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**Palm Beach County Traffic Report
Feb. 4 through Feb. 11, 2011**

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 and in other areas throughout Palm Beach County for construction activities.

For around-the-clock, real-time, I-95 traffic information, call 511. To view real-time video of I-95 in Palm Beach County, visit the Florida Department of Transportation's Palm Beach SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC) website at www.smartsunguide.com. FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners provide these free services. For updated lane closure information, please refer to www.pbfdot.com.

I-95 Corridor Projects:

I-95 HOV Expansion, from Donald Ross Road (exit 83) north to S.R. 706/Indiantown Road (exit 87A/B)

The **\$43.5 million, 4.5-mile** construction project is expanding the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, which includes one general-purpose lane and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction, as well as additional auxiliary lanes. The project includes widening of the existing bridges over Donald Ross Road and the C-18 Canal, ramp improvements, sound barrier and retaining wall construction, signalization enhancements, new signing, pavement markings and lighting, and landscaping and irrigation. The work began **Aug. 21, 2008**, and is being performed by **Posen Construction**. Construction is expected to be **completed spring 2012**.

Restrictions: Two of three eastbound lanes and two of three westbound lanes of Donald Ross Road at I-95 will be closed 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for repaving and restriping. One of two left turn lanes, from westbound Donald Ross Road onto southbound I-95, is closed. One of two westbound through lanes on Donald Ross Road underneath I-95 remains closed for overpass widening. Two southbound lanes of I-95 from south of Indiantown Road to south of Donald Ross Road will be closed Sunday, Feb. 6, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for repaving and restriping. The first lane will be closed at 9 p.m. and the second lane at 11 p.m. The first lane will reopen by 5 a.m.; all lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. At least one lane will remain open at all times. The northbound outside lane of I-95 between Donald Ross Road and Indiantown Road will be closed 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for shoulder construction. The eastbound outside lane of Indiantown Road will be closed at the I-95 northbound exit ramp 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, Feb. 7, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for ramp reconstruction. One of two left turn lanes from the I-95 southbound exit to eastbound Donald Ross Road is closed for construction. The posted speed limit is 25 mph on all the Donald Ross Road entrance and exit ramps. A truck restriction is in effect throughout the construction zone. Signs have been posted directing truck operators to use the northbound and southbound center lanes except when entering or exiting the highway.

I-95 HOV Expansion, from south of PGA Boulevard (exit 79A/B) north to Donald Ross Road (exit 83)

The **\$44 million, 4.3-mile** construction project is expanding the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, which includes one general-purpose lane and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction, as well as additional auxiliary lanes. The project includes mainline ramp reconstruction and widening of the existing bridges over PGA Boulevard and Military Trail (exit 79C), drainage improvements, sound barrier and retaining wall construction, new signing, pavement markings, lighting, and landscaping. Construction **began Aug. 20, 2008** and is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation**. This project is expected to be **completed winter 2011**.

Restrictions: The I-95 southbound exit ramp to Military Trail will undergo a continuous closure 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, through 5 a.m., Monday, Feb. 21, for reconstruction. A detour will direct motorists to use the I-95 southbound exit to PGA Boulevard. One northbound and one southbound lane of Military Trail underneath I-95 will be closed continuously, Monday, Feb. 7, through Sunday, Feb. 13, for bridge work. The closed lanes will be either the inside or outside lanes as required for bridge foundation construction. The northbound and southbound center lanes of Military Trail underneath I-95 will be closed 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, through Friday, Feb. 11, and 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for foundation work. The work will require periodic full closures in each direction. When work is being performed on the northbound lanes, northbound traffic will be switched to one lane on the southbound side. When work is being performed on the southbound lanes, southbound traffic will be moved to the one northbound lane. The contractor will keep at least one lane open in each direction at all times. One eastbound and one westbound lane of PGA Boulevard underneath I-95 will be closed 24 hours a day, Monday, Feb. 7, through Sunday, Feb. 13, for bridge work. The closure will be inside lanes or outside lanes as needed. The eastbound and westbound center lanes will be closed 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, through Friday, Feb. 11, for bridge work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

