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## **I-295 West Beltway, southbound between San Jose Boulevard and Old Saint Augustine Road detoured Sunday morning**

**Jacksonville** – Southbound traffic on Interstate 295 between San Jose Boulevard and Old Saint Augustine Road will be detoured Sunday morning, November 5 from midnight until 5 a.m. The detour is necessary for crews to install an overhead toll gantry as part of the ongoing Express Lanes construction work. The toll gantry is part of the electronic toll collection system. Vehicles will pass under the gantry at highway speeds to pay for their use of the Express Lanes.

Drivers traveling southbound on I-295 will be detoured to San Jose Boulevard, north and use Old Saint Augustine Road to return to I-295. Additionally, the ramp from San Jose Boulevard to I-295 south will be closed. Drivers will be directed to Old Saint Augustine Road to access I-295 south. Northbound I-295 will not be impacted.

Signs will direct drivers through the detour and electronic message boards will alert drivers of the detour. Drivers are encouraged to use caution and plan ahead for potential delays.

This Florida Department of Transportation project consists of two new 12-foot travel lanes in each direction. 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 \$89 million project was awarded to the Dragados USA design-build team. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2018.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: [www.NorthFloridaExpress.com](http://www.NorthFloridaExpress.com)