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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report  
November 14 through November 21, 2008**

**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, Southern Boulevard (S.R.80) 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, November 16, until Friday morning, November 21. In conjunction with this closure, the I-95 northbound entrance ramp from Belvedere Road, the I-95 southbound entrance ramp from Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, and the westbound I-95 northbound entrance ramp from Okeechobee Boulevard may undergo brief intermittent closures. One lane of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard at I-95 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, November 17, through Saturday, November 22. In conjunction with this closure, the I-95 ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard may undergo intermittent

closures during this time. The Congress Avenue overpass has been reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction until approximately the end of 2008.

### **I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to North of Blue Heron Boulevard**

Construction of the seventh of eight I-95 Mobility 2000 projects began Monday, **November 1, 2004**. The 4.6 mile project extends from just north of Palm Beach Lakes to just north of Blue Heron Boulevard. The **\$73.5 million** project calls for widening I-95 from six and eight lanes to ten and 12 lanes (including HOV lanes); widening the existing S.R. 710 (Beeline Highway) bridge; replacing the existing bridges over 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; and includes drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement markings, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and communications elements. Archer Western Contractors was awarded the contract and is expected to complete the project **November 2008**.

**Restriction:** There are no anticipated lane closures at this time.

### **I-95 HOV Expansion, from Donald Ross Road north to S.R. 706/ Indiantown Road**

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 single lane closures just south of Donald Ross Road from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., until Sunday, November 23. 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 north to Donald Ross Road**

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. 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:** Inside travel lanes will be closed nightly from south of PGA Boulevard to south of Donald Ross Road, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, November 16 through Thursday, November 20. All lanes will remain open during daytime hours. Motorists should be advised that there is a stop sign located at the northbound I-95 exit ramp onto westbound PGA Boulevard. This lane no longer merges. Please use caution. Early warning signs are in place on the ramps to alert motorists.

### **Southern Boulevard (S.R. 80) Projects:**

#### **Southern Boulevard (S.R. 80), West of U.S. 441/S.R. 7 to West of the Florida Turnpike**

The last of four major projects to expand Southern Boulevard (S.R.80) between I-95 and Forest Hill Boulevard started **Wednesday, February 2, 2005**. The 2.6 mile project begins just west of U.S. 441/ S.R. 7 and extends to just west of Florida's Turnpike. Part of the overall expansion and improvements planned for the corridor, Southern Boulevard (S.R. 80) will be widened from the existing four lanes to eight lanes with the addition of a new interchange at U.S. 441/S.R.7. Other improvements provided in this **\$29 million** construction contract include the reconstruction of the Benoist Farms Road Bridge over the C-51 Canal, new street lighting,

signalization, signage, pavement marking, installation of a new drainage system, and landscaping. **This project was completed on Wednesday October 29, 2008 and was constructed by Community Asphalt Corp., Inc.**

**Restriction:** No restrictions. This project was completed and accepted by the Department on Wednesday, October 29, 2008.

### **Central Palm Beach County Projects:**

#### **S.R. A1A, Ocean Inlet Park to Just South of S.R. 802 (Lake Worth Rd.)**

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on S.R. A1A from Ocean Inlet Park to just south of S.R. 802 (Lake Worth Rd.). This **\$10.4 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, landscaping, drainage improvements, lighting and signal work, and reconstruction of a portion of the same highway. The project is being built by Hardrives of Delray, Inc. and is expected to be complete **early 2009**.

**Restriction:** There will be a full closure of S.R. A1A from the Boynton Inlet to Ocean Avenue in Lantana, until late fall 2008, for the reconstruction of the A1A corridor. Access will be allowed for emergency vehicles and residents only. Detours will be in place for southbound traffic north of Lake Avenue in Lake Worth and north of Ocean Avenue on S.R. A1A in Lantana. Detours will be in place for northbound traffic south of Woolbright Road in Boynton Beach and south of Ocean Avenue in Boynton Beach. This closure is also in effect for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Flagmen and police officers will be onsite to direct traffic.

#### **Shannondale Road between Lang Road and Gem Lake Drive**

Construction began **September 2, 2008** between Lang Road and Gem Lake Drive. This is a widening project that is expected to last approximately three months and cost an estimated **\$204,000**. The project was built by Budget Construction Company and was complete **November 2008**.

**Restriction:** No closures. This project was completed on November 12, 2008.

### **Southern Palm Beach County Projects:**

#### **U.S. 1 from the C-15 Canal just north of Hidden Valley Boulevard, north to Linton Boulevard**

Construction began on **March 24, 2008** on U.S. 1 from the C-15 Canal which is just north of Hidden Valley Boulevard in Boca Raton, north to Linton Boulevard in Delray Beach. This **\$3.3 million** construction project consists of milling and resurfacing, roadway widening to add designated bike lanes, bridge widening over the C15 Canal to add a 3 ft. shoulder and 6 ft. sidewalks on both sides of the bridge, sidewalk improvements to construct a 5 ft. concrete sidewalk throughout the project, landscaping and drainage improvements and new signage and pavement markings. The project is being built by Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. and is expected to be complete **December 2008**.

**Restriction:** Nighttime paving will continue from 7 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights for approximately two weeks, weather permitting. Travel lanes will be closed during this work and motorists are asked to use caution traveling through this area. There will also be daily intermittent lane closures in both directions between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. until further notice. Flaggers will be on-site to assist motorists as necessary.

