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Overnight Detours Scheduled on I-295 Northbound between Philips Highway and State Road 9B

Jacksonville – Interstate 295 Northbound between Philips Highway and State Road 9B will be detoured next week during the following dates and times:

- Sunday, October 7 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 9 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Thursday, October 11 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Drivers seeking to access I-295 northbound along the corridor will be detoured to Philips Highway, north on Southside Boulevard to eastbound Baymeadows Road back to I-295 northbound. Southbound I-295 will not be affected by this closure and will remain open.

The closure is necessary to allow for the setting of bridge beams as part of the ongoing Express Lanes construction work.

This Florida Department of Transportation project consists of two new 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, the addition of noise walls along I-295 in various locations, the construction of drainage ponds and the installation of electronic tolling systems at various locations to collect tolls. The express lanes offer a choice for travelers to use the lanes for a fee or remain on the non-tolled portion of I-295.

Express lanes are known as an “expressway within an expressway” where express lanes are separated from general use lanes. The toll rate for express lanes will vary depending on the amount of traffic within the express lanes. Generally, fewer cars using the lanes means a less expensive toll. Dynamic message signs will show the current toll rate. Due to electronic tolling cars are not required to stop to pay the toll and must have a SunPass or face a penalty.

The \$139.9 million project was awarded to the Archer-Western Contractors design-build team. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2019, weather and schedule permitting.

To learn more about FDOT’s express lanes projects, visit www.NorthFloridaExpress.com.

