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

GARLAND AND SALINE COUNTIES (5-11) – Construction work to widen U.S. Highway 70 requires rolling lane closures and traffic shifts on U.S. Highway 70 in Garland and Saline counties, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will mill rumble strips in the pavement along the shoulders and on either side of the continuous left-turn lane. These milling operations will begin **Monday, May 14 through Saturday, May 19**, between **7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**

When the center turn lane is being milled, vehicles traveling in the same direction as the milling machine will be stopped for short periods and then released to go around the pavement work. When the shoulders are being milled, traffic will be shifted to inside lanes around the operations. This work will occur along the length of the project, between Interstate 30 and a quarter mile west of the Cedar Creek Bridge.

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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