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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
March 13 through March 20, 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: The I-95 northbound entrance ramp from Southern Boulevard will undergo a full closure for reconstruction beginning at 9 p.m. Tuesday night, March 17, until approximately mid April 2009. Motorists may detour via Australian Avenue or Parker Avenue to Belvedere Road. Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night, March 15, until Friday morning, March 20. 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, March 15, ending Saturday, March 21. 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 night, March 15, through Friday, March 20. 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 (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**.

Restriction: There will be a single lane closure to the outside northbound and southbound travel lanes of I-95, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, March 15, through Thursday, March 19, for median work. Motorists should be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway by the Donald Ross Road 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**.

Restriction: There will be a full closure of the inside travel lane on eastbound and westbound PGA Boulevard, in the vicinity of I-95 beginning, 7 a.m., Monday, March 16, through 6 p.m., Friday, March 20.

Eastbound PGA Boulevard, just east of Military Trail, will be reduced to one lane, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20, and 6 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday, March 21. Eastbound traffic will merge into one lane and be rerouted onto the westbound side of the roadway. Only one westbound travel lane will be open in this area.

Motorists traveling eastbound on PGA Boulevard, west of Military Trail, seeking to take I-95 north are asked to enter I-95 from Military Trail, just north of PGA Boulevard.

Eastbound turn lanes from the southbound I-95 exit ramp onto PGA Boulevard will be closed. U-Turns from westbound lanes on PGA Boulevard at Military Trail are prohibited. Motorists on southbound I-95, seeking to travel eastbound on PGA Boulevard, are asked to exit at Military Trail (exit 79C).

Delays are to be expected. Local traffic should seek alternate routes if possible.

There will be closures of two travel lanes on Military Trail between PGA Boulevard and the I-95 overpass from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Tuesday, March 17. One travel lane will be maintained.

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, 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: 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.

Forest Hill Boulevard, 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**.

Restriction: 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, between Jog Road and Haverhill Road, will continue, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday March 15 through Thursday, March 19. 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 and seek alternate routes if possible. Residents will experience increased noise and dust during this work.

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**.

Restriction: 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**.

Restriction: 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. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists might encounter severe delays through the intersection of Congress Avenue and Atlantic Avenue during non-peak daytime hours, due to project-related work.

Nighttime lane closures will occur from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. within the project limits for final paving operations, Sunday through Thursday. 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**.

Restriction: 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.

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.**

Restriction: The outside southbound travel lane will be closed, 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 southbound lanes will remain open, however, this work will impact dedicated left turn lanes at various times and locations. Northbound traffic will not be affected and all southbound lanes will reopen at 4 p.m.

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**.

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.

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**.

Restriction: Northbound and southbound traffic is restricted to one lane in each direction and northbound traffic is being rerouted onto the southbound side of U.S. 1, for approximately three months, 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 onto S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive) is now a right-turn only.

The main Oakbrook Square exit off northbound U.S. 1 is now closed. Motorists leaving Oakbrook Square must use the exits available on the north or south side of the plaza. There will be no access onto to southbound U.S. 1; motorists must use the exit on S.R. A1A.

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 entering the construction area. Motorists should anticipate delays when traveling through this area and should use caution.

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 is reduced to one lane in each direction on the Miami Canal Bridge near South Bay. Traffic will remain in this pattern through April 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 will be closed daily in each direction, from U.S. 27 to one-half mile east of Glades Central High School, for 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 late April while Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department installs a 16-inch water main in this area. Sidewalk 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**.

Restriction: The Atlantic Avenue Bridge will remain in the down (closed) position from 2:10 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14, for the Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade. This closure might affect marine traffic.

Restriction: One eastbound lane on the PGA Boulevard Bridge will be closed, 9 a.m. until noon, and one westbound lane will be closed, noon until 4 p.m., Saturday, March 14, for lock inspection.

Restriction: One eastbound lane will be closed on the Indiantown Road Bridge, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Wednesday, March 18, for routine maintenance.

Restriction: The westbound outside lane will be closed on the Atlantic Avenue Bridge, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 20, for routine maintenance.

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