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Improvements to U.S. Highway 70 Require Lane Closures in Garland County

GARLAND COUNTY (8-4) – Construction work on U.S. Highway 70 in Garland County requires lane closures within the work zone, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Beginning **Monday, August 7**, crews will be installing barrier walls along the highway. The eastbound lane on U.S. Highway 70 will be closed beginning at County Road 1381 and ending approximately one mile west of State Highway 128. The lane closures will occur **Monday, August 7 through Friday, August 11**, between **8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, weather permitting.

Flagging operations will control traffic within the work zone. Motorists are encouraged to consider alternate routes during construction, including U.S. Highway 270. The public is advised to be cautious when traveling in the work zone at reduced speeds, and speeding fines double within the work zone.

This project (Job CA0610) is part of ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes widening 17.5 miles of U.S. Highway 70 from I-30 in Benton (Exit 111) west to the interchange with U.S. Highway 70 Business in Hot Springs (Exit 6). The highway is being widened to two lanes in each direction with a continuous center turn lane. The project is anticipated to be complete in late 2018. More information on this \$78.5 million project 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 ARDOT.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter [@myARDOT](https://twitter.com/myARDOT).

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