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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report  
February 5 through February 12, 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](http://www.smartsunguide.com). FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners provide these free services. For updated lane closure information, please refer to [www.pbfdot.com](http://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 **August 21, 2008** is being performed by **Posen Construction**. Construction is expected to be **completed spring 2012**.

**Restrictions:** There will be no lane closures on I-95, Sunday, February 7, for Super Bowl XLIV at Sun Life Stadium in Miami.

There will be alternating closures to the inside travel lanes on northbound and southbound I-95, north of Donald Ross Road, Monday, February 8, through Thursday, February 11, for median widening. The contractor will close one lane at 9 p.m. and close a second lane at 11 p.m. Two lanes will be opened at 5 a.m. and all lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. each morning.

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. One inside left turn lane, of two lanes, from westbound Donald Ross Road onto southbound I-95 is closed. One westbound through lane on Donald Ross Road, in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass, will be closed until approximately late summer 2010, for overpass widening, one westbound through lane will remain open. The inside eastbound lane of Donald Ross Road under the I-95 overpass is also closed. The advisory speed limit is posted at 25 mph on all the Donald Ross Road entrance and exit ramps. 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 August 20, 2008** and is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation**. This project is expected to be **completed winter 2011**.

**Restrictions:** There will be no lane closures on I-95, Sunday, February 7, for Super Bowl XLIV at Sun Life Stadium in Miami.

There will be alternating closures on northbound I-95, north of Military Trail, Monday, February 8, through Thursday, February 11, for median widening. The contractor will close one lane at 9 p.m. and close a second lane at 11 p.m. Two lanes will be opened at 5 a.m. and all lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. each morning.

There is 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 on the ramp to alert motorists.

### **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 January 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:** All lanes on I-95 are open. Work is taking place off of the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Shoulders may be closed in the work zone. Motorists should watch for construction traffic entering and exiting the interstate.

### **I-95 Northbound Exit Ramp at NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

This project began **Monday, October 26, 2009**. Work includes modifying the northbound exit ramp from I-95 to NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Lake Worth. Workers will eliminate a free-flow right turn lane and create a signalized intersection for improved pedestrian safety. Work is being performed by **Weekly Asphalt**. The project is expected to be completed in **February 2010**.

**Restrictions:** One left turn lane is closed on the northbound and southbound exit ramps from I-95 to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Motorists might experience delays when exiting.

### **Southern Palm Beach County Projects:**

#### **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. The work is being performed by **Hardrives of Delray, Inc.** and is expected to be completed in **February 2010**.

**Restrictions:** Intermittent lane closures will occur, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for project-related work. Motorists might experience delays.

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

Construction on this **3-mile project** began **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**. Work consists of milling and resurfacing, 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 Industries** and is expected to be completed **summer 2011**.

**Restrictions:** Lane closures will occur at various locations between Glades Road and the Broward-Palm Beach County line, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The contractor will install temporary barrier wall and establish continuous lane closures at various locations, as necessary, for drainage work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Turn lanes will be closed at various locations for safety reasons. Motorists are advised to obey the posted speed limit, watch for construction equipment and personnel moving in and around the work zones and use caution while traveling through the project limits.

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

Construction on this **2.9-mile project** began **January 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 November 2010**.

**Restrictions:** One travel lane will be closed in each direction, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project-related work. At least one lane 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, January 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 **September 2010**.

**Restrictions:** There will be intermittent lane closures, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project related work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists might experience delays.

### **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. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries** is expected to be completed in early **February 2010**.

**Restrictions:** One lane in each direction will be closed intermittently between Military Trail and Congress Avenue, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Motorists may experience delays.

#### **Beeline Hwy. / S.R. 710 from the Palm Beach / Martin County line to Indiantown Road**

Construction of this **1.58-mile** project will begin on February 1, 2010. The **\$848,755.82 construction** project includes repaving and restriping the roadway and widening the paved shoulders. The work is being performed by **Hardrives of Delray, Inc.** and is expected to be completed in **June 2010**.

**Restrictions:** All lanes are open. Motorists should watch for trucks entering and exiting the roadway in the project area, while workers install erosion control and trim brush away from the roadway, prior to the start of roadwork on February 15, 2010.

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

This **0.21-mile** bridge rehabilitation project began **November 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 **late 2010**.

