

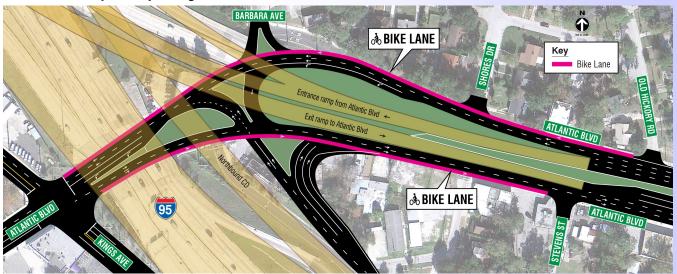
Interstate 95 Downtown Jacksonville Improvements From south of the Fuller Warren Bridge to north of Emerson Street

The Florida Department of Transportation began making improvements to Interstate 95 in downtown Jacksonville January 14. Known as the Overland Bridge project, it will improve traffic flow along the I-95 corridor just south of the Fuller Warren Bridge. The series of overpasses that carry traffic over Hendricks, Kings and Montana avenues are being replaced along 2.3 miles of I-95.

I-95 will be widened to provide an additional lane for southbound traffic. A full service interchange will be built on I-95 and Philips Highway/Atlantic Boulevard. This will provide an exit for northbound traffic on I-95 going to Philips Highway and Atlantic Boulevard.

Major Details:

- Widening I-95 to provide an additional lane in the southbound direction
- Improving the way traffic enters and exits I-95 at Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway/Kings Avenue by providing a full-service interchange
- Providing additional capacity by adding a two-lane parallel service road for northbound traffic and reconstructing the existing southbound lanes
- Replacing the I-95 elevated roadway from south of the Fuller Warren Bridge to north of Emerson Street
- Replacing the I-95 overpass over the FEC railroad near Baptist Medical Center
- Improving access to and from the Acosta and Main Street bridges
- Improving the traffic pattern for traffic exiting the Main Street Bridge heading into the San Marco area
- Permanently closing access to Hendricks Avenue from the southbound Main Street Bridge, new access to Hendricks Avenue will be from Prudential Drive or Riverplace Boulevard
- Widening the south end of the southbound Fuller Warren Bridge to provide a two-lane exit ramp to the southbound parallel service road
- Adding bicycle lanes on Atlantic Boulevard from Kings Avenue to Stevens Street alongside the eastbound travel lanes and from Kings Avenue to Old Hickory Road alongside the westbound lanes (see diagram below)
- Eliminating existing drainage ponds under the Fuller Warren Bridge; one remaining as an unpaved lot, the other will become an improved parking lot



This shows where bike lanes will be added along Atlantic Boulevard in the area of I-95.

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Project impacts:

This project is being constructed in six phases. With each phase, motorists will encounter different series of traffic shifts. By shifting traffic, it will minimize the impacts to motorists but will still allow for construction during peak travel times. The posted speed limit for I-95 will be reduced to 45 mph in the construction zone. Speeding fines are doubled in construction zones when workers are present.

Traffic from the Main Street Bridge southbound to Hendricks Avenue will be closed off this fall and traffic will be required to use Prudential Drive or Riverplace Boulevard.

Lane closures are allowed on I-95 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. One lane is closed at 8 p.m. with additional lanes closed at 10 p.m. Off of I-95, lane closures occur throughout the day. Pile driving is only allowed during daytime hours.

A noise wall will be built early in the project to minimize noise impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods.



This is the segment of I-95 that is under construction and the improvements to be made.

Project Facts:

- Construction began January 14, 2013
- Approximate completion is mid-2016
- Contractor: Archer Western Contractors, Inc. of Tampa
- Designer: Reynolds, Smith and Hills of Jacksonville
- Construction Management Services: Eisman & Russo and KCCS of Jacksonville
- Project cost: \$227 million including \$158 million for construction, \$9 million for utility relocation and \$60 million to purchase right-of-way



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