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#### **Palm Beach County Traffic Report September 23 through September 29, 2006**

**Palm Beach County** – Palm Beach County traffic will be affected this week by ongoing construction projects and maintenance work, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) officials report. **Weather permitting;** closures will be in effect on I-95, Southern Blvd. (SR80) and in other areas throughout Palm Beach County for construction activities.

For around-the-clock, real-time traffic information within the tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties), travelers should **call 511**. For I-95 Palm Beach County traffic reports just say "I-95 or Interstate 95". Information is also available on-line at [www.511southflorida.com](http://www.511southflorida.com).

To view real-time video of I-95 in Palm Beach County, visit the FDOT I-95 Interim Traffic Management System (ITMS) website at [www.palmbeachcotraffic.org](http://www.palmbeachcotraffic.org). These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners. For updated lane closure information, please refer to [www.pbfdot.com](http://www.pbfdot.com).

#### **I-95 Corridor Projects:**

##### **I-95 HOV Expansion, South of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**

The **\$58.8 million, 1.8 mile construction project began July 6, 2004**, and calls for widening I-95 from six lanes to 10 lanes (including HOV lanes); widening the existing Lake Worth Viaduct Bridge; replacing the existing bridge over 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South; and reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of Lake Worth Road and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement marking, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and communications elements are included as is the construction of two new parking lots for Lake Worth High School. Noise walls will be constructed along the east side of I-95 between 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, with shoulder mounted noise walls installed along the west side of I-95 between 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. South and south of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North. The project was awarded to Astaldi Construction Company, and is expected to be **complete by June 2007**.

**Restriction:** Lake Worth Rd. under I-95 will undergo a complete closure, 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., Thursday, October 5, until Saturday morning, October 7. The southbound exit ramp to 6th Ave. South and the southbound entrance ramp from 6th Ave. South are closed completely for reconstruction until approximately January 2007.

##### **I-95 HOV Expansion, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to South of Southern Boulevard, (SR80)**

The **\$45 million, 3-mile construction project** will expand the existing 6-lane facility to create a 10-lane highway which includes one general purpose lane and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction and additional auxiliary lanes. The project provides for mainline ramp reconstruction and the widening of the existing bridges over 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Forest Hill Blvd., Summit Blvd., and the C-51 Canal. Additional enhancements include: improved drainage; extensive sound barrier and retaining wall construction; new signing, pavement marking, lighting, and landscaping; and the installation of communications elements. The construction, which **began January 2004**, is being performed by Hubbard Construction Company and is

expected to be **complete by January 2008**. Project limits begin at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North and extend to just south of Southern Blvd. (SR80).

**Restriction:** Two lanes of I-95 southbound, from Summit Blvd. to Forest Hill Blvd., will be closed, 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Sunday, September 24, until Wednesday morning, September 27. Two lanes of I-95 northbound, from Forest Hill Blvd. to South of Southern Blvd., will be closed, 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Monday, September 25, until Friday morning, September 29.

### **I-95/ SR 80 Interchange**

The **\$34.3 million, .6-mile**, construction project calls for the reconstruction of the I-95/Southern Blvd. (SR80) Interchange and improvements to Southern Blvd. (SR80) between Gem Lake Rd. and Parker Ave.. Major revisions include new bridges over I-95 and the railroad, reconstruction of the interstate ramps, landscaping and lighting. The construction work, which **began March 8, 2004**, is being performed by Archer Western Contractors, Inc., and is expected to be **complete by the end of September 2006**. The project limits on I-95 begin just south of and extend to just north of the Southern Blvd. (SR80) Interchange. Project limits on Southern Blvd. (SR80) begin at Gem Lake Rd. and extend to Parker Ave.

**Restriction:** No anticipated lane closures.

### **I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Southern Boulevard (SR80) to North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard**

The last of eight I-95 Mobility 2000 projects managed by the Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) firm, The Corradino Group, begins just north of Southern Blvd. (SR80) and extends north **4.2 miles** to just north of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard. The **\$75.8 million** project, which **began January 3, 2005** calls for widening I-95 from six lanes to ten lanes (including HOV lanes); replacing the existing bridge at Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard; replacing Australian Ave. and Congress Ave. existing bridges over I-95, and modification of the mainline ramps. This project also includes drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement markings, lighting, sound wall, irrigation and communications elements. Hubbard Construction Company was awarded the contract and is expected to **complete the project July 2009**, with incentives for early completion.

