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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report  
June 19 through June 26, 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, I-95 traffic information call 511. 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).

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**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.

**Restrictions:** Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, June 21, until Friday morning, June 26. Intermittent ramp closures at Okeechobee Boulevard and Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard may accommodate 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 6 a.m., beginning Monday, June 22, ending Saturday, June 27. One lane of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard 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, June 22, through Friday, June 26. The Congress Avenue overpass has been reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction until approximately the end of June

2009. Congress Avenue will have a flagger on-site, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, June 22, through Saturday, June 27, to assist with intermittent closures as needed.

**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. Construction began **August 21, 2008** is being performed by **Posen Construction**. Construction is expected to be **completed spring 2012**.

**Restrictions:** One inside travel lane will be closed on I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, June 21, through Thursday, June 25, to fill the median.

There will be intermittent lane closures to the outside travel lane(s) on eastbound and westbound Donald Ross Road, in the vicinity of I-95, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, for ramp reconstruction.

Northbound I-95 will be closed to traffic at Donald Ross Road, between 12 midnight, Monday, June 22, and 5 a.m., Tuesday, June 23, for bridge repair work, weather permitting. One northbound lane will close at 9 p.m. A second northbound lane will close at 11 p.m. and all northbound travel lanes will be closed sometime after midnight. While northbound I-95 is closed, motorists will detoured off of I-95 at Donald Ross Road, straight across the intersection and back onto northbound I-95 via the northbound on ramp. All lanes on I-95 will reopen at 5 a.m., Tuesday, June 23. Repairs are expected to be completed in one night. If the work cannot be completed in one night, the work and closure will be rescheduled for the evening of Tuesday, June 23. Southbound I-95 and Donald Ross Road will not be affected by this closure. Electronic message boards will provide advance information to motorists. The detour will be clearly marked and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) officers will assist motorists through the work zone.

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. There is a new ramp configuration at the I-95 northbound exit ramp onto eastbound Donald Ross Road. This ramp is now signalized. One left turn lane of two lanes, on the I-95 southbound exit ramp onto eastbound Donald Ross Road is closed, as well as the inside eastbound lane of Donald Ross Road under the I-95 overpass. 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:** Two inside travel lanes will be closed on northbound I-95, between PGA Boulevard and Military Trail, Wednesday, June 24, and Thursday, June 25, for barrier wall installation. Workers will close one lane at 9 p.m. and close the second lane at 11 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.

One inside travel lane of southbound I-95, approaching PGA Boulevard, will be closed from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, June 22. Two inside travel lanes of southbound I-95, approaching PGA Boulevard, will be closed on

Tuesday, June 23. Workers will close one lane at 9 p.m. and close the second lane at 11 p.m. One lane will reopen 5 a.m. and the second lane will reopen at 6 a.m., Wednesday, June 24. These closures are to move and stabilize a crane for bridge widening.

There will be intermittent closures to two outside travel lanes on northbound and southbound Military Trail, in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass, around-the-clock, Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, for bridge widening.

There will be intermittent closures to the inside and / or outside travel lanes of both eastbound and westbound PGA Boulevard, in the vicinity of I-95, around the clock, Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, for bridge widening.

Eastbound PGA Boulevard just east of Military Trail will be reduced to one lane, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., nightly, Monday, June 22, and Tuesday, June 23, for bridge beam erection. 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. 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. U-Turns from westbound lanes on PGA Boulevard at Military Trail are prohibited. Motorists on southbound I-95 seeking to go eastbound on PGA Boulevard are being asked to exit at Military Trail (exit 79C).

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 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:**

#### **Forest Hill Boulevard / S.R. 882, 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**.

**Restrictions:** There will be non-peak daytime lane closures, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project-related activities. Nighttime paving between Davis Road and Lake Clarke Drive will take place from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Friday night, weather permitting. Travel lanes will be closed in and around the work zone. Driveways and side streets might be closed temporarily in the work zone. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists should expect delays.

#### **Forest Hill Boulevard / S.R. 882, from Pinehurst Road to Haverhill Road**

This **2.2 mile, \$1.9 million** project began **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**.

**Restrictions:** Eastbound and westbound lanes will be closed intermittently, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project-related activities, weather permitting. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists should expect delays.

## **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**.

**Restrictions:** Daytime lane closures will occur, 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at various locations within project limits. Motorists might encounter delays during these hours. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

### **Atlantic Avenue / S.R. 806, from NW/SW 12<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**Restrictions:** Daytime lane closures will occur, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, between SW/NW12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Swinton Avenue and from Federal Highway to A1A, for project-related work. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times. However, on-street parking and access to side streets might be temporarily restricted. Detours will be established when necessary. Access to local businesses will be maintained at all times. Motorists might experience delays.

