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Palm Beach County Traffic Report July 14, 2007 through July 20, 2007

Palm Beach County – Palm Beach County traffic will be affected this week by ongoing construction projects and maintenance work, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) officials report. **Weather permitting;** closures will be in effect on I-95, Southern Blvd. (SR80) and in other areas throughout Palm Beach County for construction activities.

For around-the-clock, real-time traffic information within the tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties), travelers should [call 511](tel:511). For I-95 Palm Beach County traffic reports just say "I-95 or Interstate 95".

Information is also available on-line at www.511southflorida.com.

To view real-time video of I-95 in Palm Beach County, visit the FDOT I-95 Interim Traffic Management System (ITMS) website at www.palmbeachcotraffic.org. These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners. For updated lane closure information, please refer to www.pbfdot.com.

I-95 Corridor Projects:

I-95 HOV Expansion, South of 6th Avenue South to 10th Avenue North

The **\$59 million, 1.8 mile construction project began July 6, 2004**, and calls for widening I-95 from six lanes to 10 lanes (including HOV lanes); widening the existing Lake Worth Viaduct Bridge; replacing the existing bridge over 6th Avenue South; and reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of Lake Worth Road and 6th Avenue South. Drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement marking, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and communications elements are included as is the construction of two new parking lots for Lake Worth High School. Noise walls will be constructed along the east side of I-95 between 12th Avenue South and 10th Avenue North, with shoulder mounted noise walls installed along the west side of I-95 between 12th Ave. South and south of 10th Ave. North. The project was awarded to Astaldi Construction Company, and is expected to be **complete by February 2008**.

Restriction: Two lanes of I-95 northbound will be closed, 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., Tuesday night, July 17, until Thursday morning, July 19. The I-95 northbound entrance ramp from 6th Ave. South is closed completely for reconstruction until approximately August 2007. The I-95 northbound exit ramp to 6th Ave. South is closed completely for reconstruction until approximately September 2007.

I-95 HOV Expansion, 10th Avenue North to South of Southern Boulevard, (SR80)

The **\$46 million, 3-mile construction project** will expand the existing 6-lane facility to create a 10-lane highway which includes one general purpose lane and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction and additional auxiliary lanes. The project provides for mainline ramp reconstruction and the widening of the existing bridges over 17th Ave. North, Forest Hill Blvd., Summit Blvd., and the C-51 Canal. Additional enhancements include: improved drainage; extensive sound barrier and retaining wall construction; new signing, pavement marking, lighting, and landscaping; and the installation of communications elements. The construction, which **began January**

2004, is being performed by Hubbard Construction Company and is expected to be **complete by April 2008**. Project limits begin at 10th Ave. North and extend to just south of Southern Blvd. (SR80).

Restriction: One lane of Summit Blvd. will be closed in each direction, intermittently, 6 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20. The I-95 northbound exit ramp to Forest Hill Blvd. is closed completely for reconstruction until approximately September 2007.

I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Southern Boulevard (SR80) to North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard

The last of eight I-95 Mobility 2000 projects managed by the Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) firm, The Corradino Group, begins just north of Southern Blvd. (SR80) and extends north **4.2 miles** to just north of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard. The **\$76.2 million** project, which **began January 3, 2005** calls for widening I-95 from six lanes to ten lanes (including HOV lanes); replacing the existing bridge at Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard; replacing Australian Ave. and Congress Ave. existing bridges over I-95, and modification of the mainline ramps. This project also includes drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement markings, lighting, sound wall, irrigation and communications elements. Hubbard Construction Company was awarded the contract and is expected to **complete the project July 2009**, with incentives for early completion.

Restriction: One lane of Congress Ave. at I-95 will be closed, northbound, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Saturday, July 21. One lane of Australian Ave. at I-95 will be closed, northbound, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Saturday, July 21. The inside lanes of the I-95 northbound and southbound exit ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed, daily, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, July 15, through Saturday, July 21. Two lanes of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed in each direction, daily, 5 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, July 15, through Saturday, July 21.

