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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
October 10 through October 17, 2008**

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 Boulevard (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.

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, 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 Boulevard (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 Avenue and Congress Avenue 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 **August 2009**, with incentives for early completion.

Restriction: Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, October 12, until Friday morning, October 17. In conjunction with this closure, the I-95 northbound entrance ramp from Belvedere Rd. may undergo brief intermittent closures. One lane of Australian Avenue at I-95 will be closed in each direction, daily, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Monday, October 13, through Saturday, October 18. One lane of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard at I-95 will be closed in each direction, daily, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., with two lanes closed nightly, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, October 13, through Saturday, October 18. In conjunction with this closure, the I-95 ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard may undergo intermittent closures during this time. The Congress Avenue overpass has been reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction until approximately the end of 2008.

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 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 **October 2008**.

Restriction: Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night, October 12, until Friday morning, October 17. The I-95 entrance and exit ramps at 45th Street and Blue Heron Boulevard may undergo intermittent lane closures, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night, October 12, through Friday, October 18. Two lanes of 45th Street at I-95 will be closed in each direction, daily, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night, October 12, through Saturday, October 13. One lane of Blue Heron Boulevard will be closed in each direction, daily, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., with two lanes closed nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night, October 12, through Saturday, October 18.

I-95 HOV Expansion, from Donald Ross Road north to S.R. 706/ Indiantown Road

The **\$43.5 million, 4.5 mile** construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 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 includes widening of the existing bridges at Donald Ross Road and the C-18 Canal; ramp improvements; sound barrier and retaining wall construction; signalization enhancements; new signing, pavement markings, lighting, and landscaping, including irrigation. Construction began **August 21, 2008** is being performed by **Posen Construction**. Construction is expected to be **completed spring 2012**.

Restriction: There are no restrictions at this time. Motorists should be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway.

I-95 HOV Expansion, from south of PGA Boulevard north to Donald Ross Road

The **\$44 million, 4.3 mile** construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 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 includes mainline ramp reconstruction and the widening of the existing bridges over PGA Boulevard and Military Trail. Additional enhancements include improved drainage; sound barrier and retaining wall construction; new signing, pavement marking, lighting, and landscaping. Construction **began August 20, 2008** and is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation**. This project is expected to be **completed winter 2011**.

Restriction: Inside and outside travel lanes will be closed nightly on I-95 from south of PGA Boulevard to south of Donald Ross Rd., Sunday, October 12 through Thursday, October 16, for roadway operations and the positioning of barrier wall. Workers will close one lane at 9 p.m. and close the second lane at 10:30 p.m. One lane will reopen 5 a.m. and the second lane will reopen at 6 a.m. All lanes will remain open during daytime hours.

Southern Boulevard (S.R. 80) Projects:

Southern Boulevard (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 Boulevard (S.R.80) between I-95 and Forest Hill Boulevard, 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 Boulevard (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, pavement marking, installation of a new drainage system, and landscaping. Project completion is expected in **early October 2008**, and is being performed by Community Asphalt Corp., Inc.

Restriction: Temporary lane closures of northbound and southbound Benoist Farms Road will occur between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Friday, October 10 through Friday, October 17. One lane will remain open to traffic in all directions at all times.

Central Palm Beach County Projects:

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 **early 2009**.

Restriction: There will be a full closure of S.R. A1A from the Boynton Inlet to Ocean Avenue in Lantana, until late fall 2008, for the reconstruction of the A1A corridor. Access will be allowed for emergency vehicles and residents only. Detours will be in place for southbound traffic north of Lake Avenue in Lake Worth and north of Ocean Avenue on S.R. A1A in Lantana. Detours will be in place for northbound traffic south of Woolbright Rd. in Boynton Beach and south of Ocean Avenue in Boynton Beach. This closure is also in effect for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Flagmen and police officers will be onsite to direct traffic.

Shannondale Road between Lang Road and Gem Lake Drive

Construction began **September 2, 2008** between Lang Road and Gem Lake Drive. This is a widening project that is expected to last approximately three months and cost an estimated **\$204,000**. The project is being built by Budget Construction Company and is expected to be complete **November 2008**.

Restriction: Shannondale Road will undergo a full closure, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, October 13, through Friday, October 17. Please note: Residents will have access to their driveways during this time. One lane of Gem Lake Drive will be closed, eastbound, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Thursday, October 16, through Friday, October 17.

Southern Palm Beach County Projects:

S.R. A1A from South of Linton Boulevard to North of George Bush Boulevard

Construction began on **August 13, 2007** on 2.5 miles of S.R. A1A from south of Linton Boulevard to north of George Bush Boulevard. 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 completed **October 2008**.

Restriction: Paving operations between Atlantic Avenue and Linton Boulevard, begins Friday, October 10 and will last approximately one week, weather permitting. Paving will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. nightly and from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Travel lanes will be closed in and around the work zone and flaggers will be on-site to assist motorists as necessary. On-street parking will be restricted as necessary and side streets and driveways might be closed for brief periods to accommodate this work. Paving is a "rolling operation" with heavy equipment and personnel moving in and around the work zone. Motorists should

anticipate delays and use caution traveling through the area. Pedestrians and bicyclists should use extreme caution and stay away from any active construction zone.

U.S. 1 from the C-15 Canal just north of Hidden Valley Boulevard, north to Linton Boulevard

Construction began on **March 24, 2008** on U.S. 1 from the C-15 Canal which is just north of Hidden Valley Boulevard in Boca Raton, north to Linton Boulevard in Delray Beach. This **\$3.3 million** construction project consists of milling and resurfacing, roadway widening to add designated bike lanes, bridge widening over the C15 Canal to add a 3 ft. shoulder and 6 ft. sidewalks on both sides of the bridge, sidewalk improvements to construct a 5 ft. concrete sidewalk throughout the project, landscaping and drainage improvements and new signage and pavement markings. The project is being built by Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. and is expected to be complete **December 2008**.

