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NEW WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS DEFERRED FOR FAYETTEVILLE SHALE AREA HIGHWAYS

LITTLE ROCK (2-11) Officials with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) have announced that they are deferring previously announced new weight limits on several State Highways in the Fayetteville shale areas.

Highway and Transportation Department officials had announced in January that new posted limits would go into effect February 14th on a total of 133 miles of highways due to significant damage to the roadways from existing traffic. Plans to implement new limits are now being postponed.

“The Department plans to hold a series of public meetings in the near future to discuss the options available for slowing down the deterioration on the affected roadways,” stated AHTD Director Dan Flowers. “We will also be sharing information at the meetings regarding the current and projected future conditions of the roadways in the shale areas.”

“The new weight limits would have impacted highways in Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Independence, Van Buren and White Counties,” stated Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock. “Following the public meetings a determination will be made regarding future weight restrictions in the area.”

Dates, times and locations for the public meetings will be announced as they become available.

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