**Restrictions:** Northbound traffic is shifted to one lane on the southbound bridge. The northbound bridge will remain closed continuously for project-related work and traffic will remain in this configuration until April 2010, weather permitting. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times through the work zone during this period.

#### **PGA Boulevard / S.R. 786 from Beeline Hwy. to just west of Ryder Cup Boulevard**

Construction on this **2.54-mile** project began **January 5, 2010**, in the City of Palm Beach Gardens. The improvements under this contract consist of resurfacing PGA Boulevard from Beeline Highway / S.R 710 to west of Ryder Cup Boulevard. Minor earthwork, bridge repair, signage, pavement markings and landscaping are also included. The estimated construction cost is **\$1.2 million**. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.** and will be completed in **May 2010**.

**Restrictions:** Bridge repairs will begin **Monday, February 8**. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in alternating directions over the C-18 canal, 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Flaggers will direct traffic through the work zone during these closures. Motorists should be prepared to stop for minor, intermittent delays.

#### **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, December 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**, which will begin construction in **April 2010** and last approximately one year. 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 for several months 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.

#### **South Dixie Highway / S.R. 811 from Riverside Drive to U.S. 1**

This **0.281-mile** resurfacing project in the Town of Jupiter began construction **January 4, 2010**, and will last approximately three months, weather permitting. This project includes repaving and restriping S. Dixie Highway; upgrading traffic signals and signs; replacing curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities

Act (ADA) standards; and landscaping, to include irrigation. The work is being performed by **Community Asphalt**. The estimated cost is **\$446,131** and work is expected to be completed in **April 2010**.

**Restrictions:** Travel lanes will be closed as necessary, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to perform project-related work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists might experience delays.

#### **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 replacing the bridge over the Miami Canal. The project began on **Tuesday, September 2, 2009**, and is expected to be completed in **March 2010**. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries**.

**Restrictions:** Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction on the Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay. Travel lanes are also closed in both directions at various locations, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, between the Palm Beach-Hendry County Line and S.R. 80 in South Bay, for paving and other project-related work. The advisory speed limit is posted at 45 mph through the work zones and is being enforced. Motorists should exercise caution when traveling through these areas.

##### **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 milling and resurfacing 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 remains closed between Muck City Road / C.R. 717 and Everglades Avenue / U.S. 441. A detour has been established along Muck City Road, State Market Road / C.R. 729 and Everglades Avenue / U.S. 441. **On Monday, February 15**, the current road closure on S.R. 700 will be extended to Hatton Highway and workers will begin repaving the road between Muck City Road / C.R. 717 and Everglades Avenue / U.S. 441, using an innovative “green” paving method called “Hot in Place.” A new detour route will be established along S.R. 80, North Main Street / U.S. 441, State Market Road / C.R. 729 and Everglades Avenue / U.S. 441. Muck City Road will remain open for local traffic only and will be closed at the intersection of S.R. 700. Paving will last approximately three weeks, weather permitting. Motorists should allow for extra time to use this detour.

#### **Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:**

**Restrictions:** The outside northbound lane and paved shoulder on I-95 from Forest Hill Boulevard to Southern Boulevard will remain closed through Thursday, February 11, while workers complete barrier wall repair work in this area. The northbound entrance ramp from Forest Hill Boulevard and the northbound exit ramp to Southern Boulevard will remain open. Motorists should use caution traveling through the area.

**Restriction:** The inside left turn lane on the ramp from eastbound S.R. 80 to northbound S.R. 7 / U.S. 441 will be closed daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through mid March, while workers modify the ramp to improve traffic flow through the intersection. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.** on behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation.

**Restrictions:** Travel lanes on Okeechobee Boulevard / S.R. 704 will be closed from S.R. 7 to just east of Florida’s Turnpike, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday through Thursday. The left turn lane from Benoist Farms Road, at Okeechobee Boulevard, will remain closed until a full traffic signal is installed. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.** for Palm Beach

County Construction Services. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000.**

**Restrictions:** There will be intermittent 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 through Friday, and from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000.**

**Restrictions: Beginning Monday, February 15, 2010,** east and westbound travel lanes on PGA Boulevard will be closed between Meadow Lane and Prosperity Farms Road for drainage work. Closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday through Thursday, for approximately three weeks, weather permitting. At least one lane will remain open. Construction personnel will guide motorists through the work zone as necessary. Motorists should anticipate delays and use caution traveling through this area.

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