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Major traffic shift upcoming for northbound traffic on I-95 Overland Bridge project

Jacksonville – A major traffic shift on the I-95 Overland Bridge project is coming up the weekend of January 8-10 which will result in northbound traffic moving to new lanes, detours for Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway motorists and temporary closure of Main Street and Acosta ramps.

By Monday, January 11, before rush hour begins, all lanes on northbound I-95 from the San Diego Road overpass to just south of the Fuller Warren Bridge will be shifted to a new roadway which will allow the existing bridge to be reconstructed.

The tentative schedule, subject to change, is as follows:

Friday, January 8 – Main Street/Prudential Drive and Acosta ramps closed in the evening hours and Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway on-ramps closed with traffic detoured (see attached map).

Saturday, January 9 – I-95 northbound reduced to two lanes beginning in the evening hours. Main Street and Acosta ramps reopen on new roadway between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and then close again overnight. Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway on-ramps continue to be closed with detours.

Sunday, January 10 – I-95 northbound continues to be reduced to two lanes. Main Street and Acosta ramps reopen on new roadway between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and then close again overnight. Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway on-ramps continue to be closed with detours.

Monday, January 11 – I-95 northbound opens with three lanes on new roadway; Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway on-ramps reopened; Main Street/Prudential Drive and Acosta on-ramps also open.

At no time will I-95 traffic be detoured off the interstate. Southbound I-95 traffic will not be impacted at this time but is scheduled to be switched to new lanes in the Spring.

Signs will direct traffic onto the new roadway, which will ultimately be used as a local service road allowing traffic to enter and exit I-95 in short segments, rather than mix with I-95 thru-traffic. Law enforcement will also be on site to provide additional traffic control. Motorists are reminded that the speed limit is 45 mph and to use extra caution during the first few days of the traffic shift to allow everyone to become familiar with the new traffic pattern.

This effort removes all traffic from the northbound I-95 Overland Bridge so it can be replaced. The original structure was built in the 1950s and designed for much less traffic than it carries today. The closure allows traffic to be removed from the older structure earlier and reduces impact to motorists caused by routine maintenance on the existing northbound Overland Bridge. The shift is another milestone toward completion of this major project scheduled for late 2016.

Up-to-date lane closure information is available on the I-95 Overland Bridge replacement project website at www.I95overlandbridge.com. A project hotline number has been established to assist the public with questions and concerns: 904-491-2110.

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