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Palm Beach County Traffic Report
Aug. 27 through Sept. 3, 2010

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 and in other areas throughout Palm Beach County for construction activities.

For around-the-clock, real-time, I-95 traffic information, call 511. To view real-time video of I-95 in Palm Beach County, visit the Florida Department of Transportation's Palm Beach SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC) website at www.smartsunguide.com. FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners provide these free services. For updated lane closure information, please refer to www.pbfdot.com.

I-95 Corridor Projects:

I-95 HOV Expansion, from Donald Ross Road (exit 83) north to S.R. 706/Indiantown Road (exit 87A/B)

The **\$43.5 million, 4.5-mile** construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, 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 over 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. The work began **Aug. 21, 2008**, and is being performed by **Posen Construction**. Construction is expected to be **completed spring 2012**.

Restrictions: The northbound and southbound outside lanes of I-95, between Donald Ross Road and Indiantown Road, will be closed, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 29, through Thursday, Sept. 2. One of two left turn lanes, from westbound Donald Ross Road onto southbound I-95, is closed. One of two westbound through lanes on Donald Ross Road, in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass, remains closed through late summer 2010, for overpass widening. The posted speed limit is 25 mph on all the Donald Ross Road entrance and exit ramps. Motorists should be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway by all Donald Ross Road entrance and exit ramps and the median area just north of Donald Ross Road. Please use caution.

I-95 HOV Expansion, from south of PGA Boulevard (exit 79A/B) north to Donald Ross Road (exit 83)

The **\$44 million, 4.3-mile** construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, 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 (exit 79C). Additional enhancements include improved drainage; sound barrier and retaining wall construction; new signing, pavement markings, lighting, and landscaping. Construction **began Aug. 20, 2008** and is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation**. This project is expected to be **completed winter 2011**.

Restriction: Two inside travel lanes will be closed in both directions on PGA Boulevard underneath the I-95 overpass, Monday, Aug. 30, through Thursday, Sept. 2, for bridge demolition and foundation work. The lanes closest to the median will be closed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center lanes will be closed 8:30 a.m. and to 4 p.m. When crews are working on the eastbound lanes, eastbound traffic will be moved to one westbound lane. During work on the westbound lanes, westbound traffic will be moved to one eastbound lane. At least one travel lane in each direction will remain open at all times. Motorists should be aware of a stop sign at the northbound I-95 exit ramp onto westbound PGA Boulevard. This lane no longer merges. Advance warning signs are in place approaching the exit ramp and on the ramp to alert motorists.

One inside lane of Military Trail, at the I-95 overpass, will undergo a continuous closure in each direction, Monday, Aug. 30, through Sunday, Sept. 5, for bridge demolition and bridge construction. The center lanes of Military Trail at the I-95 overpass will be closed in each direction, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, through Thursday, Sept. 2, for bridge demolition and bridge construction.

I-95 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Deployment Project (Broward/Palm Beach County Line to Martin/Palm Beach County Line)

This **\$24.5 million, 38.6-mile** Design/Build ITS Deployment project **began in October 2008**. This project will establish a permanent Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) network along I-95 through Palm Beach County and includes: installing Dynamic Message Signs on I-95 and on crossroads with entrance and exit ramps to/from I-95; and installing Highway Advisory Radio and other ITS-related equipment. The project is being done in two phases. **Phase A is underway between** the Broward-Palm Beach County line and PGA Boulevard. This phase is expected to be **completed by winter 2011**. **Phase B**, from PGA Boulevard to the Palm Beach-Martin County Line, will start when Phase A is completed. The project is expected to be **completed late 2012**. Work is being performed by **Transcore ITS**.

Restrictions: Two lanes of I-95 southbound, north of New Spanish River Boulevard, will be closed, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday night, Aug. 30, until Friday morning, Sept. 3. Two lanes of I-95 northbound, south of New Spanish River Boulevard, will be closed, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday night, Aug. 30, until Friday morning, Sept. 3. I-95 will have intermittent closures in each direction on the paved median and shoulders, Monday through Sunday, between Palmetto Road and PGA Boulevard, for project-related work. Motorists should watch for vehicles entering and exiting the roadway in the work zones.

