saline Counties

GARLAND AND SALINE COUNTIES (8-8) – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Garland and Saline Counties requires lane closures within the work zone, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Beginning **Wednesday, August 9**, crews will be laying pavement in preparation for a lane shift on U.S. Highway 70. Weather permitting; the eastbound and westbound lanes will be alternately closed in the following locations:

- **Wednesday, August 9 to Tuesday, August 15, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**
Lane closures will occur half a mile east of Narrows Road to the Ten Mile Creek bridge. Traffic will be flagged for 6 to 8 hours per day.
- **Wednesday, August 9 to Friday, August 25, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**
Lane closures will occur at Ohana Terrace and Summit Ridge Road in Garland County. Traffic will be flagged at various times throughout the day as required by construction.

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 ARDOT'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 ARDOT.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter [@myARDOT](https://twitter.com/myARDOT).