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INFORMATION RELEASE

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Elm Springs Road Lane Closures

FORT SMITH (17-May) The Contractor has informed the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department District Four Headquarters at Fort Smith of planned lane closures on Elm Springs Rd. in Springdale.

Beginning Wednesday, May 18, alternating East and West bound lanes of Elm Springs Road will be closed nightly between 45th St. and 48th St. The lane closures can be expected from 7 P.M. in the evening through 7 A.M. the following morning. Motorists should expect to see flagging operations consisting of flaggers, signage, overhead lights, and traffic drums. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at various times throughout the night.

The lane closures are necessary to perform striping and signal modifications so that work to widen the overpass bridge can begin. It is anticipated that the lane closures will occur nightly for 4 nights.

Adjustment of the dates of the traffic changes may become necessary due to weather or other unforeseen conditions.

In May 2016, the Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a contract, in the amount of \$6,260,081.42, to Manhattan Road & Bridge Co. of Tulsa, OK for the project. The project will widen the I-49 Overpass Bridge Structure at the Elm Springs Rd. Interchange.

Motorists are urged to use care and think ahead when traveling through the work zone. They should remember to Obey the Posted Speed Limits and Other Regulatory Signing; to Maintain a Steady Speed; to Leave Room between them and other vehicles; to Be Aware of Road Conditions in front of them; and to Anticipate the Unexpected Need to Stop or Reduce Speed Substantially due to construction vehicles entering and exiting the work zone.

Additional travel information can be found at <u>IDriveArkansas.com</u> or <u>ArkansasHighways.com</u>. You can also follow us on <u>Twitter @AHTD</u>

