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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
February 13 through 20, 2009**

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, 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 **September 2009**, with incentives for early completion.

Restriction: Restriction: The eastbound Okeechobee Boulevard to I-95 northbound entrance ramp will undergo a full closure for reconstruction beginning at 5 a.m. Monday, February 16, until approximately mid March. Motorists may detour via Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, February 15, until Friday morning, February 20. 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., beginning Sunday night, February 15, ending Saturday, February 21. 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., Saturday, February 14, through Saturday, February 21. The Congress Avenue overpass has been reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction until approximately spring 2009. Advanced notice: The I-95 southbound

exit ramp to PBIA will undergo a full closure, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Monday night, February 23, and Tuesday night, February 24. Motorists may detour via Belvedere Road

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 will be a single lane closure to the inside travel lanes of I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, February 15 through Thursday, February 19, to fill the median.

Motorists should be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway by the northbound Donald Ross Road exit ramp.

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: Eastbound PGA Boulevard just east of Military Trail will be reduced to one lane, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20. Eastbound traffic will merge into one lane and be rerouted onto the westbound side of the roadway. Only one lane westbound will be opened in this area. Motorists traveling eastbound on PGA Boulevard, west of Military Trail seeking to take I-95 northbound are being asked to enter I-95 from Military Trail, just north of PGA Boulevard. One lane in each direction will remain closed continuously in this area until 6 p.m. Sunday, February 15.

Eastbound turn lanes from the southbound I-95 exit ramp onto PGA Boulevard will be closed. Motorists using the PGA Boulevard exit ramp will be detoured onto the westbound roadway and may U-turn at Military Trail to travel eastbound. Motorists on southbound I-95 are being asked to exit at Military Trail (exit 79C).

Delays are to be expected. Local traffic should seek alternate routes if possible.

Inside travel lanes will be closed on northbound and southbound I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, February 15 through Monday, February 16, for barrier wall installation.

There are now stop signs at the northbound I-95 exit ramp onto westbound PGA Blvd and at the southbound I-95 exit ramp onto southbound Military Trail. These lanes no longer merge. Please use caution. Early warning signs are in place on the ramps to alert motorists.

Central Palm Beach County Projects:

S.R. A1A, south of Sloan's Curve in the Town of Palm Beach

This **45-day project** began on **Monday, January 12th**, on approximately one-half mile on A1A, just south of Sloan's Curve. Work will be performed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and consists of selective clearing and grubbing, placing filter fabric, rubble rip rap, bedding stones and minor

landscaping on the west shoulder back of sidewalk. The work is being performed by **Semper Fi Services**. The estimated cost is **\$129,000** and work should be completed by **mid March 2009**.

Restriction: Motorists might experience periodic lane closures in this area between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Forest Hill Boulevard, from just west of Haverhill Road to just east of Lake Clarke Drive

This **three-mile, \$3.6 million** project began on **January 5, 2009** between Haverhill Road and I-95 in the Village of Palm Springs and Lake Clarke Shores. This project consists of milling and repaving the existing roadway, modifying medians at various locations to improve safety and traffic flow, installing new street lights, installing new curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and landscaping. The work is being performed by **J.W. Cheatham** and will last until **late 2009**.

Restriction: There will be non-peak daytime lane closures, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project-related activities. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

Forest Hill Boulevard, from Pinehurst Road to Haverhill Road

This **2.2 mile, \$1.9 million** project will begin on **Monday, February 16, 2009**, between Pinehurst Drive and Haverhill Road in the City of Greenacres. This project consists of milling and repaving the existing roadway, installing new traffic signals at the intersection of Sherwood Forest Boulevard, installing new curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, new signs and new pavement markings. The work is being performed by **J.W. Cheatham** and will last until **late 2009**.

Restriction: There will be non-peak daytime lane closures, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project-related activities. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

I-95 (S.R. 9) at Belvedere Road Ramp F Ditch Erosion Control Project

Construction began on **January 20, 2009**. Project work consists of extending the existing box culvert underneath Belvedere Road and bank stabilization of the Ramp F Ditch beneath I-95 (S.R. 9). This project will cost an estimated **\$604,000**. Work is being performed by **Johnson-Davis** and will last until **May 2009**.

Restriction: Intermittent lane closures on Belvedere Road might occur to allow for the movement of heavy equipment and materials. I-95 will not be affected.

Southern Palm Beach County Projects:

Atlantic Avenue (S.R. 806) from Via Flora to McNab Avenue

This **\$3.6 million, 2.7 mile construction project** began on **December 1, 2008**, between Via Flora and McNab Avenue in Delray Beach. The work to be performed during this project includes: milling and resurfacing the roadway; replacing sidewalk curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and signalization, widening, and storm water drainage improvements at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Congress Avenue. The project is being built by **Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.** and is expected to be complete in **fall 2009**.

