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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
June 5 through June 12, 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. These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners. For updated lane closure information, please refer to 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 7, until Friday morning, June 12. 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 8, ending Saturday, June 13. 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 8, through Friday, June 12. 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 8, through Saturday, June 13, 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: There will be intermittent lane closure on eastbound and westbound Donald Ross Road in the vicinity of I-95, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, June 8, through Friday, June 12.

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: There will be intermittent closures to two outside travel lanes on northbound Military Trail, in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass, around-the-clock, Monday, June 8, through Friday, June 12, for bridge widening.

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 begin on Thursday, June 9, and will last for approximately two weeks. Paving will take place from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday night, weather permitting. 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. Nighttime paving between Pinehurst Road and Jog Road, will resume Sunday, June 7, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, 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.

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, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at various locations within project limits. Motorists might encounter delays during these hours. Nighttime lane closures will occur 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, for final paving operations, weather permitting. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

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**.

Restrictions: Daytime lane closures will occur, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, between SW/NW12th Avenue and Swinton Avenue and from Federal Highway to A1A, for project-related work. On-street parking and access to side streets might be restricted at various times and locations. Detours will be established when necessary. Access to local businesses will be maintained at all times.

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: One lane will be closed in each direction, between Glades Road and the Broward County Line, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for minor widening and other project related work. Nighttime paving operations will begin on Sunday, May 17, between Glades Road and the Broward County line. Paving will be performed nightly, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, weather permitting. At least two lanes will remain open 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, weather permitting, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, for project-related work. 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 will be 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 be permitted. All business entrances on northbound 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 for approximately three weeks, weather / unforeseen conditions permitting. The contractor will then move to Phase 3B of construction, which will include a new traffic pattern.

The Oakbrook Square entrance off U.S. 1 is now open.

Electronic message boards have been placed on northbound and southbound U. S. 1 and S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) to provide advance warning to motorists for Phase Three construction. Motorists should anticipate delays when traveling southbound through this area and should use caution.

Phase Three includes all project-related work scheduled for the southbound side of the road and is expected to last until fall 2009, weather permitting.

***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 Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay. Traffic will remain in this pattern through mid June 2009 while workers complete the new northbound bridge. In mid June, all southbound traffic will be shifted to one lane on the new northbound bridge and workers will begin replacement of the southbound bridge. Travel lanes will be closed in both direction at various locations between the Hendry County line and the City of South Bay for paving and other project-related work. The speed limit is 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, 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.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restrictions: Travel lanes on Okeechobee Boulevard / S.R. 704 will be closed daily, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday through Friday, from S.R. 7 to just east of the Florida Turnpike 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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