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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report  
March 12 through March 19, 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:** The outside northbound and southbound lanes on I-95 at the Donald Ross Road Bridge overpass will be closed Sunday, March 14, through Thursday, March 18, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., for work on the shoulders and ramps. Motorists are urged to exercise caution in this area.

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, remain until late summer 2010, for overpass widening. One westbound through lane remains open. The advisory speed limit is posted at 25 mph on all 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 August 20, 2008** and is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation**. This project is expected to be **completed winter 2011**.

**Restrictions:** Two northbound outside lanes and two southbound inside lanes on I-95 will be closed, Sunday, March 14, through Thursday, March 18, to relocate the temporary barrier walls, pave and stripe the roadway. The contractor will close one lane in each direction 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.

A new traffic pattern on northbound I-95 is in effect from PGA Boulevard to Indiantown Road. Traffic has been relocated to the inside lanes (formerly the median). Please use caution while traveling in this area and obey the posted speed limit.

A new traffic pattern is in effect on the northbound I-95 exit ramp to westbound PGA Boulevard and the northbound on ramp from PGA Boulevard. 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 approaching the exit ramp and 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:** The inside northbound and southbound travel lanes will be closed, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, March 15, through Friday morning, March 19, just north of Northlake Boulevard and just south of 45<sup>th</sup> Street, in West Palm Beach. Workers will be installing concrete sign foundations for new electronic signs in these two locations. At least two lanes will remain open in each direction at all times and entrance and exit ramps will not be affected. Florida Highway Patrol officers will be on site to assist motorists as necessary.

### **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 **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:** **Nighttime paving begins Monday, March 15, between Boca Rio Road and Jog Road/Powerline Road**, and will last approximately two weeks, weather permitting. Lane closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Daytime lane closures will occur from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, for other 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:** The outside southbound lane will be closed continuously through March 2010 for signal and sidewalk work. There will be additional intermittent northbound 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 the Palm Beach / Martin County line to S.R. 706/ Indiantown Road**

Construction of this **1.58-mile** project began 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:** Roadway paving will continue from Monday, March 15 through Friday March 19, 2010. There will be intermittent daytime lane closures, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and traffic will be reduced to one lane open in alternating directions. Flaggers will direct motorists through the area during these closures and the speed limit will be reduced from 60 to 40 mph while work is underway.

#### **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:** Paving will continue from Monday, March 15 through Friday March 19, 2010. There will be intermittent daytime lane closures, 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and traffic will be reduced to one lane open in alternating directions. Flaggers will direct motorists through the area during these closures.

### **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.

### **S.R. A1A Little Lake Worth Bridge Replacement Project**

This **0.8-mile** bridge replacement project will begin construction **April 5, 2010** and will last approximately 12 months. This 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**.

**Restrictions:** All lanes are open.

### **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, for project-related work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists should anticipate delays traveling through the area.

### **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 **April 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 is closed between Muck City Road / C.R. 717 and S.R. 80 for paving. A detour route is 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 remains open for local traffic only and is closed at the intersection of S.R. 700. Paving will last through mid March, weather permitting. Motorists should allow for extra time to use this detour.

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

Construction on this **2.2-mile** project will begin on March 22, 2010. Work consists of milling and resurfacing 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 **October 2010**. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.**

**Restrictions:** All lanes are open. There will be an Open House for this project from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., **Wednesday, March 17, 2010** at the **Canal Point Community Center, 12860 U.S. Highway 441, Canal Point, Florida**. Project personnel will be on hand to discuss the project, scope of work and construction schedule.

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

**Restrictions:** Two outside southbound lanes will be closed on I-95 between Southern Boulevard and Forest Hill Boulevard, 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., **Tuesday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 17**. FPL will be replacing a wooden transmission pole with a new concrete pole that will better withstand strong winds.

**Restriction:** The inside left turn lane on the ramp from eastbound S.R. 80 to northbound S.R. 7 will be closed daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through late 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.

**Restriction:** The outside eastbound lane of S.R. 80 will be close daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19, between Benoist Farms Road and Cleary Road, for tree removal.

**Restrictions:** One right southbound lane will be closed on S.R. 7 between S.R. 80 / Southern Boulevard and Business Parkway, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19, for construction of new pedestrian ramps and minor widening work at various intersections. Sidewalks will be closed in the work zone and there will be corresponding lane closures on adjacent side streets.

**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., Sunday 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. The sidewalk will be closed on Alternate A1A from 500 feet north to 2,500 feet south of Toney Penna Drive. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000.**

**Restrictions:** East and westbound travel lanes on PGA Boulevard will be closed between Meadow Lane and Prosperity Farms Road, 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday through Thursday, through March 22, for drainage work. 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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