**Restriction:** I-95 southbound at Australian Ave. will be closed completely, 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday, September 24, until Tuesday morning, September 26. Detour at Okeechobee Blvd. to Congress Ave. I-95 northbound at Australian Ave. will be closed completely, 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., Tuesday, September 26, until Thursday morning, September 28. Detour at Belvedere Rd. to Congress Ave. The inside lanes of the I-95 northbound and southbound exit ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed intermittently, daily, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, September 24, through Saturday morning, September 30. Two lanes of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed in each direction, daily, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, September 24, through Saturday, September 30.

### **I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to North of Blue Heron Boulevard**

Construction of the seventh of eight I-95 Mobility 2000 projects began Monday, **November 1, 2004**. The **4.6 mile** project extends from just north of Palm Beach Lakes to just north of Blue Heron Boulevard. The **\$74 million** project calls for widening I-95 from six and eight lanes to ten and 12 lanes (including HOV lanes); widening the existing SR 710 (Beeline Highway) bridge; replacing the existing bridges over 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; and includes drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement markings, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and communications elements. Archer Western Contractors was awarded the contract and is expected to **complete the project July 2008**.

**Restriction:** Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, North of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. to North of Blue Heron Blvd., 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, September 25, until Wednesday morning, September 27.

### **I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Blue Heron Boulevard to South of PGA Boulevard**

One general-use lane, outside existing travel lanes, and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane, within the median, will be constructed in each direction by PCL Civil Constructors, Inc. Bridges at Northlake Blvd., Holly Dr. and Burns Rd. will be reconstructed and improvements to ramps and adjacent side streets will be made. Shoulders will be widened, sound barrier wall will be added, and new lighting and drainage systems will be installed. The **3-mile, \$68 million** design/build project **began August 2002**, and is expected to be **complete the end of September 2006**. Project limits begin just north of Blue Heron Blvd. and continue to just south of PGA Blvd.

**Restriction:** The northbound exit ramp to Northlake Blvd. will be closed completely, 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 28, until Friday morning, September 29. The outside lane of northbound I-95 at Northlake Blvd. will be closed, in conjunction with the ramp closure, 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., Thursday, September 28, until Friday morning, September 29. I-95 from Northlake Blvd. to PGA Blvd. will have two lanes closed in each direction, intermittently, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, September 25, until Thursday morning, September 28. Northlake Blvd. will have intermittent single lane closures in each direction, daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, September 25, through Friday, September 29.

### **Southern Blvd. (SR80) Projects:**

#### **Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of US 441/SR 7 to West of the Florida Turnpike**

The last of four major projects to expand Southern Blvd. (SR80) between I-95 and Forest Hill Blvd., started **Wednesday, February 2, 2005**. The 2.6 mile project begins just west of US 441/ SR 7 and extends to just west of Florida's Turnpike. Part of the overall expansion and improvements planned for the corridor, Southern Blvd. (SR 80) will be widened from the existing four lanes to eight lanes with the addition of a new interchange at US 441/SR7. Other improvements provided in this **\$29 million construction contract** include the reconstruction of the Benoist Farms Rd. Bridge over the C-51 Canal, new street lighting, signalization, signage, and pavement marking, installation of a new drainage system, and landscaping. Project **completion is expected during mid-year 2007**, and is being performed by Community Asphalt Corp., Inc.

**Restriction:** No lane closures are anticipated at this time.

#### **Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of Florida's Turnpike to West of Haverhill Road**

Part of the overall expansion planned for the Southern Blvd. (SR80) corridor, this **2.5-mile** project calls for the widening of the roadway from four to eight lanes and a new interchange at Jog Rd. The construction, performed by Community Asphalt, **began August 2003**, and includes new street lighting, new signalization, signage and pavement marking, landscaping, irrigation, and drainage. The **\$19.9 million construction contract** is expected to be **complete by October 2006**.

