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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
April 24 through May 1, 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., Sunday night, April 26, until Friday morning, May 1. 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 Monday morning, April 27, ending Saturday, May 2. 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., Sunday, April 26, through Friday, May 1. The Congress Avenue overpass has been reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction until approximately May 2009. Congress Avenue will have a flagger on-site, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, April 27, through Friday, May 1, 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 a single lane closure to the outside travel lanes of I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, April 26, through Thursday, April 30, to fill the median.

There will be a single lane closure to the outside eastbound travel lane on Donald Ross Road in the vicinity of I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, April 27 through Thursday, April 30, for ramp widening.

Motorists should be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway by the northbound Donald Ross Road entrance and exit ramps.

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(s) on Military Trail, in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass, around-the-clock, Monday, April 27, through Friday, May 1, for bridge widening and pile driving activities. One travel lane, of three, will remain open at all times.

The inside travel lane on eastbound and westbound PGA Boulevard will remain closed, in the vicinity of I-95, at all times, for bridge work.

On Thursday, April 30, workers will remove an overhead sign on southbound I-95 in the vicinity of Military Trail. One lane will be closed beginning at 9 p.m. A second lane will be closed at 10:30 a.m. and access to southbound I-95 at Indiantown Road / S.R. 706, Donald Ross Road and Military Trail will be closed for approximately 45 minutes some time after midnight. Motorists should expect delays and seek alternate routes if possible. While this work is underway, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), will assist motorists through the work zone. The speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph through the work zone during this operation. One travel lane and southbound on ramps will reopen at some point after midnight. A second lane will reopen at 5 a.m. and the third lane will reopen by 6 a.m. All lanes will remain open during daytime hours. Local traffic is being asked to enter southbound I-95 from PGA Boulevard. Motorists traveling northbound on I-95 will not be affected.

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. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Nighttime paving will continue, between Haverhill Road and Davis Road, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday through Thursday, through late May. 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.

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: One outside lane will be closed continuously at River Bridge Boulevard / Olive Tree Boulevard through Friday, May 1, for minor road widening. Eastbound and westbound lanes will be closed intermittently, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for other project-related activities. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

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**.

Restrictions: 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**.

Restrictions: 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. Motorists might encounter delays through the intersection of Congress Avenue and Atlantic Avenue during non-peak daytime hours. Nighttime lane closures will, 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. Project-related work between E. 6th Avenue and A1A is tentatively scheduled to begin on May 10, 2009.

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: The outside travel lane will be closed in each direction, between Glades Road and Marina Boulevard, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for road widening and other project related work. Two lanes will remain open in each direction, however, dedicated right turn lanes might be affected at various times and locations.

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 June 2009, 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 northbound U.S. 1 will be closed during this phase of construction and the entrance will be closed until **May 2009**. Motorists are asked to enter and exit the plaza through the two northern driveways on U.S. 1 or the southern driveways on S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive). Electronic message boards will guide motorists to alternate entrance / exit locations.

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 Two 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.

***All businesses along this corridor are open and access to businesses will be maintained throughout construction.**

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 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 in each direction will be closed daily, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., from U.S. 27 to one-half mile east of Glades Central High School, for paving and other 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 May, while Palm Beach County Water Utilities installs a 16-inch water main in this area. Sidewalks 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**.

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. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000**.

Restriction: The Railroad Crossing at the intersection of Hooker Highway and U.S. 441 in Belle Glade will be closed from 5 a.m., Friday, April 24 through 5 a.m., Sunday, April 26, for rehabilitation of the tracks at this crossing. During this closure, motorists will be detoured as follows:

Westbound traffic on S.R. 441:

- Left turn Southbound on North Main Street (SR-80) to North Avenue L
- Right turn Westbound on North Avenue L to NW 16th Street
- Right turn Northbound on NW 16th Street to Hooker Highway

Eastbound traffic on Hooker Highway:

- Right turn Southbound on NW 16th Street to North Avenue L.
- Left turn Eastbound on North Avenue L to North Main Street (SR-80).
- Left turn Northbound on N North Main Street to Hooker Highway

Restriction: One lane will be closed in each direction on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach between E. 7th Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, April 27, through Wednesday, April 29, for curb repair work. One lane will remain open in each direction, but on-street parking will be affected in the work zone.

Restriction: The eastbound outside lane will be closed on the Indiantown Road Bridge, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 27, for painting.

Restriction: There will be intermittent single lane closures on southbound U.S. 1, south of 26th Street over the Middle River, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday, April 30, for joint repair.

Restriction: The outside westbound lane will be closed on the PGA Boulevard Bridge from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, for routine maintenance.

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