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Palm Beach County Traffic Report August 18, 2007 through August 24, 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: One lane of I-95 southbound will be closed, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Monday night, August 20, until Friday morning, August 24. 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: 17th Avenue at I-95 will undergo a complete closure, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, through Friday, August 24. One lane of Summit Blvd. will be closed in each direction, intermittently, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, August 20, through Saturday, August 25. 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: The outside lane of the Australian Ave. overpass will be closed, northbound, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, August 20, through Saturday, August 25. Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night, August 19, until Friday morning, August 24. 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, August 19, through Saturday, August 25. 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, August 19, through Saturday, August 25. Three lanes of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed in each direction, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night, August 19.

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: One lane of I-95 southbound will be closed, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Tuesday night, August 21. In conjunction with this closure, two lanes of 45th Street at I-95 will be closed in each direction, 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., Tuesday night, August 21. One lane of 45th Street at I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, August 20, through Saturday, August 25. One lane of 45th Street at I-95 will be closed in each direction, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday night, August 20, until Saturday morning, August 25.

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: All northbound and southbound thru lanes and left turn lanes on SR7 (US441) at SR80 will be closed,

9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, August 20, through Wednesday, August 22, for bridge work. Traffic will be detoured through Fairgrounds Rd. Off-duty police officers will be on site to direct traffic. Both eastbound and westbound SR80 will be closed intermittently, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday, August 18, through Friday, August 24. One lane will remain open in both directions, at all times. One lane of both northbound and southbound lanes on SR7 will be closed intermittently, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday, August 18 through Friday, August 24, for sign installation. One lane will remain open in both directions, at all times.

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. One lane of eastbound and westbound SR80, east of Military Trail, will be closed, 7 p.m., Friday August 17, until 6 p.m., Sunday, August 19. A minor traffic shift is expected, beginning Friday, August 17, moving traffic to the south side of the roadway.

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, August 20, through Friday, August 24. One lane of eastbound and westbound SR80 from Seminole Pratt-Whitney to CR-880 will be closed periodically, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday, August 20, through Friday, August 24.

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: There will be intermittent lane closures in the project corridor, Monday through Friday, for sign and signal installation, as well as various project operations. The second phase of road resurfacing and paving markings of South County Rd., will begin in mid August, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Motorists can expect delays through this area. Traffic Control personnel will be available to assist motorists.

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, August 20, through Friday, August 24, for road widening. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, 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, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday, August 18, and 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday, August 20, through Friday, August 23. Flaggers will be available to assist motorists.

South Palm Beach County Projects:

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, August 20, through Friday, August 24, for road widening for approximately one week. Flagmen will be on site to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, delays are expected.

SR A1A from South of Linton Blvd. to North of George Bush Blvd.

Construction will begin **August 13, 2007** on 2.5 miles of SR A1A from south of Linton Blvd. to north of George Bush Blvd. This **\$8.4 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, pedestrian path upgrades, and drainage improvements. The project is being built by Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. and is expected to be complete **October 2008**.

Restriction: There will be alternating lane closures throughout the project corridor, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday, August 20, through Friday, August 24. Flaggers will be onsite to assist motorists.

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, August 20, through Friday, August 24, for milling and resurfacing for approximately two 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 on Military Trail will be closed northbound and southbound between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45th St., 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, August 20, through Friday, August 24.

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: The southbound roadway between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Avenue "A", on SR 15/80 is closed. All side roads located at the west side of SR15/80, including, Avenue "B", Avenue "C" and Avenue "D", are closed to motorists. One lane on northbound SR15/80 is open to motors to gain access between major intersections. All side roads on the northbound side of the project corridor are accessible to motorists.

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 Road entrance into Mirasol is closed to all through traffic for approximately one week. Mirasol traffic will be redirected to use the Mirasol Drive entrance located off PGA Boulevard. A change in the traffic pattern occurred on August 1. All traffic has been directed to the newly constructed lanes of PGA Boulevard. The Jog Road entrance into Mirasol will be reopened and the Ryder Cup entrance into PGA National will be closed. All PGA National traffic will be redirected to use the Avenue of the Champions entrance. Detour signs will be in place to assist motorists. Delays are expected.

For more information on this FDOT permit work please contact 561-624-3060.

Restriction: Motorists can expect possible full lane closures to all lanes of northbound and southbound traffic, intermittently on US27, 15 miles south of South Bay, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, until approximately the end of December 2007. Delays are expected. Alternate routes are recommended.

Restriction: There will be a full closure at the Camino Real Bridge in Boca Raton, beginning Monday, August 6, for approximately 100 days. Please seek alternate routes. For more information on this closure, please contact Palm Beach County at 561-233-3950.

Restriction: There will be a partial lane closure over the C-18 Canal, on I-95 southbound, south of Indiantown Rd, in North Palm Beach County, Sunday, August 26, through Thursday, August 30, for bridge repairs.

Restriction: There will be a full closure at the railroad crossing at Blue Heron Blvd. and Old Dixie Hwy., in Riviera Beach. This will begin at midnight, Friday, August 24, and remain closed until 5 a.m., Tuesday, August 28. Dixie Hwy. will remain accessible. Please use alternate routes as traffic will not be able to travel from east of Old Dixie

Hwy. to US1. Motorists traveling northbound on Old Dixie Hwy. can utilize Silver Beach Rd., motorists traveling southbound can utilize 13 St., reconnecting to Blue Heron Blvd. off of US1.