I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to North of Blue Heron Boulevard

Construction of the seventh of eight I-95 Mobility 2000 projects began Monday, **November 1, 2004**. The **4.6 mile** project extends from just north of Palm Beach Lakes to just north of Blue Heron Boulevard. The **\$73.5 million** project calls for widening I-95 from six and eight lanes to ten and 12 lanes (including HOV lanes); widening the existing SR 710 (Beeline Highway) bridge; replacing the existing bridges over 45th Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of 45th Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; and includes drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement markings, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and communications elements. Archer Western Contractors was awarded the contract and is expected to **complete the project July 2008**.

Restriction: Two lanes of Blue Heron Blvd. at I-95 will be closed in each direction, intermittently, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20.

Southern Blvd. (SR80) Projects:

Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of US 441/SR 7 to West of the Florida Turnpike

The last of four major projects to expand Southern Blvd. (SR80) between I-95 and Forest Hill Blvd., started **Wednesday, February 2, 2005**. The 2.6 mile project begins just west of US 441/ SR 7 and extends to just west of Florida's Turnpike. Part of the overall expansion and improvements planned for the corridor, Southern Blvd. (SR 80) will be widened from the existing four lanes to eight lanes with the addition of a new interchange at US 441/SR7. Other improvements provided in this **\$29 million construction contract** include the reconstruction of the Benoist Farms Rd. Bridge over the C-51 Canal, new street lighting, signalization, signage, and pavement marking, installation of a new drainage system, and landscaping. Project **completion is expected during December 2007**, and is being performed by Community Asphalt Corp., Inc.

Restriction: One lane of northbound SR7 will be closed at SR 80, Monday, July 16, and Tuesday, July 17, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., for bridge placement. Two lanes will remain open at all times. One lane eastbound and westbound SR80 will be closed intermittently, Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20,

9 a.m. until 4 p.m., for the installation of irrigation and lighting. One lane will remain open in all directions.

Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of Haverhill Road to West of Congress Avenue

Part of the overall expansion planned for the Southern Blvd. (SR80) corridor, this **2-mile** project calls for the widening of the roadway from four lanes to eight lanes with new interchanges at Haverhill Rd. and Military Trail. New bridges over the C-51 Canal are included at Haverhill Rd., Military Trail and Kirk Rd. The construction, performed by Archer Western Contractors, Ltd., **began June 2003**, and includes new street lighting, new signalization and pavement marking, landscaping, irrigation and drainage. The **\$47 million construction contract** is expected to be **complete by fall 2007**.

Restriction: Canal Rd. and Jules St. will remain closed at Military Trail until further notice.

Southern Blvd. (SR80), CR 880 to Forest Hill Blvd.

This improvement project on Southern Blvd (SR 80) began **February 12, 2007**. The 8.5 mile project includes: Milling and repaving the existing roadway; Landscaping Installation of pedestrian signals; Guardrail Improvements; This **\$8.8 million** construction project is expected to be complete in **mid-year 2008**. This project is being built by Hubbard Construction.

Restriction: One lane of eastbound and westbound SR80 from Forest Hill Blvd. to Seminole Pratt-Whitney will be closed periodically, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20.

One lane of eastbound and westbound SR80 from CR-880 to Seminole Pratt-Whitney will be closed periodically, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20.

One lane of eastbound and westbound SR80 from CR-880 to Forest Hill Blvd. will be closed periodically, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Saturday, July 21.

Central Palm Beach County Projects:

SR A1A , SR 80 (Southern Blvd.) to SR 704 (Royal Palm Way)

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on SR A1A from SR 80 (Southern Blvd.) to SR 704 (Royal Palm Way). This **\$3.5 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, drainage improvements, and signalization. The project is being built by Ranger Construction and is expected to be complete **December 7, 2007**.

Restriction: South County Rd. will be closed to all northbound traffic from Hammon Ave. north to Worth Ave. The road closure is necessary for installation of new storm drains at Hammon Ave and South County Rd. A detour will be in place to reroute motorists, and signs and flagmen will be onsite to direct traffic. Motorists traveling northbound to Worth Ave. and beyond on SR A1A are advised to utilize Ocean Ave. and bypass South County Rd. Local traffic southbound on South County Rd. will have access to all residences and businesses as needed. Northbound Traffic on South County Rd. will be redirected through the detour. All efforts are being made to mitigate delays and inconvenience to motorists and local residents. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions. Motorists can expect delays on South County Rd. at the intersections of Worth Ave, Hammon Ave, and Peruvian Ave. Motorists traveling on other areas along SR A1A can expect minimal delays.

