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INFORMATION RELEASE

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I-540 Work to Impact Traffic on Highway 162

FORT SMITH (May 8) The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned work that will impact traffic on Highway 162 (Kibler Road) in Van Buren.

Beginning Friday, May 10, traffic will be restricted on Highway 162 in the area of I-540 between the hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Traffic will be restricted to movement in one direction at a time and will be closed for up to 30 minutes at a time by flaggers stationed in advance of the work area. All traffic lanes will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Work is expected to be complete by 6 a.m. on Friday, May 17.

The restrictions are necessary to allow removal of the deck from the bridge that normally carries I-540 traffic over Highway 162.

Motorists are advised to consider alternate routes to reduce congestion in the work zone.

In November, 2012, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$78.8 million, to Kiewit Infrastructure South Company of Fort Worth, Texas. Work on the project is expected to be complete in mid-2014.

Motorists are urged to use care and think ahead when traveling through the work zone. Motorists should Obey the Posted Speed Limits and Other Regulatory Signing; Maintain a Steady Speed; Leave Room Between Vehicles; Be Aware of Road Conditions; and Anticipate the Need to Stop or Reduce Speed Substantially.

Up-to-date information on lane closures on this and other projects in the state is available at www.arkansashighways.com.

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