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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **Construction Requires Lane Closures at I-49/Highway 71 Interchange with Bella Vista Bypass in Bentonville**

**BENTON COUNTY (10-16)** – Rock blasting to build the new Highway 549 (Bella Vista Bypass) interchange with Highway 71 and Interstate 49 in Bentonville requires lane closures, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will perform rock blasting operations during weekdays, **Monday, October 19 to Friday, October 30** between **10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** During the blasting, crews will **temporarily stop traffic for up to 15 minutes as a safety precaution** in the area of the interchange on Interstate 49, Highway 71, Highway 549 (Bella Vista Bypass), and Walton Boulevard.

The public is advised to be cautious when traveling in the work zone **and watch for slower traffic speeds.**

This project (Job CA0903) is part of ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program and includes constructing approximately 2.8 miles of roadway with bridge structures on U.S. Highway 549, including a new Bella Vista Bypass interchange with U.S. Highway 71 in Bentonville. More information on this \$66.6 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 [ARDOT.gov](http://ARDOT.gov). You can also follow us on Twitter [@myARDOT](https://twitter.com/myARDOT).

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