Restriction: Two lanes on Atlantic Avenue will be closed nightly, Sunday through Friday, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., between Via Flora and McNab Avenue for paving operations. Daytime lane closures will also occur, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at Congress Avenue and Atlantic Avenue and other areas within project limits as necessary Monday through Friday. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists might encounter severe delays through the intersection of Congress Avenue and Atlantic Avenue during non-peak daytime hours, due to project-related work.

Atlantic Avenue (S.R. 806) from NW/SW 12th Avenue to A1A

This **\$4.2 million construction project** began **January 5, 2009**, from just east of I-95 to just west of A1A in Delray Beach. The work to be performed during this project includes: milling and resurfacing the roadway; replacing sidewalk curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and signalization, widening, and landscaping. The project is being built by **Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.** and is expected to be complete in **late 2009**.

Restriction: There will be intermittent single lane closures between SW/NW 12th Avenue and Swinton Avenue from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. SW 11th Avenue is closed at Atlantic Avenue for storm water drainage work. Detours are set up along SW 10th Avenue and SW 12th Avenue. Once the drainage work is completed at SW 11th Avenue a new detour will be setup at SW 10th and Atlantic Avenue intersection. Motorists should anticipate traffic delays in this area.

S.R. 7 / U.S. 441 from the Broward County Line to Glades Road

Construction on this **2.9 mile project** began **February 9, 2009**. Work consists of milling and resurfacing, curb ramp replacement, guardrail, and signalization. The project will cost an estimated \$4.7 million and is expected to last until **late 2009**. Work is being performed by **Hardrives of Delray, Inc.**

Restriction: None at this time.

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 **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: Traffic has been shifted onto the new travel lanes on Beeline Highway and work is underway on the south side of the road. Traffic will remain in this pattern until late 2009 while workers perform project-related work including bridge and road widening, storm water drainage improvements and installation of new traffic signals, street lights and sidewalks. Motorists might experience delays traveling through this area, especially during morning and afternoon peak travel times.

U.S. 1 / S.R. 5 Drainage Improvement Project

This **0.18 mile** drainage improvement project in the City of Palm Beach Gardens **began January 5, 2009**. This project includes installing new storm water drainage outside the roadway, repaving, utility work and the installation of French drainage. The work will begin on S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard and move to U.S. 1/ S.R. 5. This **\$2.19 million** project is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries** and is expected to be **complete late October 2009**.

Restriction: All lanes to the Oakbrook Square delivery access off S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) will be closed, 6 p.m. until 7 a.m., *Sunday, February 15 and Monday, February 16, 2009. This driveway will be closed to all traffic during these times. Motorists are being asked to use the Oakbrook Square entrance off S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard or U.S. 1. This driveway will be reopened during non-working hours.

All lanes to the west entrance of Oakbrook Square off S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) will be closed, 6 p.m. until 7 a.m., *Tuesday, February 17 and Wednesday, February 18, 2009. This driveway will be closed to all traffic during these times. Motorists are being asked to use the Oakbrook Square entrances off S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard or U.S. 1. The driveway will be reopened during non-working hours.

*The contractor anticipates each location taking two nights to complete. However, if they finish a drainage crossing at any location in one night, they will move to the following location the next night.

Western Palm Beach County Projects:

S.R. 25 / U.S. 27 from the Hendry County / 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: Traffic has been shifted to one lane in each direction on the southbound side of the Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay. Traffic will remain in this pattern for several months while workers remove and replace the northbound bridge. There will be daytime lane closures on U.S. 27 between the Hendry County line and the City of South Bay for paving operations and other project-related work. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph and will be enforced. Motorists should exercise caution when traveling through this area.

S.R. 80 from U.S. 27 to east of Canal Bridge 930054

Construction on this 2.6 mile project **began February 2, 2009**. Work consists of milling and resurfacing the roadway, signing and pavement markings, signalization and landscaping, including irrigation. The project will cost an estimated **\$3.2 million** and is expected to be completed by September 2009. Work is being performed by Community Asphalt Corporation.

Restriction: One lane will be closed daily in each direction, from U.S. 27 to one-half mile east of Glades Central High School, through February 2009, for paving operations. Motorists should anticipate delays through the work zone.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restriction: Inside travel lanes will be closed in various locations on U.S. 441 from Old Hammock Way to Southern Boulevard for landscape installation. The Village of Royal Palm Beach is performing this work. Lane closures will occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, through February 2009. **For more information on this project, please contact Royal Palm Beach Project Engineer Brett Johnson at 561-790-5100.**

Restriction: One eastbound lane will be closed on the PGA Boulevard Bridge, 9 a.m. until noon, and one westbound lane will be closed, noon until 4 p.m., Saturday, February 14, for lock inspection.

Restriction: The outside westbound lane will be closed on the Atlantic Avenue Bridge in Delray Beach, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Thursday, February 19, for mechanical repairs.

Restriction: There will be intermittent single lane closures on the Sky Pass Bridge in Riviera Beach, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 20, for drainage inspection.

Restriction: The Boca Inlet Bridge will be closed to all traffic from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, February 22, for mechanical repairs.

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