I-95 ITS Project Related Side Street Closures

Restrictions: One eastbound lane of Okeechobee Boulevard, just east of Loxahatchee Drive, will be closed, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, through Friday, Sept. 3. Two westbound lanes of Okeechobee Boulevard, just west of Australian Boulevard, will be closed, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, through Friday, Sept. 3. One eastbound lane of Forest Hill Boulevard, just east of Florida Mango Road, will be closed, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, through Friday, Sept. 3.

Southern Palm Beach County Projects:

Powerline Road / S.R. 845 from the Broward County Line to Glades Road

Construction on this **3-mile** project **began Monday, May 18, 2009**. Work consists of repaving the roadway, minor widening and reconstruction, signalization, lighting, drainage, bridge replacement, irrigation and landscaping. The project will cost an estimated \$9.7 million. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction South** and is expected to be completed **summer 2011**.

Restrictions: Two lanes are closed around-the-clock on the L-47 canal bridge for bridge work. Traffic is shifted to one lane in each direction on the east side of the road through this area. Single travel lanes will also be closed at various locations between the Broward County Line and Glades Road, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.

until 6:30 a.m., Monday morning through Friday afternoon, until the end of September 2010. Turn lanes will be closed temporarily as needed. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists should use caution driving in the project limits. Delays are expected.

Glades Road / S.R. 808 from Boca Rio Road to Renaissance Way

Construction on this **2.9-mile** project **began Jan. 18, 2010**, and will last approximately ten months, weather permitting. Work consists of repaving and restriping Glades Road from just west of the Turnpike to just west of I-95; storm water drainage improvements; new sidewalks and curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; traffic signal upgrades at St. Andrews Boulevard, new signs; and landscaping, including irrigation. The estimated construction cost is \$3.7 million. Work will be performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation** and is expected to be completed by **late fall 2010**.

Restrictions: Travel lanes will be closed, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., until the end of August 2010. Turn lanes will be closed temporarily at various locations as needed. At least two lanes will remain open in each direction at all times and access to local residences and businesses will be maintained. Motorists might experience delays.

Federal Highway / S.R. 5 / U.S. 1 from the C-16 Canal to Hypoluxo Road

Construction on this **2.318-mile** resurfacing project **began Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010**, in the town of Hypoluxo and the City of Boynton Beach. Work will last approximately eight months, weather permitting, and consists of repaving and restriping the roadway, minor storm water drainage, replacing sidewalks and curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, new signs, traffic signal upgrades, and guardrail installation. Work is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation** and is expected to be completed in **late summer 2010**.

Restrictions: There will be intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday, through Friday, until the end of August 2010. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists might experience delays.

Dixie Highway from Hillsboro Boulevard in Deerfield Beach over the FEC railroad tracks and the Hillsboro Canal to S.W. 18 Street in Boca Raton

Construction of a four-lane overpass (flyover) **began Ap. 16, 2010**. The project includes bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides above the railroad tracks, canal, N.E. Second Street, N. River Avenue and N.E. Second Avenue. A pedestrian bridge will be built over Hillsboro Canal east of the overpass. Drainage and landscaping will be added. Construction is expected to be completed in **summer 2012**. **Cone & Graham** is the prime contractor

Restrictions: Deerfield Beach—One lane will be closed in each direction, intermittently, at the intersection of Hillsboro Boulevard and Dixie Highway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Federal Highway / S.R. 5 / U.S. 1 from Yamato Road to the C-15 Canal

Construction on this **1.944-mile** resurfacing project **began Thursday, June 17, 2010**, in the City of Boca Raton. Work consists of repaving and restriping the roadway, adding five-foot paved shoulders in both directions, minor storm water drainage, replacing sidewalks and curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and installing a video detection system on existing traffic signals. The estimated cost is **\$1.9 million**. Work is being performed by **Weekly Asphalt Paving, Inc.** and is expected to be completed in **winter 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane of U.S. 1 will be closed northbound, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, until the end of August 2010.