#### **Spanish River Boulevard / S.R. 800 Bridge Rehabilitation**

Construction began on this **\$3.5 million** project, **Thursday, May 8, 2008**. The Spanish River Bridge is located over the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton. This project consists of routine maintenance and rehabilitation of mechanical and electrical components that operate the bridge spans to extend the life of the bridge and sustain functional operations of the spans, removal of old paint and repainting the movable bridge's structural steel and aesthetic enhancements including painting the bridge decks and the tender house. The project is being performed by Coastal Marine Construction and is expected to be complete **February 2009**. This work will not

affect marine traffic and the contractor will clear the roadway and open all travel lanes in the event of a weather-related evacuation.

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent daytime lane closures between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. for project-related work. The bridge will be closed to all traffic from 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Sunday, November 16, through Thursday, November 20, for project-related work. During these closures, motorists will be detoured to Palmetto Park Road or Linton Boulevard to cross the Intracoastal Waterway. Electronic message boards will advise motorists in advance of closures and detours.

#### **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 Monday, **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:** The contractor will shift traffic onto the new travel lanes on Beeline Highway on or around Saturday, November 15 to begin Phase II of construction on the south side of the road. Traffic will remain in this pattern while workers perform project-related work on the south side of Beeline Highway including widening the road and installing new storm water drainage, traffic signals, street lights and sidewalks. This phase will last approximately 10 months.

#### **Indiantown Rd. / S.R. 706 from just west of the Florida Turnpike to just east of Chasewood Plaza**

Construction on **1.5 miles** of Indiantown Road / SR 706 began on **Monday, June 16 2008** and will last until early 2009. This project includes milling and resurfacing of the roadway, rebuilding shoulders, upgrading traffic signs and signals, median improvements and landscaping to include irrigation. This **\$2.4 million** project is expecting **completion early 2009** and is being performed by Hubbard Construction Company.

**Restriction:** There will be a closure of one eastbound and one westbound lane of S.R. 706/ Indiantown Rd., 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, November 17 through Friday, November 21, for various median work, landscaping, irrigation and signalization.

#### **U.S. 1/S.R. 5 Drainage Improvement Project**

This **0.18 mile** drainage improvement project in the City of Palm Beach Gardens will **begin after January 5, 2009** (an exact date has not been set). 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. This **\$2.19 million** project is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries** and is expected to be **complete late October 2009**.

**Restriction:** There will be an Informational Open House held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 19 and 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 17. This is an informal meeting and project personnel will be available to answer questions and address concerns. Motorists, businesses and residents are encouraged to attend.

#### **Western Palm Beach County Projects:**

#### **S.R. 15/ S.R. 700/ U.S. 98/ U.S. 441 from Canal Point to the Palm Beach - Martin County Line**

Construction began **September 2007** on S.R. 15/ S.R. 700/ U.S. 98/ U.S. 441 from Canal Point to the Palm Beach - Martin County Line. This **\$8.4 million**, seven-mile construction includes milling and resurfacing of the

existing roadway, sign installation and drainage improvements. The project is being built by Community Asphalt Corporation and expected to be complete by **mid-December 2008**.

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent lane closures throughout the project area, Monday, November 17, through Friday, November 21. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists as necessary.

**S.R. 25/U.S. 27 from the Hendry/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 has been shifted to one lane in each direction on the southbound side of the Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay. Traffic will remain in this pattern for several months while workers remove and replace the northbound bridge. Inside travel lanes will be closed in various locations in the City of South Bay for project related work. The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph and will be strictly enforced.

**Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:**

**Restriction:** Paving operations will begin on Friday, November 14 and continue for approximately one week, weather permitting. Travel lanes will be closed in both directions on Gateway Boulevard from the I-95 interchange to Congress Avenue in Boynton Beach, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until paving is completed in late November. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Delays are expected. **For more information on this permit work for the City of Boynton Beach, please contact Dale Eley of Palm Beach Grading at 561-842-9551.**

**Restriction:** Westbound Southern Boulevard (SR 80) will be closed to all traffic between Kelly Way and Sansbury's Way from 7 p.m., Monday, November 17 until 6 a.m. Tuesday, November 18 to install a new water main connection for the Shops at Southern Palms. During this closure westbound motorists will be rerouted onto one eastbound lane through the work zone. Motorists should anticipate delays. **For more information about this closure or this work, please contact Steve Mills at 561-309-8350.**

**Restriction:**

FPL will be moving major equipment from the Port of Palm Beach to the site of a new power plant facility located off S.R. 80 / Southern Boulevard, just west of Seminole Pratt Whitney Road from 9 p.m. Monday, November 17 until Tuesday, November 18 and again from 9 p.m. Monday, November 24 until Tuesday, November 25. Motorist may encounter delays along the designated route: S.R. 710 from the Port of Palm Beach west to Northlake Boulevard; Northlake Boulevard west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road; south to S.R. 80 / Southern Boulevard; and west two miles to the entrance into the WCEC plant. **For further information about this operation, please contact Tony Hillman of Beyel Brothers at 321-403-0137.**

**Restriction:** Inside travel lanes will be closed in various locations on U.S. 441 from Old Hammock Way to Southern Boulevard for landscape installation. The Village of Royal Palm Beach is performing this work. Lane closures will occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday through early December, 2008. **For more information on this project, please contact Royal Palm Beach Project Engineer Brett Johnson at 561-790-5100.**

**Restriction:** The Southern Boulevard Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway will be closed to all traffic from 9 p.m. Sunday, November 16 until 6 a.m. Monday, November 17 for structural repairs.