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Construction on U.S. Highway 70 Requires Lane Closure in Garland and Saline Counties

GARLAND & SALINE COUNTIES (3-12) – Construction work to widen U.S. Highway 70 requires lane closures in Garland and Saline counties, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will reduce traffic to one open lane between the Tenmile Creek bridge in Garland County and the Tenmile Creek bridge in Saline County to adjust pavement markings. Eastbound and westbound lanes will alternately be closed, and flagging operations will control traffic between **7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, from **Tuesday, March 13** through **Friday, March 23**. The new pavement markings will eliminate passing lanes between the Tenmile bridges until final asphalt paving is complete in mid 2018.

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 mid 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).

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