Central Palm Beach County Projects:

South Dixie Highway / S.R. 805 from north of S.R. 80 / Southern Boulevard to north of Belvedere Road

Construction of this **.995-mile** project **began Apr. 12, 2010**. The **\$1,086,788** construction project includes: repaving and restriping the roadway; storm water drainage work; replacing damaged curb and gutter and sidewalks; installing pedestrian curb ramps; and new street signs. The work is being performed by **Weekly Asphalt Paving, Inc.** and is expected to be completed in **winter 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane of South Dixie Highway and adjacent side streets, between Southern Boulevard and Belvedere Road, will be closed daily, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and nightly, 7 p.m. until 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, until late August. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times; however, sidewalks and on-street parking might be closed in the work area.

Military Trail / S.R. 809 from Oxford Street to Okeechobee Boulevard / S.R. 704

Construction of this **1.74-mile** project **began Monday, May 17, 2010**. The **\$1,862,602** construction project includes: repaving and restriping the roadway; storm water drainage work; replacing damaged curb and gutter and sidewalks; installing pedestrian curb ramps; and new street signs. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.** and is expected to be completed in **winter 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane of Military Trail and adjacent side streets will be closed in each direction, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, until the end of August 2010. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times; however, sidewalks may be closed in the work area.

Northern Palm Beach County Projects:

Indiantown Road / S.R. 706 from just west of Chasewood Plaza to Old Dixie Highway

This **2.2-mile** resurfacing project **began June 21, 2010** in the Town of Jupiter. This project includes: repaving and restriping the roadway; storm water drainage work; replacing damaged curb and gutter and sidewalks; installing pedestrian curb ramps; driveway replacement and landscaping. The work is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation** and is expected to be completed in **spring 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane of Indiantown Road will undergo intermittent closures in each direction, 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, until the end of September 2010.

U.S. 1 / S.R. 5 Parker Bridge Rehabilitation Project

This **0.21-mile** bridge rehabilitation project **began Nov. 30, 2009**, in the Village of North Palm Beach. This project includes: replacing the existing bridge grating and the tender house; replacing structural steel and machinery that raise and lower the bridge spans; and widening to accommodate new sidewalks, decorative lighting and decorative railing. Work is being performed by **PCL Civil Constructors, Inc.** and will be completed in **winter 2010**.

Restrictions: Southbound traffic is shifted to one lane on the northbound bridge. The southbound bridge will remain closed for project-related work and traffic will remain in this pattern until the end of August 2010, weather permitting. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times through the work zone and the bridge will continue to open for marine traffic as needed.

S.R. A1A Little Blue Heron Bridge Replacement Project

This **0.19-mile** bridge replacement project in the City of Riviera Beach began construction on **Monday, Dec. 14, 2009** and will last approximately 18 months. This project includes removing the existing low-level, fixed bridge and replacing it with a new four-lane fixed bridge in the same location. This tidal relief bridge spans the Lake Worth Lagoon connecting A1A from Phil Foster Park to Singer Island. The work will be performed by **The Murphy Construction Company in conjunction with the Little Lake Worth Bridge Replacement Project**. The combined cost for these two projects is estimated at **\$10.1 million**.

Restrictions: Westbound traffic has been shifted to one lane on the eastbound bridge. One lane is open in each direction through the work zone. Traffic will remain in this pattern through August 2010 while workers replace the existing westbound bridge. Motorists should use caution and be aware of personnel and equipment moving in and around the work zone. SCUBA diving, swimming and boating are restricted in the vicinity of this bridge, for the duration of the project, for safety reasons.

S.R. A1A Little Lake Worth Bridge Replacement Project

This **0.8-mile** bridge replacement project includes removing the existing low-level fixed bridge with a new two-lane fixed bridge in the same location. The new bridge will provide four additional feet of clearance (for a total of 12 feet) to meet current FDOT standards and minimize future damage to the bridge deck caused by salt water. The work will be performed by **The Murphy Construction Company in conjunction with the Little Blue Heron Bridge Replacement Project**, which began construction in **December 2009**. The combined cost for these two projects is estimated at **\$10.1 million**. A revised construction start date for this project will be determined based on permitting. Construction will last approximately 12 months.

Restrictions: All lanes are open.

