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New Lanes Open on Interstate 49 in Washington and Benton Counties

WASHINGTON & BENTON COUNTIES (11-02) – Eight miles of newly constructed inside lanes on I-49 in Johnson and Springdale will be opened to traffic, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **Thursday night, November 3 at 8:00 p.m.** the completed inside lanes for northbound and southbound I-49 from Mile Marker 68 (south of Johnson Mill Boulevard) to the Wagon Wheel Road interchange (Exit 76) will be opened to traffic.

Final work on median barriers and rails may require shoulder closures or overnight lane closures to complete construction.

These projects (Jobs CA0401 and CA1101) are part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and include widening 8 miles of I-49 to three lanes in each direction. Two additional projects on I-49 are constructing another 8 miles of additional lanes: Highway 264 in Lowell to New Hope Road in Rogers (CA0901) and Highway 62/102 to Highway 72 with auxiliary lanes from Highway 62/102 toward Southeast Walton Boulevard (CA0902). More information on these projects is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.

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

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