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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report  
March 6 through March 13, 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](http://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](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).

**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:** Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, March 8, until Friday morning, March 13. 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, March 8, ending Saturday, March 14. Two lanes of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard at I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Saturday, March 7, through Saturday, March 14. Congress Avenue at I-95 (in West Palm Beach) will undergo intermittent closures in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Monday night, March 9, until Friday morning, March 13. A flagger will be on-site to assist traffic. The eastbound Okeechobee Boulevard to I-95 northbound entrance ramp is closed for reconstruction until approximately mid March 2009. Motorists may detour via Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard. 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 northbound entrance ramp from Southern Boulevard will undergo a full closure for reconstruction beginning at 9 p.m. Sunday night, March 15, until approximately mid April 2009. Motorists may detour via Australian Avenue or Parker Avenue to Belvedere Road

**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-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, March 8, through Thursday, March 12, 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 (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-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 (exit 79C). 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:** There will be intermittent lane closures to one eastbound and one westbound lane on PGA Boulevard, just east of Military Trail, 24-hours a day, Monday, March 9, through Saturday, March 14, for bridge work.

Eastbound and westbound travel lanes on PGA Boulevard approaching I-95 will be reduced and rerouted, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 11 through Friday March 13.

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 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, March 1.

Eastbound turn lanes from the southbound I-95 exit ramp onto PGA Boulevard will be closed. 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).

Motorists traveling eastbound on PGA Boulevard, west of Military Trail, seeking to take I-95 northbound are 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., Saturday, March 14.

Eastbound turn lanes from the southbound I-95 exit ramp onto PGA Boulevard will be closed. 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).

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

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:**

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

This **45-day project** began on **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 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**.

**Restriction:** One inside lane in each direction and one outside eastbound lane will be closed, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for median work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Nighttime paving begins Monday, March 8, between Jog Road and Haverhill Road. Work will be performed from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. nightly. Two lanes will be closed in the work zone and driveways, left turn lanes and side streets will be closed for brief periods at various times and locations. Motorists should expect delays and seek alternate routes if possible. Residents will experience increased noise and dust during this work.

#### **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:** Daytime lane closures will occur, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., at the intersection of 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 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**.

**Restriction:** 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, for project-related work. On-street parking will be restricted at various locations and side streets might be closed for drainage work in this area. Detours will be established and clearly marked as necessary.

#### **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:** The outside southbound travel lane will be closed, between Glades Road and Marina Boulevard, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for road widening and project related work. Two southbound lanes will remain open, however, this work will impact dedicated left turn lanes at various times and locations. Northbound traffic will not be affected and all southbound lanes will reopen at 4 p.m.

#### **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 on January 12, 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 on Monday, February 23, 2009. This **\$2.19 million** project is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries** and is expected to be **complete late October 2009**.

**Restriction:** The inside left turn lane on southbound U.S. 1 to turn onto S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) will be closed, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday, March 9, for survey operations.

Beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, contractors will begin installing barrier wall to prepare for a traffic shift that will begin at 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 11. The shift will close all northbound lanes of U.S. 1 at S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive), and move northbound traffic over to the southbound side of the road to begin Phase Two. The inside left turn lane of southbound U.S. 1 onto S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) and the outside left turn lane of eastbound PGA Boulevard onto northbound U.S. 1 will also be closed. There will be one lane open in each direction through the work zone for the duration of this phase, which will last approximately three months, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

The Oakbrook Square entrance off northbound U.S. 1 will be closed during this phase of construction. Motorists will be asked to enter the plaza through the southern entrance on S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) or the northern entrances on U.S. 1. Phase Two includes all project-related work scheduled for the northbound side of the road. Electronic message boards will be on-site to direct motorists to the plaza entrances.

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

#### **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 is reduced to one lane in each direction on the Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay. Traffic will remain in this pattern through early April 2009 while workers build a new northbound 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 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, from U.S. 27 to one-half mile east of Glades Central High School, for project-related work. Motorists should anticipate delays through the work zone.

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

**Restriction:** The outside eastbound lane of Lake Worth Road will be closed continuously between Military Trail and Kirk Road, until late April while Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department installs a 16-inch water main in this area. Sidewalk in this area will also be affected. For more information about this work, please contact **Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department at 561-493-6000.**

**Restriction:** The northbound outside lane on the S.R. 805 / Dixie Highway Bridge over the C-51 Canal in West Palm Beach will be closed from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, March 9, for slope and fence repairs.

**Restriction:** Outside travel lanes will be closed intermittently on the Sky Pass Bridge in Riviera Beach, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, for drainage cleaning.

**Restriction:** The westbound outside lane will be closed on the Atlantic Avenue Bridge in Delray Beach, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, for routine maintenance

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent single lane closures on the Indiantown Road Bridge from 9 a.m. until 3:30pm, Thursday, March 12, for gate arm welding

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