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Construction Requires Overnight Lane Closures on Interstate 49 at Bella Vista Bypass in Bentonville

BENTON COUNTY (12-31) – Construction to build the new Highway 549 (Bella Vista Bypass) interchange with Highway 71 and Interstate 49 in Bentonville requires lane closures on I-49, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will close the southbound I-49 outside lane just south of the Bella Vista Bypass interchange. The closure will begin the week of **January 4** and will occur during overnight hours for saw cutting operations to construct and widen the new southbound I-49 acceleration lane. **Work will conclude Saturday, January 9, no later than 10:00 am. The public can anticipate the following lane closure schedule:**

- **Mon., Jan 4 – Thurs., Jan 7 | 8:00 pm – 6:00 am**
- **Fri., Jan 8 – Sat., Jan 9 | 8:00 pm – 10:00 am**

Traffic will be controlled by signage, construction barrels, and police enforcement. Watch for warning signs and safety personnel during the work. The public is advised to be cautious when traveling in the work zone **and watch for slower traffic speeds.**

This project (Job CA0903) is part of ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes constructing approximately 2.8 miles of roadway with bridge structures on U.S. Highway 549, including a new Bella Vista Bypass interchange with U.S. Highway 71 in Bentonville. More information on this \$66.6 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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