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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
May 22 through May 29, 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.

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.

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., Tuesday night, May 26, until Friday morning, May 29. 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 Tuesday morning, May 26, ending Saturday, May 30. 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., Tuesday, May 26, through Friday, May 29. The Congress Avenue overpass has been reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction until approximately June 2009. Congress Avenue will have a flagger on-site, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, through Saturday, May 30, 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 no lane closures on I-95 or Donald Ross Road.

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. 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 the outside travel lane on Military Trail in both directions, in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass, around-the-clock, Tuesday, May 26, through Friday, May 29, for bridge widening and pile driving activities.

There will be a closure to the inside travel lane of northbound southbound I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, through Thursday, May 29, for barrier relocation.

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 other 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.

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 **mid May 2009**.

Restrictions: None at this time. This project was completed on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

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, 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.

Nighttime paving, between SE/NE 6th Avenue and A1A, will be performed, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, weather permitting. Travel lanes will be closed in and around the work zone; however, at least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. On-street parking could be affected in the work zone. Motorists should anticipate delays and seek alternate routes if possible.

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** will begin **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: None at this time. Survey crews will be in the area beginning on Monday, May 18. Construction activities will commence on Tuesday, May 26.

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. This **\$2.19 million** project is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries** and is expected to be **complete late October 2009**.

Restrictions: Northbound and southbound traffic is restricted to one lane in each direction on the southbound side of U. S. 1 until approximately Wednesday, May 26, weather permitting. 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 are closed. The northbound through/right turn lane on U.S. 1 turning onto S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) is now a right-turn only lane.

The Oakbrook Square exit off and entrance off U.S. 1 will be closed until **Wednesday, May 27**. Motorists are asked to enter and exit the plaza through the two northern driveways on U.S. 1 (Golden Bear Plaza and SteinMart) or the southern driveways on S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive), until that time.

Beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, northbound lanes will reopen and southbound traffic will be shifted onto a single northbound lane. 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 will 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) will also be 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.

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 through this area and should use caution. Phase Two includes all project-related work scheduled for the northbound side of the road. 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 this corridor 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**, 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 late May 2009 while workers complete the new northbound bridge. In late May, 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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