BENTON COUNTY (7-5) – Construction work replacing the I-49 overpass bridge structure at Exit 85 in Rogers and Bentonville requires a traffic shift, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) officials.

Weather permitting, crews will shift northbound I-49 traffic onto the new bridge on Sunday evening, July 7 starting at 10:00 p.m. This will allow crews to continue work replacing the I-49 overpass over U.S. Highway 71B (SE Walton Blvd. & W Walnut St.) in Rogers and Bentonville.

This project (Job BB0903) is part of ArDOT's Interstate Rehabilitation Program. This project is replacing the I-49 overpass bridges and modifying the roadway approaches to a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) at the U.S. Highway 71B interchange and widening U.S. Highway 71B from four lanes to six lanes. This project began in September of 2018 and is expected to be completed in late 2020.

Traffic will be controlled by traffic drums and signage. 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.