### **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.**

**Restrictions:** North and southbound single lane closures will occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., at various locations between Glades Road and the Broward County Line, Monday through Saturday, for minor widening and other project-related work. At least two lanes will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists should anticipate delays traveling through the area.

### **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 and is expected to last until **summer 2011**. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries**.

**Restrictions:** Travel lanes will be closed at various locations between Glades Road and the Broward County Line, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project-related work. The contractor has installed temporary barrier wall and established continuous lane closures at various locations for drainage work in the median area. At least one lane will remain open at all times. Motorists should anticipate 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. This project is expecting completion **December 2009** and is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries**.

**Restrictions:** 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 on **January 12, 2009**. This project includes installing new storm water drainage outside of the roadway; repaving; utility work and the installation of French drainage. This project will be constructed in phases to minimize impacts to the public. Phase Three began on Tuesday, June 2 and consists of three construction segments; 3A, 3B and 3C. This **\$2.19 million project** is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries** and is expected to be complete late **October 2009**.

**Restrictions:** Southbound traffic is shifted onto a single northbound lane, as part of Phase 3A of construction. There is one lane open in each direction on the northbound side of the road. Only one lane will serve southbound through traffic as well as motorists who want to turn right onto PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive), left turns are not permitted. business access on north and southbound U.S. 1 will be open, excluding Citi Bank, (Bomar Drive) on the northwest corner of PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus) and U.S. 1. Motorists will be asked to enter / exit Citi Bank from the driveways located on PGA Boulevard.

The outside left turn lane from eastbound PGA Boulevard onto northbound U.S. 1 and the northbound through lane on U.S. 1 at the intersection of PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive) are closed. Northbound motorists will be shifted to the outside right turn lane, which will serve as a through / right turn lane. Northbound left turn lanes onto westbound PGA Boulevard will be unaffected. This traffic pattern will remain until the end of June, weather and unforeseen conditions permitting. The contractor will then move to Phase 3B of construction, which will include a new traffic pattern.

The Oakbrook Square entrances off northbound U.S. 1 are now open. Motorists are still unable to travel southbound on U.S. 1 as they leave Oakbrook Square; only right hand turns are permitted.

Smith Drive will be closed from 8 a.m. Monday, June 22, until 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 23. Motorists will be directed to use the Oaktree Plaza entrance / exit off southbound U.S. 1. Weather permitting, this closure is anticipated to last two full days, however, the driveway will be reopened as soon as the work is completed. Electronic message boards will alert motorists of the alternate route.

From 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., nightly, Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2, the driveway to Oaktree Plaza will be closed all motorists. Motorists will be directed to use Smith Drive, just south of the Oaktree Plaza driveway. This driveway will be reopened during non-working hours. The following driveway closure dates are pending, however it will not be until sometime after July 4; Limoncello Italian Restaurant, Car Sales of the Palm Beaches / U-haul and Self Storage.

Electronic message boards have been placed on northbound and southbound U.S. 1 and S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) to provide motorists with advance warning Phase Three construction, which includes all project-related work scheduled for the southbound side of the road. This phase is expected to last

until fall 2009, weather permitting. Motorists should anticipate delays when traveling southbound through this area and should use caution.

**\*All businesses along the Westside of U.S. 1 are open.**

#### **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, 2009**, and is expected to last until **late 2009**. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries**.

**Restrictions:** Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction on the northbound Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay and will remain in this pattern through late 2009 while workers construct a new southbound bridge. Motorists who want to access Miami Canal Street are being detoured to Corkscrew Road, south to Old U.S. 27 and west to get back to Miami Canal Street. This detour will remain in place for the duration of this phase of construction. Travel lanes are also closed in both directions at various locations from the Hendry County line to S.R. 80, in the City of South Bay, for paving and other project-related work. The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph through the work zones 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, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., between U.S. 27 and Glades Central High School, for paving and other project-related work. Motorists should anticipate delays through the work zone.

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

Construction on this **14.5 mile** project will **begin Monday, June 15, 2009**. Work consists of milling and resurfacing the roadway, upgrading pedestrian ramps, guardrail installation, shoulder reconstruction and drainage improvements. The project will cost an estimated **\$10.1 million** and is expected to be completed by **late 2010**. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.**

**Restriction:** One lane will be closed in the vicinity of Canal Point, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for concrete work. Flaggers will be on site to direct motorists through the work zone as necessary, during project-related lane closures.

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

**Restrictions:** Travel lanes on Okeechobee Boulevard / S.R. 704 will be closed from S.R. 7 to just east of the Florida Turnpike, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, for paving and underground work. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction** for Palm Beach County Construction Services. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000**.

**Restriction:** Travel lanes will be closed on Alternate A1A / S.R. 811 between Donald Ross Road and Center Street, in Jupiter, 7 p.m. until 7 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, for utility work. There will also be intermittent lane closures, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000**.

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