Subject: Bella Vista Bypass Junction Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 16 Sep 2021 22:22:12 GMT

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The Bella Vista Bypass Junction is nearly finished in North Bentonville. The project is really great - creating I-549 to connect Arkansas I-49 to Missouri I-49 - bypassing the section of I-71 that goes through Bella Vista.

But I'm a little concerned that the traffic is still pretty bad, even after the southbound ramp onto 49 from 71 was opened. It's understandable that traffic was bad as construction progressed, but now that the north and south ramp sections are completed and opened, I had hoped we would see some relief.

I'm hoping that the traffic problems are partially due to the fact that there is still some construction and possibly they haven't optimized the traffic light timing for time of day and flow conditions.