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### **Overnight Slowdowns on Northbound I-295 toward Buckman Bridge**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – Drivers on the I-295 West Beltway over the Buckman Bridge will see multi-lane closures and slowdowns next week as crews install overhead signage.

Motorists will see periodic lane closures and traffic pacing operations nightly, Tuesday May 24 through Thursday, May 26. Traffic pacing along the northbound I-295 corridor from 11:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. These operations are only permitted during overnight hours and are not expected to impact peak travel periods.

Traffic pacing is a traffic control technique used to slow but not stop traffic to facilitate short duration work operations without an extensive detour or diversion. Marked law enforcement vehicles will slow the traffic to safely move them through the corridor without requiring a detour. Additionally, variable message boards will be used to alert traffic of the operations.

Construction along the I-295 West Beltway at the Buckman Bridge is part of a safety initiative to convey which lanes are free flowing, slowed or blocked on the bridge. Programable overhead electronic boards and additional CCTV cameras will be installed at several locations, on both directions of the bridge to support lane use, improve traffic flow and enhance safety.

The \$10.5 million project is expected to be completed in mid-2022, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

May is motorcycle and bicycle safety awareness month. Motorcyclists and bicyclists are vulnerable road users. Look twice before pulling into an intersection, changing lanes, or making a turn. Be a cautious driver and let's get everyone home safely!

Drivers seeking real-time traffic alerts are encouraged to visit [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com) or download the FL511 app prior to their journey.

Stay informed about lane closures and roadwork in your area by following FDOT District 2 at [@MyFDOT\\_NEFL](https://twitter.com/MyFDOT_NEFL) on Twitter, at [MyFDOTNEFL](https://www.facebook.com/MyFDOTNEFL) on Facebook or by visiting [nflroads.com](http://nflroads.com).

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Artist depiction of safety improvements.

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