Milling and repaving will begin on South County Rd., 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, July 15, beginning at the south end of the project on SR A1A and the contractor will work north on the east side of the road. They will then alternate and work from the south end of the project on SR A1A and work north on the west side of the road. One lane will remain open at all times, and flaggers will be onsite to assist motorists. Motorists can expect delays through this area. All businesses will remain open during the milling and resurfacing phase. Please find alternate locations for parking, as on street parking on South County Rd. will be inaccessible during this time.

SR A1A, Ocean Inlet Park to Just South of SR 802 (Lake Worth Rd.)

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on SR A1A from Ocean Inlet Park to Just South of SR 802 (Lake Worth Rd.). This **\$10.4 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, landscaping, drainage

improvements, lighting and signal work, and reconstruction of a portion of the same highway. The project is being built by Hardrives of Delray, Inc. and is expected to be complete **November 21, 2008**.

Restriction: There will be alternating lane closures throughout the project corridor, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20, for road widening. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, and delays are expected.

SR A1A Sloan's Curve to Widener's Curve

Construction began **May 14, 2007** on SR A1A from Sloan's Curve to Widener's Curve. This **\$4.1 million** construction project includes armorizing of the shoreline, asphalt resurfacing, pavement marking, and minor drainage improvements. The project is being built by **Bergeron Land Development Inc.** and is expected to be complete **November 14, 2007**.

Restriction: SR A1A will be restricted to one lane, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20. Flaggers will be available to assist motorists.

South Palm Beach County Projects:

SR 808/Glades Road, NW 7th Avenue to NW 2nd Avenue

Construction began on this **.71 mile** section of Glades Rd. between NW 7th Ave. to NW 2nd Ave., **April 13, 2006**. The **\$4.8 million** project, expected to be **complete late July 2007**, calls for the milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement, widening, and adding bike lanes to SR 808 (Glades Rd.) from Oaks Plaza, west of NW 13th St. to NW 2nd Ave. (Boca Raton Blvd.). In addition there will be intersection improvements at NW 13th St., signs, pavement markings and signals will be upgraded. Modifications to the existing drainage system in order to accommodate the new right turn lane at NW 13th St. as well as the widening of the westbound roadway are also included in this project. Modifications are also scheduled for the intersection of NW 13th St. The current free-flowing right turn lane at NW 13th St. northbound to Glades Rd. eastbound will be closed and replaced with a right turn lane provided at the signalized intersection. In addition, double left turn lanes will be installed on Glades Rd. westbound at NW 13th St. The Bridge over EL Rio Canal to the north will be widened and the east rails will be upgraded to fit a realignment accommodating the double left turn lanes at NW 13th St. The construction is being performed by Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

Restriction: The ramp at NW 13th St. northbound to Glades Rd. eastbound is closed permanently to motorists. The median crossover at NW 4th Ct. and Glades Rd. is now permanently closed.

SR 804/Boynton Beach Boulevard, Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to SR5/US1

Construction has begun on this **1.3 mile** section of Boynton Beach Blvd. from Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to SR 5/US 1, **June 5, 2006**. The **\$5.9 million** project, expected to be **complete the end of July 2007**, consist of resurfacing, upgrading bridge traffic railings, widening bridge sidewalk, signing and pavement markings, signalization, lighting, and landscaping on SR 804 (Boynton Beach Boulevard).

Restriction: One lane will be closed eastbound and westbound on SR 804/Boynton Beach Blvd. from Old Boynton Beach Blvd to Federal Hwy., 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., through July 2007.

SR A1A, North of George Bush Blvd. to South of Boynton Inlet

Construction began **March 27, 2007** on SR A1A from north of George Bush Blvd. to south of Boynton Inlet. This **\$4.4 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, pedestrian path upgrades, and minor drainage improvements. The project is being built by Weekley Asphalt Paving and is expected to be **complete November 2008**.

Restriction: There will be alternating lane closures throughout the project corridor, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20, for road widening, for approximately five weeks. Flagmen will be on site to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, delays are expected.

SR A1A from the Broward County Line to north of Spanish River Blvd.

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on SR A1A from the Broward County Line to north of Spanish River Blvd. This **\$4.8 million** construction project includes replacing the sea turtle friendly in-pavement special lighting system, milling and repaving the existing roadway, pedestrian path upgrades, and minor drainage improvements. The project is being built by Weekley Asphalt Paving and is expected to be **complete February 2008**.