I-95 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Deployment Project (Broward/Palm Beach County Line to Martin/Palm Beach County Line)

This **\$24.5 million, 38.6-mile** Design/Build ITS Deployment project **began in October 2008**. This project is establishing a permanent Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) network along I-95 through Palm Beach County and includes installing Dynamic Message Signs on I-95 and on crossroads with entrance and exit ramps to/from I-95, and installing Highway Advisory Radio and other ITS-related equipment. The project is being done in two phases: **Phase A is underway between** the Broward-Palm Beach County line and PGA Boulevard, and is expected to be **completed by spring 2011**; **Phase B**, from PGA Boulevard to the Palm Beach-Martin County Line, will start after Phase A is completed, and should last approximately one year. Work is being performed by **Transcore ITS**.

Restrictions: Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, from Forest Hill Boulevard to Southern Boulevard, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday night until Friday morning, through the end of February 2011. The I-95 southbound entrance ramp from Southern Boulevard will be partially closed, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday night until Friday morning, through the end of February 2011.

I-95 ITS Project Related Side Street Closures

Restrictions: There are no anticipated lane closures at this time.

Southern Palm Beach County Projects:

Powerline Road / S.R. 845 from the Broward County Line to Glades Road

Construction on this **3-mile project** began **Monday, May 18, 2009**. Work consists of repaving the roadway, minor widening and reconstruction, signalization, lighting, drainage, bridge replacement, irrigation and landscaping. The project will cost an estimated \$9.7 million. The work is being performed by **Ranger Construction South** and is expected to be **completed summer 2011**.

Restrictions: Two lanes are closed around-the-clock on the L-47 canal bridge for bridge work. Traffic is shifted to one lane in each direction on the east side of the road through this area. Single travel lanes may also be closed at various locations between the Broward County Line and Glades Road, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, until the end of February 2011. Turn lanes will be closed temporarily as needed. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. Motorists should use caution driving in the project limits. Delays are expected.

Dixie Highway from Hillsboro Boulevard in Deerfield Beach over the FEC railroad tracks and the Hillsboro Canal to S.W. 18 Street in Boca Raton

Construction of a four-lane overpass (flyover) **began Ap. 16, 2010**. The project includes bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides above the railroad tracks, canal, N.E. Second Street, N. River Avenue and N.E. Second Avenue. A pedestrian bridge will be built over Hillsboro Canal east of the overpass. Drainage and landscaping will be added. Construction is expected to be **completed summer 2012**. **Cone & Graham** is the prime contractor.

Restrictions: Deerfield Beach—One lane will be closed in each direction, intermittently, at the intersection of Hillsboro Boulevard and Dixie Highway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The roadway may be reduced to one lane for both northbound and southbound traffic, just north of NE 2nd Street to north of the Hillsboro canal, anytime from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, through Thursday, Feb. 10. Flaggers will be on-site to direct traffic.

Federal Highway / S.R. 5 / U.S. 1 from Yamato Road to the C-15 Canal

Construction on this 1.944-mile resurfacing project began **Thursday, June 17, 2010**, in the City of Boca Raton. Work consists of repaving and restriping the roadway, adding five-foot paved shoulders in both directions, minor storm water drainage, replacing sidewalks and curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and installing a video detection system on existing traffic signals. The estimated construction cost is **\$1.9 million**. Work is being performed by **Weekly Asphalt Paving, Inc.** and is expected to be **completed winter 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane of U.S. 1 may be closed in each direction, daily, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., through March 2011.

I-95 Southbound Resurfacing from South of Boynton Beach Boulevard to South of Linton Boulevard

This **3.9-mile** resurfacing project began **Monday, Dec. 6, 2010** in the City of Delray Beach. This project includes milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway, and the restoration of traffic monitoring loops that will be removed during milling operations. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.** and is expected to be completed **summer 2011**. The estimated construction cost is **\$2.4 million**. This project is also part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus. For more information, please contact Bergmann Associates at 561-662-4645.

Restrictions: I-95 southbound will have three outside lanes closed, 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Monday night, Feb. 7, through Friday morning, Feb. 11. The I-95 southbound entrance ramps at Linton Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue may have alternating intermittent full closures during this time.