Restriction: There will be daily intermittent lane closures in both directions between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. until further notice. Flaggers will be on-site to assist motorists as necessary. Motorists should anticipate delays and use caution traveling through the area.

Spanish River Boulevard / S.R. 800 Bridge Rehabilitation

Construction began on this **\$3.5 million** project, **Thursday, May 8, 2008**. The Spanish River Bridge is located over the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton. This project consists of routine maintenance and rehabilitation of mechanical and electrical components that operate the bridge spans to extend the life of the bridge and sustain functional operations of the spans, removal of old paint and repainting the movable bridge's structural steel and aesthetic enhancements including painting the bridge decks and the tender house. The project is being performed by Coastal Marine Construction and is expected to be complete **February 2009**. This work will not affect marine traffic and the contractor will clear the roadway and open all travel lanes in the event of a weather-related evacuation.

Restriction: There will be intermittent daytime lane closures between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. for project-related work. Beginning around mid-October, the contractor will close the bridge to all traffic during nighttime hours (9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m.) as necessary to perform project-related work. Closures will occur intermittently through December 2008, weather permitting. During these closures, motorists will be detoured to Palmetto Park Road or Linton Boulevard to cross the Intracoastal Waterway. Electronic Message Boards will advise motorists in advance of closures and detours.

Northern Palm Beach County Projects:

Beeline Hwy. / S.R. 710 from Military Trail to west of Congress Avenue Construction of this **1.35 mile** project from Military Trail to just west of Congress Avenue, on the Beeline Hwy. / S.R. 710 began on Monday, **November 12, 2007**. The **\$19.5 million construction** project includes road widening, repaving, pedestrian path upgrades, new street and sidewalk lighting, new signalization, signage and pavement markings, landscaping and irrigation. This project is expecting completion **December 2009** and is being performed by Ranger Construction Industries.

Restriction: One lane will be closed in each direction nightly for asphalt paving operations on Congress Avenue between Blue Heron Boulevard and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Paving will occur between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 7 a.m., Monday, October 12, through Friday October 17.

Indiantown Rd. / S.R. 706 from just west of the Florida Turnpike to just east of Chasewood Plaza

Construction on **1.5 miles** of Indiantown Road / SR 706 began on **Monday, June, 16 2008** and will last until early 2009. This project includes milling and resurfacing of the roadway, rebuilding shoulders, upgrading traffic signs and signals, median improvements and landscaping to include irrigation. This **\$2.4 million** project is expecting **completion early 2009** and is being performed by Hubbard Construction Company.

Restriction: There will be a closure of one eastbound and one westbound lane of S.R. 706/ Indiantown Rd., 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, October 13 through Friday, October 17, for various median work, landscaping and irrigation.

Western Palm Beach County Projects:

S.R. 15/ S.R. 700/ U.S. 98/ U.S. 441 from Canal Point to the Palm Beach - Martin County Line

Construction began **September 2007** on S.R. 15/ S.R. 700/ U.S. 98/ U.S. 441 from Canal Point to the Palm Beach - Martin County Line. This **\$8.4 million**, seven-mile construction includes milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway, sign installation and drainage improvements. The project is being built by Community Asphalt Corporation and expected to be complete by **mid-December 2008**.

Restriction: There will be intermittent lane closures throughout the project area, Monday, October 6, through Friday, October 10. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists as necessary.

S.R. 25/U.S. 27 from the Hendry/Palm Beach County Line to Mile Post 12.5

Construction on this **\$15 million** project includes milling and resurfacing the roadway and demolishing and reconstructing the bridge over the Miami Canal. The project began on **Tuesday, September 2**, and is expected to last until **late 2009**. Work is being performed by Ranger Construction Industries.

Restriction: One inside lane will be closed in each direction in the vicinity of the Miami Canal Bridge in South Bay, for approximately three weeks in preparation for a traffic shift. In October, traffic will be shifted to one lane in each direction on the southbound bridge over the Miami Canal. Traffic will stay in this pattern for several months while workers remove and replace the northbound bridge. Inside travel lanes will be closed in various locations in the City of South Bay for project related work. The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph and will be strictly enforced.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restriction: Travel lanes will be closed in both directions on Gateway Boulevard from the I-95 interchange to Congress Avenue in Boynton Beach, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until early fall 2008. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Delays are expected. **For more information on this permit work for the City of Boynton Beach, please contact Dale Eley of Palm Beach Grading at 561-842-9551.**

Restriction: Beginning on October 14, 2008, inside travel lanes will be closed in various locations on U.S. 441 from Old Hammock Way to Southern Boulevard. This work is being performed by the Village of Royal Palm Beach. Lane closures will occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday through early December, 2008. **For more information on this project, please contact Royal Palm Beach Project Engineer Brett Johnson at 561-790-5100.**

Restriction: The southbound lane on A1A will be closed from 9 a.m. until noon, Wednesday, October 15, approximately one mile north of the Spanish River Boulevard Bridge. Trained flaggers will direct traffic through the area.

Restriction: The westbound outside lane on the Atlantic Avenue Bridge will be closed from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday, October 15, for machinery repairs.

Restriction: Eastbound travel lanes will be closed alternately on the Southern Blvd Bridge from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 16 for concrete repairs

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