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## Normandy Boulevard at State Road 23 (First Coast Expressway North project area) Ramp Detour Planned this Weekend

**Clay County** – Access to southbound lanes of State Road 23 (First Coast Expressway or FCE) from Normandy Boulevard East (using Ramp O) in Jacksonville this weekend will be detoured. This detour will affect motorists from 7 p.m. Friday (tonight) through 5 a.m. Monday morning.

Ramp O normally allows eastbound Normandy Boulevard traffic to exit onto southbound State Road 23 (First Coast Expressway). Drivers traveling from the west on Normandy Boulevard (towards Jax) will not be able to exit onto SR 23 southbound using Ramp O. Instead, these drivers will need to take New World Avenue south to 103rd Street, and then use 103rd Street to travel east to connect to State Road 23. (see map)

When completed in late 2017, this FCE North project will become part of a fifteen-mile-long SunPass administered toll road that connects I-10/U.S. 90 in Duval County to Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) in Duval County. Construction began in September 2013 on this first phase of the First Coast Expressway which spans six miles from north of Argyle Forest Boulevard to just south of I-10. FDOT hired Dragados USA to complete this project at an estimated cost of \$77 million.

Once opened, FCE commuters will pass through all-electronic overhead toll plazas (also known as gantries) without stopping. Electronic systems will either detect the vehicle's SunPass transponder device or scan the vehicle's license plate for a toll-by-plate invoice in the mail (no stopping and no cash required on site). The FCE from US90/I-10 to New World Avenue will not be tolled.

Up-to-date lane closure information is available at www.firstcoastexpressway.com. The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones.

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