Restriction: There will be periodic lane closures throughout the project corridor, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20, for milling and repaving, for approximately seven weeks. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, delays are expected.

North Palm Beach County Projects:

Military Trail, Okeechobee Blvd. to 45th Street

Construction began on this **3-mile** section of Military Trail between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45th St., **February 2004**. The **\$17.98 million project, expected to be complete January 2008**, calls for Military Trail to be reconstructed and widened from the current 4 lanes to create a divided, 6-lane roadway. The construction, being performed by Community Asphalt, includes drainage improvements, new signalization, new lighting, new signage and pavement marking, sound barrier wall and landscaping.

Restriction: One lane will be closed periodically in each direction between Okeechobee Blvd and 45th St., 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20.

Beeline Hwy. (SR710) North of PGA Blvd. to Commerce Blvd.

Construction began on this **3.92 –mile** project on Beeline Hwy (SR-71) from North of PGA Blvd. to Commerce Blvd., October 2006. The **\$4 million project, expected to be complete the end of July 2007**, consists of milling and resurfacing, minor drainage and guardrail improvements, conduit placement and signing and pavement marking. The construction is being performed by Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

Restriction: One lane will be closed periodically on Beeline Hwy. (SR 710) from north of PGA Blvd. to Commerce Blvd., Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20.

PGA Blvd. Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway:

The project, being performed by PCL Civil Constructors, Inc. calls for the replacement of one of the existing bridge mechanisms and refurbishment of the other. Construction **began April 4, 2005** and is expected to be complete **the end of July 2007** and cost **\$16.5 million**.

Restriction: One eastbound lane will be closed, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, July 16, through Saturday, July 20.

SR 811 (Alt. A1A) from Center Street to Riverside Drive and the bridge over the Loxahatchee River, in Jupiter

The 0.643 mile project is being constructed by Cone & Graham, Inc. Construction **began January 9, 2006** and was **completed mid July 2007** and cost approximately **\$5 million**. The project consists of the repair and rehabilitation of the bridge including adding barrier wall for the roadway and the sidewalk, adding sidewalk from the bridge to Center St. on the west side of the roadway with lighting and landscaping improvements.

Restriction: This project is complete.

West Palm Beach County Projects:

SR15/SR80, from south of Martin Luther King Blvd. to south of Canal St.

Construction began **April 30, 2007** on SR15/SR80 from a point south of Martin Luther King Blvd. to a point south of Canal St. in the City of Belle Glade. This .33 mile project cost **\$4.2 million** and is estimated to be complete **January 2008**. This project includes: Milling and Resurfacing, Signalization, Drainage Work, Lighting, Pavement Markings, Signing, Landscaping and Utility Improvements. This project is being built by Community Asphalt Inc.

Restriction: Avenue "A" is entirely closed off to traffic. Detour signs are in place to assist motorists. Martin Luther King (MLK) Blvd. is open to motorists in both directions and can be used for businesses access between avenue "A" and MLK Blvd. The SR15/SR80 travelers have one lane southbound and northbound available. The access to local businesses will be provided at all times during the construction activities. Once the northbound roadway is complete, the entire southbound roadway will be closed including the side streets from Avenue "A" to Martin Luther King Blvd. SR 15/SR80 southbound travelers will have one northbound lane available during this closure.

SR 25/US 27, Mile Post 5 to Mile Post 16

Construction began **March, 2007** on SR 25/US 27 from mile post 5 to mile post 16. This **\$6.5 million** construction project will include milling and repaving the existing roadway. The project is being built by Community Asphalt Corporation and is expected to be **complete October 2008**.

Restriction: There may be alternating lane closures northbound and southbound throughout the project corridor, 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., until the project is complete.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

PGA Boulevard from Florida's Turnpike west to Ryder Cup Boulevard

Restriction: The Jog Rd. entrance into Mirasol is closed to all through traffic for approximately two weeks. Mirasol traffic will be redirected to use the Mirasol Dr. entrance located off of PGA Blvd. Detour signs will be in place to assist motorists, delays are expected. In addition there will be alternating eastbound and westbound lane closures daily on PGA Blvd. For more information on this FDOT permit work please contact 561-624-3060.

Restriction: There will be a full closure on the Lake Ave. Bridge in Lake Worth, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19, for bridge maintenance.