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Construction to Close Interstate 49 for 15-Minute Intervals Overnight in Bentonville

BENTON COUNTY (02-17) – Crews hanging bridge beams across Interstate 49 will require closing all lanes in both directions for 15-minute periods overnight in Bentonville, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Beginning **Monday morning, February 20 and continuing through Saturday morning, February 25**, northbound and southbound lanes will be closed at various times overnight for 15-minute periods while crews perform bridge construction. All lanes will be closed between mile markers 87 and 89, which is south and north of Central Avenue/State Highway 72 (Exit 88).

The periodic 15-minute lane closures will occur **between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**, weather permitting. The closures will occur during the following dates and times:

- **Monday morning, February 20, between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.**
- **Monday night, February 20 to Saturday morning, February 25, between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**

Traffic will be handled by the Arkansas State Police, and advance warning signs will be placed to notify traffic approaching the closure. The public is advised to be cautious if traveling in this work zone and are encouraged to find alternative routes to avoid the interstate closures.

This project (Job CA0902) is part of AHTD's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 3.5 miles of I-49 to three lanes in each direction. The work extends from Highway 62/102 to Highway 72 and includes constructing auxiliary lanes from Highway 62/102 toward Southeast Walton Boulevard. Construction is expected to complete in late 2017. More information on this \$27.7 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com.

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