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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
June 26 through July 3, 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, I-95 traffic information call 511. 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.

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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.

Restrictions: Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, June 28, until Friday morning, July 3. 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 Monday, June 29, ending Friday morning, July 3. 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., beginning Monday, June 29, ending Friday morning, July 3. The Congress Avenue overpass has been reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction until approximately mid July 2009. Congress Avenue will have a flagger on-site to assist with intermittent closures

as needed, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2. **Advanced notice:** Congress Avenue at I-95 (in West Palm Beach) will undergo a full continuous closure, beginning at 5 a.m., Saturday, July 11, ending at 6 a.m., Monday, July 13. Motorists may detour via Okeechobee Boulevard and Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard.

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 inside travel lanes of I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, June 28, through Thursday, July 2, to fill the median.

There will be intermittent lane closures to the outside travel lane(s) on eastbound and westbound Donald Ross Road, in the vicinity of I-95, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2, for ramp reconstruction.

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. One left turn lane of two lanes, on the I-95 southbound exit ramp onto eastbound Donald Ross Road is closed, as well as the inside eastbound lane of Donald Ross Road under the I-95 overpass. 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 two outside travel lanes on northbound and southbound Military Trail, in the vicinity of the I-95 overpass, around-the-clock, Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2, for bridge widening.

There will be intermittent closures to the inside and / or outside travel lanes of both eastbound and westbound PGA Boulevard, in the vicinity of I-95, around-the-clock, Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2, for bridge widening.

There are now stop signs at the northbound I-95 exit ramp onto westbound PGA Boulevard 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 will begin on Wednesday, June 1, between Davis Road and I-95. Paving will take place from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Friday night; weather permitting, for approximately two weeks. 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.

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 project-related activities, weather permitting. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists should expect delays.

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: Lane closures will occur, 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, for project-related work. Motorists might encounter delays during these hours. 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 and from Federal Highway to A1A, for project-related work. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times. However, on-street parking and access to side streets might be temporarily restricted. Detours will be established when necessary. Access to local businesses will be maintained at all times. Motorists might experience delays.

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: North and southbound single lane closures will occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., at various locations between Glades Road and the Broward County Line, Monday through Saturday, for minor widening and other project-related work. Motorists should use caution and 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** began **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: Travel lanes will be closed at various locations between Glades Road and the Broward County Line, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for project-related work. The contractor has installed temporary barrier wall and established continuous lane closures at various locations for drainage work in the median area. At least one lane will remain open at all times. Motorists should use caution and anticipate delays.

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. Phase Three began on Tuesday, June 2 and consists of three construction segments; 3A, 3B and 3C. This **\$2.19 million project** is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries** and is expected to be complete **late October 2009**.

Restrictions: Southbound traffic is shifted onto a single northbound lane, as part of Phase 3A of construction. There is 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 are not permitted. All business access on U.S. 1 will be open, **excluding Citi Bank** (Bomar Drive), on the northwest corner of PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive) 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) are closed. Northbound motorists are shifted to the outside right turn lane, which serves as a through / right turn lane. Northbound left turn lanes onto westbound PGA Boulevard are not unaffected. This traffic pattern will remain until early July,

weather and unforeseen conditions permitting. The contractor will then move to Phase 3B of construction, which will include a new traffic pattern.

The Oakbrook Square entrances off northbound U.S. 1 are now open. Motorists are still unable to travel southbound on U.S. 1 as they leave Oakbrook Square; only right hand turns are permitted.

The driveway to Oaktree Plaza will be closed nightly, 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., Tuesday, June 30 through Thursday, July 2. This driveway will be opened between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. Motorists will be directed to use Smith Drive, just south of the Oaktree Plaza driveway to enter the plaza. The following driveway closures are anticipated for sometime after the Fourth of July weekend: Limoncello Italian Restaurant, Car Sales of the Palm Beaches / U-haul and Self Storage.

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, which includes all project-related work on the southbound (west) side of the road and is expected to last until fall 2009, weather permitting. Motorists should anticipate delays when traveling southbound through this area and should use caution.

***All businesses along the Westside of U.S. 1 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, 2009**, 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 northbound Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay and will remain in this pattern through late 2009 while workers construct a new southbound bridge. Motorists who want to access Miami Canal Street are being detoured to Corkscrew Road, south to Old U.S. 27 and west to get back to Miami Canal Street. This detour will remain in place for the duration of this phase of construction. Travel lanes are also closed in both directions at various locations from the Hendry County line to S.R. 80, in the City of South Bay, for paving and other project-related work. The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph through the work zones 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**.

Restrictions: 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.

S.R. 80 / S.R. 15 from Hooker Highway to the Hillsboro Canal

Construction on this 2.9 mile project **will begin July 6, 2009**. Work consists of rehabilitating the bridge over the Hillsboro Canal, milling and resurfacing the roadway, signing and pavement markings, minor signalization and curb ramp replacement, landscaping, including irrigation. The project will cost an estimated **\$3.2 million** and is expected to be completed by **January 2010**.

Restrictions: No anticipated restrictions at this time.

S.R. 700 / U.S. 98 from Old Conners Highway to Old 700 Alignment

Construction on this **14.5 mile** project will **begin Monday, June 15, 2009**. Work consists of milling and resurfacing the roadway, upgrading pedestrian ramps, guardrail installation, shoulder reconstruction and drainage improvements. The project will cost an estimated **\$10.1 million** and is expected to be completed by **late 2010**. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.**

Restrictions: One lane will be closed in the vicinity of Canal Point, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for concrete work. Flaggers will be on site to direct motorists through the work zone as necessary, during project-related lane closures. Roadwork at the eastern limits of the project will begin in mid July and last approximately three months. During this phase of construction motorists will be detoured west on S.R. 80 / U.S. 441 and north on Matton Highway to get back on to S.R. 700.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restriction: FPL is tentatively scheduled to move major equipment from the Port of Palm Beach to the new power plant facility located off Southern Boulevard / S.R. 80, just west of Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, from 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, until 6 a.m., Wednesday, July 8. 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; 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.**

Restrictions: The inside shoulder and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane will be closed on northbound I-95 underneath the Gateway Boulevard overpass in Boynton Beach, Tuesday, June 30, from 9 a.m. until noon for drainage repairs.

Restrictions: Travel lanes on Okeechobee Boulevard / S.R. 704 will be closed from S.R. 7 to just east of the Florida Turnpike, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, 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.**

Restrictions: 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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