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### **Northbound I-295 at Buckman Bridge to see multi-lane closures this weekend**

**Jacksonville, Fla.** – Drivers on northbound I-295 West Beltway will see multi-lane closures this weekend as crews complete restriping operations on the Buckman Bridge. The work is necessary as construction enters a new phase to include an emergency shoulder. At times, when traffic volumes are low, only one lane of the Buckman Bridge will be operational during the restriping activities.

Lane widths will be reduced on the Buckman Bridge, varying from 10 feet to 11 feet, to allow for an eight-foot emergency shoulder.

Additionally, the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph. Drivers must take personal responsibility on the roadway by following the speed limit, not driving distracted and properly maintaining their vehicles.

Below is the current schedule of activities for March 13 through March 15, weather and schedule permitting. The schedule of activities will primarily impact the San Jose Boulevard (S.R. 13) ramps to I-295 and through traffic on northbound I-295 across the Buckman Bridge.

From 10 p.m., Friday, March 13 until 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14, double inside lane closures will take place on the bridge.

From 9:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. Saturday, March 14, single, outside lane closures will take place on the bridge.

From 11 p.m. Saturday, March 14 until 11 a.m. Sunday, March 15, the three outside lanes of the northbound Buckman Bridge will be closed. During that time the northbound ramp of San Jose Boulevard (S.R. 13) will be detoured to southbound I-295, where drivers will exit at Old St Augustine Rd. and continue to their destination via northbound I-295. Additionally, the I-295 northbound express lanes will be closed.

Construction along the I-295 West Beltway at the Buckman Bridge is taking place to improve safety along the corridor. This work includes a safety initiative to communicate whether lanes are free-flowing, slowed or blocked on the bridge. Programmable overhead electronic boards and

additional CCTV cameras will be installed at several locations on both directions of the bridge to guide lane use, improve traffic flow and enhance safety. Additional signage is also being placed on the bridge to better inform drivers.

The \$10.5 million project was awarded to Florida Safety Contractors, Inc. and is expected to be completed in summer 2021, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

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