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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
January 9 through January 16, 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, 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.

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: One lane of I-95 southbound will be closed at 8 p.m., with two lanes closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, January 11, until Friday morning, January 16. In conjunction with this closure, the I-95 northbound entrance ramp from Belvedere Road, the I-95 ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., and the westbound I-95 northbound entrance ramp from Okeechobee Blvd. may undergo brief intermittent 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 5 a.m., beginning Sunday night, January 11, ending Saturday, January 17. One lane of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. 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., Sunday, January 11, through Friday, January 16. In conjunction with this closure, the I-95

ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. 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 spring 2009.

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 a single lane closure to the inside travel lanes of I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, January 11 through Thursday, January 15, 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 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: There will be a single lane closure to the eastbound and westbound outside travel lanes of PGA Blvd., in the area of the I-95 overpass, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, January 12 through Friday, January 16, to place mast arm foundations.

There will be a single lane closure to the inside travel lanes of I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Wednesday, January 14 through Thursday, January 15, to set temporary barrier wall.

There is now a stop sign 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.

Central Palm Beach County Projects:

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

Construction began **April 9, 2007** on S.R. A1A from Ocean Inlet Park to just south of S.R. 802 (Lake Worth Road). 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: Travel lanes will be closed during daytime hours between the Boynton Beach Inlet and Ocean Drive in Lantana while workers place the final layer of asphalt on the roadway. 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. Paving is a moving operation with heavy equipment and personnel moving in and around the work zone. Motorists should anticipate delays when traveling through this area. This closure is also in effect for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Flagmen and police officers will be onsite to direct traffic.

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

This **45-day project** will begin on **Monday, January 12th**, 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 **late February 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: One inside eastbound lane will be closed from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., between Florida Mango and Lake Clark Drive for median work.

I-95 (S.R. 9) at Belvedere Road Ramp F Ditch Erosion Control Project

Construction is scheduled to begin on **January 19, 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: None at this time.

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: Travel lanes between Congress Avenue and Atlantic High School will be closed nightly, Sunday through Thursday, from 7:30 p.m. until 6 a.m., for drainage work. Daytime lane closures will also occur, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at various locations, Monday through Friday for roadway paving and other project-related work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Paving is a rolling operation that requires shifting lane closures. Workers and heavy machinery will be moving in and around the work zone. Motorists should use caution and anticipate delays when traveling through this area.

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**.

Restriction: There will be intermittent single lane closures between SW/NW 12th Avenue and Swinton Avenue during non-peak daytime hours (9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.). Motorists could experience delays traveling through this area.

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. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

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: 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.

Indiantown Road / 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 was constructed by Hubbard Construction Company and was completed on **December 26, 2008**.

Restriction: None. This project was completed and accepted by the Florida Department of Transportation on December 26, 2008.

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 a single lane closure on westbound S.R. A1A/ PGA Blvd. (Jack Nicklaus Dr.), from U.S. 1 to the Little Lake Worth Canal, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday, January 12 through Friday, January 16, to relocate pedestrian paths.

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 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. There will be daytime lane closures on U.S. 27 between the Hendry County line and the City of South Bay for paving operations and other project-related work. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph and will be enforced. Motorists should exercise caution when traveling through this area.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restriction: Travel lanes will be closed intermittently in one or 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 final inspections and punch list items are completed in early 2009. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists might experience delays. **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: 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 February 2009. **For more information on this project, please contact Royal Palm Beach Project Engineer Brett Johnson at 561-790-5100.**

Restriction: The Royal Park Bridge will be closed to all traffic from 9 p.m. Sunday, January 11, until 6 a.m., Monday, January 12, for painting.

Restriction: Two eastbound lanes will be closed on the PGA Boulevard Bridge from 9 a.m. until noon and two westbound lanes will be closed from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, for lock inspection.

Restriction: There will be alternating, single lane closures on the Boca Inlet Bridge from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 15, for deck welding.

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