**Restriction:** One westbound and eastbound lane of SR 80 are closed, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., through Saturday, September 30, at various locations throughout the project limits. One northbound and southbound lane of Pike Rd, Cleary Rd, and Jog Rd. are closed, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., through Saturday, September 30.

#### **Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of Haverhill Road to West of Congress Avenue**

Part of the overall expansion planned for the Southern Blvd. (SR80) corridor, this **2-mile** project calls for the widening of the roadway from four lanes to eight lanes with new interchanges at Haverhill Rd. and Military Trail. New bridges over the C-51 Canal are included at Haverhill Rd., Military Trail and Kirk Rd. The construction, performed by Archer Western Contractors, Ltd., **began July 2003**, and includes new street lighting, new signalization and pavement marking, landscaping, irrigation and drainage. The **\$47 million construction contract** is expected to be **complete by fall 2007**.

**Restriction:** No lane closures are anticipated at this time.

### **Central Palm Beach County Projects:**

#### **Dixie Highway from Lakeview Ave. (westbound Okeechobee) to Palm Beach Lakes Blvd**

The **1.3-mile project** calls for the reconstruction of Dixie Hwy. and the installation of traffic calming devices such as plateaued (elevated) intersections at Clematis, Fern and Iris Streets. Improvements, being performed by Russell Engineering, include new pavement, curb and gutter, brick paver pathways, decorative lighting, extensive landscaping and irrigation, new water, gas, and gravity force mains, a new sanitary sewer system and an upgraded storm water drainage system. Once complete, Dixie Highway will consist of two southbound-only lanes between Lakeview Ave. and Banyan St.; one north and two southbound lanes between Quadrille Blvd. and Banyan St. and two north and southbound lanes between Quadrille Blvd. and Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. This **\$9.1 million construction project began July 2002**, is expected to be **complete the end of September 2006**.

**Restriction:** Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on Dixie Hwy. between Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Lakeview Ave. in support of various punch list items of work, signal work, landscaping, and irrigation, until further notice.

#### **Lake Worth Rd. between Hadjes Dr. and Military Trail**

The 2.5 mile improvement project began **July 2005** and includes repaving, new street lighting, new signalization, signage and pavement markings, landscaping and irrigation. Work will be performed by Ranger Construction Co. and is estimated to **cost \$8 million**. Completion is expected **October 2006**.

**Restriction:** One lane of Lake Worth Rd. will be closed periodically in each direction from west of Military Trail to Jog Rd. until further notice. One lane of Lake Worth Rd. will be closed periodically in each direction between Jog Rd. and east of Florida's Turnpike daily from Saturday, September 23, through Friday, September 29. There will be periodic lane closures throughout the project 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. for nightly paving operations.

#### **SR A1A/Ocean Blvd. from Sloans Curve to SR 80/Southern Blvd. and SR 80/Southern Blvd. from the Bridge to SR A1A/Ocean Blvd.**

Construction has begun on this **2.3 mile** section of SR A1A from Sloan's Curve to SR 80 **June 18, 2006**. The **\$4.3 million** project, expected to be **complete end of November 2006**, consist of milling and resurfacing, roadway widening in specific areas, minor drainage improvements and repairs to the existing barrier wall. Also included in the contract are milling and resurfacing and guardrail improvements on SR 80 from the bridge to SR A1A.

**Restriction:** SR A1A will be restricted to one lane, 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, September 25, through Saturday September 30. Flaggers will available to assist motorists.

### **South Palm Beach County Projects:**

#### **SR 808/Glades Road, Executive Drive to West of Airport Road**

Construction began on this **.6 mile** section of Glades Rd. between Executive Dr. to West of Airport Rd., **March 19, 2006**. The **\$2.5 million** project, expected to be **complete November 2006**, calls for the milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement, widening of turn lanes for the eastbound and westbound turn lanes onto Executive Drive and onto I-95 to increase the length of the turn lanes, new curb and gutter, drainage improvements, new traffic signals at the intersection of Glades Rd. and Executive Dr. / Renaissance Way, roadway lighting improvements, new guardrail to replace existing guardrail, replacement of overhead sign structures and planting of new landscaping in median traffic separators. The construction is being performed by Carolina Consulting Corp.