Central Palm Beach County Projects:

Forest Hill Boulevard / S.R. 882 from east of I-95 to Dixie Highway

Construction of this **.7-mile** project began **Nov. 15, 2010**. The **\$583,930** construction project includes repaving and restriping the roadway, signalization work, sidewalk and curb replacement at some locations, bus stop pad installation, and minor landscaping. Work is being performed by **Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.** and is expected to be **completed spring 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane of Forest Hill Boulevard will be closed, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through February 2011. One lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

Northern Palm Beach County Projects:

Indiantown Road / S.R. 706 from just west of Chasewood Plaza to Old Dixie Highway

This **2.2-mile** resurfacing project began **June 21, 2010** in the Town of Jupiter. This project includes repaving and restriping the roadway, storm water drainage work, replacing damaged curb, gutter and sidewalks, installing pedestrian curb ramps, driveway replacement, and landscaping. The work is being performed by **Community Asphalt Corporation** and is expected to be **completed spring 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane of Indiantown Road will undergo intermittent closures in each direction, 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, until the end of February 2011.

U.S. 1 / S.R. 5 Parker Bridge Rehabilitation Project

This **0.21-mile** bridge rehabilitation project began **Nov. 30, 2009** in the Village of North Palm Beach. This project includes replacing the existing bridge grating and the tender house, replacing structural steel and machinery that raise and lower the bridge spans, and widening to accommodate new sidewalks, decorative lighting and decorative railing. Work is being performed by **PCL Civil Constructors, Inc.** and will be **completed winter 2011**.

Restrictions: One lane may be closed intermittently in each direction through February 2011. The bridge will continue to operate under normal schedules for marine traffic.

S.R. A1A Little Blue Heron Bridge Replacement Project

This **0.19-mile** bridge replacement project in the City of Riviera Beach began construction on **Monday, Dec. 14, 2009**. The project includes removing the existing low-level fixed bridge, and replacing it with a new four-lane fixed bridge in the same location. This tidal relief bridge spans the Lake Worth Lagoon connecting A1A from Phil Foster Park to Singer Island. The work is being performed by **The Murphy Construction Company**, in conjunction with the Little Lake Worth Bridge Replacement Project. Work is expected to be **completed summer 2011**, with the combined cost for these two projects estimated at **\$10.1 million**.

Restrictions: Eastbound traffic has been shifted to one lane on the newly constructed westbound bridge. One lane is open in each direction through the work zone. Traffic will remain in this pattern through summer 2011 while workers replace the existing eastbound bridge. Motorists should use caution and be aware of personnel and equipment moving in and around the work zone. SCUBA diving, swimming and boating are restricted in the vicinity of this bridge, for the duration of the project, for safety reasons.

S.R. A1A Little Lake Worth Bridge Replacement Project

This **0.8-mile** bridge replacement project includes removing the existing low-level fixed bridge with a new two-lane fixed bridge in the same location. The new bridge will provide four additional feet of clearance (for a total of 12 feet) to meet current FDOT standards and minimize future damage to the bridge deck caused by salt water. The work will be performed by **The Murphy Construction Company**, in conjunction with the Little Blue Heron Bridge Replacement Project, which began construction in December 2009. The combined cost for these two projects is estimated at **\$10.1 million**. Construction is expected to **begin in Spring 2011**, and last through **winter 2012**.

Restrictions: All lanes are open.

East Blue Heron Boulevard and North Ocean Drive / S.R. A1A from U.S. 1 / S.R. 5 to South of Burnt Bridge on Singer Island

This **3-mile** resurfacing project began **July 28, 2010** in the City of Riviera Beach. This project includes milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway, storm water drainage improvements, new decorative sidewalks and crosswalks, lighting, bike paths, pedestrian upgrades of the existing traffic signals, and infrastructure work including new water mains and sanitary sewer improvements. Work is being performed by **H & J Contracting, Inc.** and is expected to be **completed winter 2011**. The estimated construction cost is **\$10.3 million**. This project is also part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus, and is a Local Agency Program (LAP). For more information, please contact Target Engineering at 561-939-3389.

