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Detours Planned as Work Continues on First Coast Expressway Extension Project

Duval County – Overnight detours taking place this weekend will impact motorists traveling through Jacksonville’s west side. The detour is needed to allow for paving, pavement marking, and temporary barrier wall relocation work to be done on the First Coast Expressway (FCE) Extension project (the northernmost segment that connects State Road 23 to I-10 and U.S. 90/Beaver Street).

Friday, July 7, Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 9 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the work will prevent drivers from exiting I-10 eastbound onto State Road 23 southbound due to the closure of the exit ramp (Ramp N1). Instead, drivers traveling eastbound on I-10 will be detoured to the Chaffee Road exit where they can turn around and use I-10 westbound to access the State Road 23 southbound exit. (see map)

Construction began in July 2015 on this \$45 million extension of the First Coast Expressway aimed at reducing congestion in the existing interchanges of I-10 at Chaffee Road and at U.S. 301. FDOT hired J.B. Coxwell Contracting Inc., of Jacksonville to do the work. The project is part of the overall First Coast Expressway – a toll road being built to connect I-10 with I-95 in St. Johns County. The FCE from U.S. 90/I-10 to New World Avenue in Duval County will not be tolled.

For more information regarding construction projects, please visit www.nflroads.com or contact FDOT personnel at 904-831-FDOT. Up-to-date lane closure information related to this project is available at www.firstcoastexpressway.com. The Florida Department of Transportation strives for safe construction zones. Travelers should always follow the speed limit, be aware of heavy equipment and stay within the limits of the orange cones and barrels.

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