**Restriction:** The right turn lane from westbound Glades Rd. onto northbound NW Executive Center Dr. will be closed, Saturday, September 23, through, Friday, September 29, to perform drainage and signalization improvements. Motorists will still be able to enter NW Executive Center Dr. from the outside thru lane at the intersection. Intermittent lane closures may be required to perform roadway lighting improvements for eastbound and westbound traffic between the northbound entrance to I-95 and NW Executive Center Dr., 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., through Thursday, September 28. There may be intermittent lane closures on Renaissance Way, 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., Monday September 25, through Thursday, September 29, to perform drainage improvements.

#### **SR 808/Glades Road, NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**

Construction began on this **.71 mile** section of Glades Rd. between NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. to NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., **April 13, 2006**. The **\$4.8 million** project, expected to be **complete June 2007**, calls for the milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement, widening, and adding bike lanes to SR 808 (Glades Rd.) from Oaks Plaza, west of NW 13<sup>th</sup> St. to NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (Boca Raton Blvd.). In addition there will be intersection improvements at NW 13<sup>th</sup> St., signs, pavement markings and signals will be upgraded. Modifications to the existing drainage system in order to accommodate the new right turn lane at NW 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. as well as the widening of the westbound roadway are also included in this project. Modifications are also scheduled for the intersection of NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The current free-flowing right turn lane at NW 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. northbound to Glades Rd. eastbound will be closed and replaced with a right turn lane provided at the signalized intersection. In addition, double left turn lanes will be installed on Glades Rd. westbound at NW 13<sup>th</sup> St. The Bridge over EL Rio Canal to the north will be widened and the east rails will be upgraded to fit a realignment accommodating the double left turn lanes at NW 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. The construction is being performed by Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

**Restriction:** One eastbound and westbound lane of Glades Rd. is closed at the bridge and approaches over El Rio Canal .The ramp at NW 13<sup>th</sup> Ave northbound to Glades Rd. eastbound is closed permanently to motorists.

#### **SR 804/Boynton Beach Boulevard, Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to SR5/US1**

Construction has begun on this **1.3 mile** section of Boynton Beach Blvd. from Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to SR 5/US 1, **June 5, 2006**. The **\$5.9 million** project, expected to be **complete June 2007**, consist of resurfacing, upgrading bridge traffic railings, widening bridge sidewalk, signing and pavement markings, signalization, lighting, and landscaping on SR 804 (Boynton Beach Boulevard).

**Restriction:** One lane will be closed eastbound and westbound on SR 804/Boynton Beach Blvd from Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to Federal Hwy, until June 2007.

Three lanes of I-95 northbound and southbound at SR 804 will be closed, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, September 25, through Friday, September 29.

#### **North Palm Beach County Projects:**

##### **Military Trail, Okeechobee Blvd. to 45<sup>th</sup> Street**

Construction began on this **3-mile** section of Military Trail between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45<sup>th</sup> St., **February 2004**. The **\$17.98 million project, expected to be complete January 2008**, calls for Military Trail to be reconstructed and widened from the current 4 lanes to create a divided, 6-lane roadway. The construction, being performed by Community Asphalt, includes drainage improvements, new signalization, new lighting, new signage and pavement marking, sound barrier wall and landscaping.

**Restriction:** Motorists should expect periodic single lane closures in each direction on Military Trail between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45<sup>th</sup> St., daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, September 25, through Friday, September 29. One lane northbound and southbound on Military Trail approaching Cumberland Drive, will be closed,

8 p.m. Friday, September 29, through 7 a.m. Monday morning, October 2, and 8 p.m. Friday, October 6, through 7 a.m. Monday, October 9, for utility work.

**Beeline Hwy. (SR710) from Northlake Blvd to PGA Blvd**

The **\$7 million, 5.13 mile** construction project began **October 3, 2005**, and calls for milling and resurfacing of Beeline Hwy. (SR710) between Northlake Blvd. and just west of PGA Blvd., as well as the reconstruction of two bridges. This project also includes signalization, pavement marking, drainage improvements and landscaping. Work will be performed by Community Asphalt and is expected to be completed by **January 2007**.

