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#### **Palm Beach County Traffic Report September 8, 2007 through September 14, 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. (S.R.80) 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**. 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.pbfdot.com).

#### **I-95 Corridor Projects:**

##### **I-95 HOV Expansion, South of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South; and reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of Lake Worth Road and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, with shoulder mounted noise walls installed along the west side of I-95 between 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. South and south of 10<sup>th</sup> 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 will be closed in each direction, 10 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Sunday night, Sept. 9, until Friday morning, Sept. 14. The I-95 northbound exit ramp to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. South is closed completely for reconstruction until approximately mid September 2007.

##### **I-95 HOV Expansion, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to South of Southern Boulevard, (S.R.80)**

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North and extend to just south of Southern Blvd. (S.R.80).

**Restriction:** One lane of Summit Blvd. will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Wednesday night, Sept. 12, until Friday morning, Sept. 14. Two lanes of I-95 northbound will be closed, 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Wednesday night, Sept. 12, until Friday morning, Sept. 14. Two lanes of I-95 southbound will be closed, 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Thursday night, Sept. 13. One lane of Summit Blvd. will be closed in each direction, intermittently, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Saturday, Sept. 15. The I-95 northbound exit ramp to Forest Hill Blvd. is closed completely for reconstruction until approximately the end of September 2007.

#### **I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Southern Boulevard (S.R.80) 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. (S.R.80) 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, September 10, through Saturday, September 15. 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., Monday, September 10, through Saturday, September 15. Two lanes of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed in each direction, daily, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, September 10, through Saturday, September 15.

#### **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 S.R. 710 (Beeline Highway) bridge; replacing the existing bridges over 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of 45<sup>th</sup> 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 45th Street at I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14.

#### **Southern Blvd. (S.R.80) Projects:**

##### **Southern Blvd. (S.R.80), West of U.S. 441/S.R. 7 to West of the Florida Turnpike**

The last of four major projects to expand Southern Blvd. (S.R.80) between I-95 and Forest Hill Blvd., started **Wednesday, February 2, 2005**. The 2.6 mile project begins just west of U.S. 441/ S.R. 7 and extends to just west of Florida's Turnpike. Part of the overall expansion and improvements planned for the corridor, Southern Blvd. (S.R. 80) will be widened from the existing four lanes to eight lanes with the addition of a new interchange at U.S. 441/S.R.7. 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:** Both eastbound and westbound S.R.80 will be closed intermittently, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14. One lane will remain open in both directions, at all times. One lane of both northbound and southbound lanes on S.R.7 will be closed intermittently, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14, for sign installation. One lane will remain open in both directions, at all times. One lane in all directions will be closed at the intersection of S.R.7 and S.R.80, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14. One lane will remain open in all directions, at all times.

#### **Southern Blvd. (S.R.80), West of Haverhill Road to West of Congress Avenue**

Part of the overall expansion planned for the Southern Blvd. (S.R.80) 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. Kirk Rd. will remain closed until further notice. Traffic has been shifted on S.R.80, to the south side of the roadway, from east of Military Trail to west of Congress Blvd. There will be intermittent lane closures to the Military Trail eastbound entrance ramp, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14, for crane demobilization.

#### **Southern Blvd. (S.R.80), CR 880 to Forest Hill Blvd.**

This improvement project on Southern Blvd (S.R. 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 S.R.80 from Forest Hill Blvd. to Seminole Pratt-Whitney will be closed periodically, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14. One lane of eastbound and westbound S.R.80 from Seminole Pratt-Whitney to CR-880 will be closed periodically, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14.

#### **Central Palm Beach County Projects:**

##### **S.R. A1A , S.R. 80 (Southern Blvd.) to S.R. 704 (Royal Palm Way)**

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on S.R. A1A from S.R. 80 (Southern Blvd.) to S.R. 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, Sunday, Sept. 9, through Friday, Sept. 14, for final paving operations, sign and signal installation, as well as various project operations. There will be intermittent lane closures in the Downtown Area, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 9 through, Thursday, Sept. 13, for final paving operations, sign and signal installation as well as various project operations. Motorists can expect delays through this area. Traffic Control personnel will be available to assist motorists.

##### **S.R. A1A, Ocean Inlet Park to Just South of S.R. 802 (Lake Worth Rd.)**

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on S.R. A1A from Ocean Inlet Park to Just South of S.R. 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, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14, for road widening. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, delays are expected.

#### **S.R. A1A Sloan's Curve to Widener's Curve**

Construction began **May 14, 2007** on S.R. A1A from Sloan's Curve to Widener's Curve. This **\$4.1 million** construction project includes amortizing 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:** S.R. A1A will be restricted to one lane, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, and Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14. Flaggers will be available to assist motorists.

#### **South Palm Beach County Projects:**

##### **S.R. A1A, North of George Bush Blvd. to South of Boynton Inlet**

Construction began **March 27, 2007** on S.R. 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, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14, for road widening for approximately one week. Flagmen will be on site to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, delays are expected.

##### **S.R. A1A from South of Linton Blvd. to North of George Bush Blvd.**

Construction will begin **August 13, 2007** on 2.5 miles of S.R. 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, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14. Flaggers will be onsite to assist motorists.

##### **S.R. A1A from the Broward County Line to north of Spanish River Blvd.**

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on S.R. 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, 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Saturday, Sept. 15, for milling and resurfacing and turtle light installation.. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, delays are expected.

#### **North Palm Beach County Projects:**

##### **Military Trail, Okeechobee Blvd. to 45<sup>th</sup> Street**

Construction began on this **3-mile** section of Military Trail between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45<sup>th</sup> 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 45<sup>th</sup> St., 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 14. Northbound traffic is tentatively scheduled to be shifted to the westside of the corridor, between Cumberland Dr. and 45th St., by Friday, Sept. 14.

#### **West Palm Beach County Projects:**

##### **S.R.15/S.R.80, from south of Martin Luther King Blvd. to south of Canal St.**

Construction began **April 30, 2007** on S.R.15/S.R.80 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 S.R. 15/80 is closed. All side roads located at the west side of S.R.15/80, including, Avenue "B", Avenue "C" and Avenue "D", are closed to motorists. One lane on northbound S.R.15/80 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.

##### **S.R. 25/U.S. 27, Mile Post 5 to Mile Post 16**

Construction began **March, 2007** on S.R. 25/U.S. 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:** There will be intermittent lane closures throughout the project corridor until the project is complete. 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 U.S.27, 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. **For more information on this permit work, please contact, Diana Barboni at 561-656-6378.**

**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:** One lane off the northbound I-95 exit ramp at PGA Blvd. will be closed, 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., until mid-September, for turn lane construction. One eastbound lane off the I-95 interchange will be closed on PGA Blvd., 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., until mid-September, for turn lane construction. One lane will be closed on PGA Blvd. from I-95 to RCA Blvd. until mid-September, for turn lane construction. **For more information on this FDOT permit work please contact Chetham Construction at 561-471-4100.**

**Restriction:** There will full lane closure of the westbound, right light, on the Blue Heron Bridge in Riviera Beach, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, through Thursday, Sept. 13, for concrete placement.