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## **IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 49 REQUIRE TEMPORARY SIDEWALK CLOSURE ON U.S. HIGHWAY 412 IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (11-6)** – Construction work on I-49 in Springdale will require temporarily removing the sidewalk on U.S. Highway 412 (West Sunset Avenue) below the I-49 overpass, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The contractor will be constructing new foundations for the I-49 overpass widening, which requires removal of the sidewalk and excavation on the north side of U.S. Highway 412. The sidewalk will be temporarily closed along U.S. Highway 412 between the northbound entrance ramp to I-49 and the southbound exit ramp from I-49.

The sidewalk closure will **begin Thursday, November 12**. Weather permitting, the sidewalk will be closed for five weeks while the overpass substructures are being constructed. Barricades and pedestrian fencing will be in place, as well as fencing around the excavated areas. Pedestrian traffic on both sides of U.S. Highway 412 at the I-49 overpass is discouraged in the area while the foundations are being constructed.

This project is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 4.5 miles of I-49 to three lanes in each direction. The work extends from Highway 71B in Johnson to Highway 412 in Springdale. The project is anticipated to be complete in late 2017. More information on this \$28.3 million project is available at [ConnectingArkansasProgram.com](http://ConnectingArkansasProgram.com).

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at [IDriveArkansas.com](http://IDriveArkansas.com) or [ArkansasHighways.com](http://ArkansasHighways.com). You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

