

I-630 Construction Progress



South Hughes Street Bridge Open

After more than two months of construction, the new South Hughes Street Bridge over Interstate 630 in Little Rock opened to traffic more than three weeks ahead of schedule. The bridge opened Monday, October 1, reconnecting the Briarwood and University Park neighborhoods.

Crews closed the bridge July 20 to demolish the structure and reconstruct it with a wider span as part of the I-630 construction job that is adding additional eastbound and westbound lanes between the Big Rock Interchange and University Avenue. Construction contractor Manhattan Road & Bridge estimated that it would take 96 days to replace the bridge, resulting in a late October completion. However, crews worked hard and reopened the bridge 23 days early.



Transition to Stage Two

The project is transitioning into Stage Two, moving traffic from the I-630 outside lanes to the inside lanes, to continue with construction of retaining and noise barrier walls, bridge widening and pavement widening. Temporary barriers will be installed throughout the main lanes of traffic to protect the outside lane work areas.

Traffic will also be traveling on temporary detoured pavement on exit ramps 5, 6, 7 and 8 (University Avenue, Rodney Parham Road, John Barrow Road, and Baptist Health Drive) to allow construction of permanent exit ramp pavements and associated work.



Construction Overview



Construction Start
July 2018



Widening to 8 lanes
between Baptist Hospital and University Avenue



Bridge Construction

- John Barrow Rd
- Rock Creek
- Rodney Parham Rd
- South Hughes St
- University Ave



Noise Walls



Detours and nighttime lane closures



Estimated Completion
Early 2020

Detours and Lane Closures

Type	Roadway	Location	Details
Lanes Closed	I-630 eastbound and westbound	Traffic reduced to one open lane in each direction within workzone	Periodic closure times: • Sun. nights, 6 pm - 6 am • Mon. - Thur. nights, 9 pm - 6 am • Fri. 9 pm - Sat. midnight
Lane Shift	I-630 main lanes shift onto inside shoulder	Eastbound and westbound	Ongoing and includes temporary detoured pavement on exit ramps 5, 6, 7 and 8

For the latest detours and lane closures, visit ConnectingArkansasProgram.com

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Oct '18