East Blue Heron Boulevard and North Ocean Drive / S.R. A1A from US # 1 to South of Burnt Bridge on Singer Island

This **3-mile** resurfacing project **began July 28, 2010** in the City of Riviera Beach. This project includes: milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway, storm water drainage improvements, new decorative sidewalks and crosswalks, lighting, bike paths, pedestrian upgrades of the existing traffic signals, and infrastructure work including new water mains and sanitary sewer improvements. This work is being performed by **H & J Contracting, Inc.** and is expected to be completed in **winter 2011**. The estimated construction cost is **\$10.3 million**. This project is also part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus, and is a Local Agency Program (LAP).

Restrictions: Southbound traffic along S.R. A1A has been shifted to the center reversible lane from Pine Point Road to South Harbor Drive. One lane will remain open in each direction, without the use of the center reversible turn lane, through February 2011. Pedestrian access will be maintained during construction.

Western Palm Beach County Projects:

S.R. 700 / U.S. 98 from Old Conners Highway to Old 700 Alignment

Construction on this **14.5-mile** project **began June 15, 2009**. Work consists of repaving the roadway, upgrading pedestrian curb ramps, guardrail installation, shoulder reconstruction and drainage improvements. The project cost is **\$10.1 million** and is expected to be completed by **late 2010**. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.**

Restrictions: S.R. 700 is closed between S.R. 80 and Hatton Highway for project-related work. Motorists are being detoured west on S.R. 80 / U.S. 441 and north on Hatton Highway to get back to S.R. 700. This detour will remain in place until fall 2010.

S.R. 729 / State Market Road from S.R. 15/U.S. 441 to U.S. 441

Construction on this **2.2-mile** project **began Mar. 22, 2010**. Work consists of repaving the roadway, new paved shoulders, drainage, new sidewalks, guardrail installation and drainage improvements. The project cost is **\$970,317** and is expected to be completed by **late summer 2010**. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.**

Restrictions: All lanes are open.

S.R. 25 / U.S. 27 from MP 63.9 from S.R. 80

Construction on this **9.72-mile** project **began July 19, 2010** in the City of South Bay and Unincorporated Palm Beach County. Work consists of repaving and restriping the roadway and installing new signs throughout the project limits as well as new curb and gutter, sidewalks and landscaping in South Bay. The project is expected to cost **\$6.8 million** and be completed by **spring 2011**. The work is being performed by **General Asphalt Co., Inc.**

Restrictions: One lane will be closed in each direction through December 2010.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restrictions: One inside lane of I-95 will be closed in each direction at Congress Avenue in Delray Beach, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, through Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Restrictions: Okeechobee Boulevard, from Royal Palm Beach High School to east of the Florida Turnpike in the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the City of West Palm Beach, will undergo lane closures, daily, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, Aug. 29, through Friday, Sept. 3. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000**.

Restrictions: There will be lane closures on Alternate A1A / S.R. 811 between Donald Ross Road and Center Street in Jupiter, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, through Friday, Sept. 3. The sidewalk is closed on Alternate A1A from Toney Penna Drive to Indiantown Road. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000**.

Restrictions: The George Bush Boulevard Bridge, over the Intracoastal Waterway in the City of Delray Beach, is closed to motorist and pedestrian traffic for bridge rehabilitation through December 2010. Traffic will be detoured via A1A, East Atlantic Avenue, and U.S. 1 / Federal Highway. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000**.

Restrictions: One lane of U.S. 1 / Federal Highway in Lake Worth will be closed in each direction, from 18th Avenue South to Duke Drive, 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., until the end of September 2010. Flagmen will be on-site to assist motorists. Delays are expected.

Restrictions: The westbound Southern Boulevard outside turn lane to Sansbury's Way is closed until the end of August 2010.

Restrictions: The inside lane of the I-95 northbound exit ramp to 10th Avenue North will undergo a full continuous closure until the end of August 2010. The inside left turn lane of the I-95 southbound exit ramp to 10th Avenue North will be closed, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, Saturday, until the end of August 2010. One outside lane of 10th Avenue North at I-95 will be closed, eastbound, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, until the end of August 2010.

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