Restrictions: Lane shifts will occur on A1A, southbound, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. until the end of February 2011. Flaggers will be on-site to direct traffic. Pedestrian access will be maintained during construction.

Blue Heron Boulevard / S.R. 708 West of Old Dixie Highway to East of Railroad Crossing

This **0.308-mile** resurfacing project will begin **Monday, Feb. 7, 2010**, in the City of Riviera Beach. This project includes widening the existing roadway, earthwork, drainage, signalization upgrades, installation of a raised median, and utility relocation and modifications to the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railroad grade crossing. Work is being performed by **Weekley Asphalt, Inc.**, and is expected to be completed **late summer 2011**. The estimated construction cost is **\$765, 999**.

Restrictions: One lane may be closed in each direction, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through June 2011. Sidewalks may also be closed in the project limits, but pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Western Palm Beach County Projects:

S. R. 7 / Lake Worth Road to Okeechobee Boulevard

Construction began **January 3, 2011** in the Village of Wellington and the Village of Royal Palm Beach. Work includes the installation of sidewalk, bus stop landing pads, and shelter pads at 17 Palm Tran bus stop locations. This project is expected to cost **\$232, 323** and be completed by **late spring 2011**. The work is being performed by **Tenex Enterprises, Inc.**

Restrictions: One lane may be closed in each direction, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Sunday, through April 2011.

S.R. 25 / U.S. 27 from MP 63.9 from S.R. 80

Construction on this **9.72-mile** project began **July 19, 2010** in the City of South Bay and Unincorporated Palm Beach County. Work consists of repaving and restriping the roadway, installing new signs throughout the project limits, curb and gutter, sidewalks and landscaping in South Bay. The project is expected to cost **\$6.8 million** and be completed by **spring 2011**. The work is being performed by **General Asphalt Co., Inc.**

Restrictions: One lane will be closed in each direction through February 2011.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restrictions: State Road 715 at West Morgan Road is closed in each direction around the clock to facilitate pipe repairs through Monday, Feb. 14. Motorists traveling northbound are being detoured via State Road 715/Hooker Highway. Motorists traveling southbound are being detoured via State Road 715/State Road 441.

Restrictions: Two eastbound lanes on Southern Boulevard / S.R. 80 will be closed just west of Dixie Highway, beginning Friday, Feb. 4, for water main repairs. Eastbound traffic will be shifted into one westbound lane until repairs are completed.

Restrictions: One lane will be closed in each direction on Quadrille Boulevard between Dixie Highway and Okeechobee Boulevard, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., through March 2011. In conjunction with these closures, sidewalks may be closed in the work zone, but pedestrian access will be maintained via detours.

Restrictions: Boynton Beach Boulevard, between Jog Road and Military Trail, will have the eastbound outside lane closed around the clock, with the center lane closed nightly, 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night through Friday afternoon, until the end of February 2011.

Restrictions: The Little Lake Worth Bridge on A1A, east of US-1 and north of Singer Island, will have alternating traffic, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, for slope repair.

Restrictions: The PGA Boulevard Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in the City of Palm Beach Gardens will have the westbound outside lane closed, 12 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, for drainage repairs.

Restrictions: PGA Boulevard at Prosperity Farms Road will have intermittent lane closures, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday night, February 7, through Friday morning, February 11, for paving operations.

Restrictions: Indiantown Road at Jupiter Farms Road may have intermittent closures for pavement marking operations.

Restrictions: Belvedere Road, from Australian Avenue to McGinley Drive in the City of West Palm Beach, may have intermittent closures for pavement marking operations.

Restrictions: Okeechobee Boulevard, from Royal Palm Beach High School to east of the Florida Turnpike in the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the City of West Palm Beach, may have intermittent lane closures. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000.**

Restrictions: There will be lane closures on Alternate A1A / S.R. 811 between Donald Ross Road and Center Street in Jupiter, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, through Friday, Feb. 11. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000.**

Restrictions: The George Bush Boulevard Bridge, over the Intracoastal Waterway in the City of Delray Beach, may have intermittent lane closures. For more information about this project, please contact **Palm Beach County Construction Services at 561-684-4000.**

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