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

**SALINE AND GARLAND COUNTIES (7-3)** – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Saline and Garland Counties requires lane closures in multiple areas within the work zone, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

- **Thursday, July 6, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**  
A traffic shift requires the westbound lane to be closed between Crossroads Road and the I-30/Hwy. 70 interchange in Saline County. Traffic will be shifted onto the newly constructed pavement. Traffic will be flagged for less than 30 minutes during the shift.
- **Thursday, July 6 and Friday, July 7, between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
The westbound lane will be closed beginning approximately 1 mile east of Ohana Terrace and ending 1 mile west of Boekah Street in Garland County. Crews will be relocating a barrier wall along Highway 70.
- **Thursday, July 6 through Saturday, July 8, between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
Eastbound and westbound lanes will alternately be closed approximately 1 mile west of Highway 128 to half a mile east of Highway 88 in Garland and Saline Counties. Within this work zone, crews will be leveling asphalt west of Highway 128 and removing and replacing pavement striping east of Highway 88.

Flagging operations will control traffic within the work zones. 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](http://ConnectingArkansasProgram.com).