**Restriction:** One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Beeline Hwy. (SR710) between Northlake Blvd. and PGA Blvd., through the end of October 2006.

**Beeline Hwy. (SR710) East of Military Trail to West of Northlake Blvd.**

Construction began on this **3.61-mile** project on Beeline Hwy. (SR 710) from West of Military Trail to West of Northlake Blvd., **May 2006**. The **\$5 million project, expected to be complete March 2007**, consists of widening, milling, resurfacing, base work, shoulder reworking, drainage, box culverts, guardrail work, highway signing and pavement marking, and traffic signal improvements on Beeline Hwy. The construction is being preformed by Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

**Restriction:** There will be a periodic single lane closure in each direction from Military Trail to Northlake Blvd. daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, September 25, through Friday, September 29.

**PGA Blvd. Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway:**

The project, being performed by PCL Civil Constructors, Inc. calls for the replacement of one of the existing bridge mechanisms and refurbishment of the other. Construction **began April 4, 2005** and is expected to be complete **fall 2007** and cost **\$16.5 million**.

**Restriction:** One westbound lane on the PGA Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway will be closed until further notice. Two lanes of eastbound traffic and one lane of westbound traffic will be maintained in each direction.

**SR-811 (Alt. A1A) from Center Street to Riverside Drive and the bridge over the Loxahatchee River, in Jupiter**

The 0.643 mile project is being constructed by Cone & Graham, Inc. Construction **began January 9, 2006** and is expected to be completed **May 2007** and cost approximately **\$5 million**. The project consists of the repair and rehabilitation of the bridge including adding barrier wall for the roadway and the sidewalk, adding sidewalk from the bridge to Center St. on the west side of the roadway with lighting and landscaping improvements.

**Restriction:** Two northbound outside lanes will be closed to motorists and two inside lanes open to motorists traveling over the Loxahatchee River Bridge on SR 811/Alternate A1A until December, 2006.

**West Palm Beach County:**

**SR 15/US 441, Pahokee**

The **\$15.3 million, 6.6 mile construction** project includes classifications milling & resurfacing, widening, subsoil removal, drainage, signing, signalization and utility relocations from east of 5<sup>th</sup> St. to north of Hooker Hwy. Project features for the entire corridor include: wider travel lanes and shoulders with new signing, new pavement markings and guardrail; a reinforced driving surface; and drainage and utility enhancements. The construction, which **began December 2004**, is being performed by Community Asphalt Corp., and is expected to be **complete January 2007**.

**Restriction:** SR 15/US441 is currently closed to traffic in each direction, between just north of Hooker Hwy. to the New Hope Charities property. Westbound motorists are detoured west on Southern Blvd (SR80) to US98 (SR700) to Muck City Rd and to State Market Rd. Motorists traveling from Belle Glade are detoured west on SR80, north on SR715, west on Lake Ave., and north on E. Main St. 5<sup>th</sup> St. to South Padgett Circle in the Town of Pahokee is opened to traffic. South of Padgett Circle to State Market Rd. will be closed due to construction of the new culvert. Local traffic will be detoured at Barfield Rd. and State Market, Rd. and continue to use SR715 and Larrimore Rd. as alternate detour route

#### **Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:**

**Restriction:** PGA Blvd. between Florida's Turnpike and the east entrance to Mirasol is currently under construction. Westbound and eastbound traffic will be directed to the south side of PGA Blvd. Access to Mirasol walkway will only be available from the roundabout at the north end of Mirasol Dr.

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent nighttime lane closures on I-95 northbound and southbound, from Hillsboro Blvd. to PGA Blvd., 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Sunday, September 24, through Friday, September 29, to repair sign structures damaged by Hurricane Wilma.

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent closures on the Flagler Memorial Bridge in Palm Beach, 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., Monday, September 25 for bridge repairs.

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent closures on the Lake Worth Bridge in Lake Worth, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Tuesday, September 26 for bridge repairs.

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent closures on the Boca Inlet Bridge in Boca Raton, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday, September 27 for bridge repairs.

**Restriction:** There will be intermittent closures on the Ocean Avenue Bridge/SR 804 in Palm Beach County, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Friday, September 29 for bridge repairs.