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#### **Palm Beach County Traffic Report April 14, 2007 through April 20, 2007**

**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.

**Special Note:** The date for the PGA Blvd. Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway full closure has been rescheduled to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 19, until 8 p.m., Friday, April 20.

For around-the-clock, real-time traffic information within the tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties), travelers should [call 511](tel: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 October 2007**.

**Restriction:** The I-95 northbound entrance ramp from 6th Ave. South is closed completely for reconstruction until approximately August 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:** One lane of Summit Blvd. at I-95 will be closed in each direction, intermittently, 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20.

#### **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:** The inside lanes of the I-95 northbound and southbound exit ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed, daily, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, April 15, through Saturday, April 21. Two lanes of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed in each direction, daily, 5 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, April 15, through Saturday, April 21.

#### **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 45<sup>th</sup> Street at I-95 will be closed in each direction, intermittently, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20.

#### **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 December 2007**, and is being performed by Community Asphalt Corp., Inc.

**Restriction:** SR7 traffic will be limited to right turn only at the intersection of SR80, 9 p.m. until 6a.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. Motorists traveling northbound and southbound on SR7 will be detoured to Fairgrounds Rd. Off duty officers will be on site to assist motorists.

### **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 June 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:** There will be a lane closure on access ramps to eastbound and westbound SR 80, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. There will be a lane closure on the Frontage Roads eastbound and westbound, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. Canal Rd. and Jules St. will remain closed at Military Trail.

### **Southern Blvd. (SR80), CR 880 to Forest Hill Blvd**

The newest project to improve Southern Blvd (SR 80) began Monday, February 12, 2007. The 8.5 mile project includes: Milling and repaving the existing roadway; Landscaping Installation of pedestrian signals; Guardrail Improvements; This \$8.8 million construction project is expected to be complete in mid-year 2008. This project is being built by Hubbard Construction.

**Restriction:** One lane of eastbound and westbound SR 80 from CR-880 to Forest Hill Blvd. will be closed, 5 p.m. until 7 a.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday morning, April 19. One lane of eastbound and westbound SR 80 from CR-880 to Seminole Pratt-Whitney will be closed periodically, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. One lane of eastbound and westbound SR 80 from Forest Hill Blvd to Seminole Pratt-Whitney will be closed periodically, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20.

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

#### **SR A1A , SR 80 (Southern Blvd.) to SR 704 (Royal Palm Way)**

Construction will begin **April 7, 2007** on SR A1A from SR 80 (Southern Blvd.) to SR 704 (Royal Palm Way). This **\$3.5 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, drainage improvements, and signalization. The project is being built by Ranger Construction and is expected to be complete **December 7, 2007**.

**Restriction:** There may be alternating lane closures on SR A1A and South County Hwy., 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday April, 16 through Saturday, April 28. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, expect delays on South County Rd. at the intersections of Worth Ave, Hammon Ave, and Peruvian Ave. Motorists traveling on other areas along A1A can expect minimal delays.

#### **SR A1A, Ocean Inlet Park to Just South of SR 802 (Lake Worth Rd.)**

Construction will begin **April 7, 2007** on SR A1A from Ocean Inlet Park to Just South of SR 802 (Lake Worth Rd.). This **\$10.4 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, landscaping, drainage improvements, lighting and signal work, and reconstruction of a portion of the same highway. The project is being built by Hardrives of Delray, Inc. and is expected to be complete **November 21, 2008**.

**Restriction:** There may be alternating lane closures throughout the project corridor, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, and minimal delays are expected.

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

### **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> St.. 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> St. The current free-flowing right turn lane at NW 13<sup>th</sup> St. 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> St.. The construction is being performed by Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

**Restriction:** One eastbound and westbound lane of Glades Rd. is closed west of NW 13<sup>th</sup> St. to NW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. The ramp at NW 13<sup>th</sup> St. northbound to Glades Rd. eastbound is closed permanently to motorists. The median crossover at NW 4th Ct. and Glades Rd. is now permanently closed.

### **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., 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., through June 2007. Northbound and southbound I-95 at Boynton Beach Blvd. will be closed completely, 10 p.m., Thursday evening, April 19, until 5 a.m., Friday morning, April 20, to pour the bridge deck. Motorists will be routed off of the I-95 exit ramp at Boynton Beach Blvd. and then back onto the entrance ramp to I-95. Local Boynton Beach Blvd. commuters will be detoured to Congress Ave. and Seacrest Blvd. Florida Highway Patrol will be onsite to assist motorists.

### **SR A1A, North of George Bush Blvd. to South of Boynton Inlet**

Construction began **March 27, 2007** on SR A1A from north of George Bush Blvd. to south of Boynton Inlet. This **\$4.4 million** construction project includes milling and repaving the existing roadway, pedestrian path upgrades, and minor drainage improvements. The project is being built by Weekley Asphalt Paving and is expected to be **complete November 2008**.

**Restriction:** There may be alternating lane closures throughout the project corridor, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, and minimal delays are expected.

### **SR A1A from the Broward County Line to north of Spanish River Blvd.**

Construction will begin **April 7, 2007** on SR A1A from the Broward County Line to north of Spanish River Blvd. This **\$4.8 million** construction project includes replacing the sea turtle friendly in-pavement special lighting system, milling and repaving the existing roadway, pedestrian path upgrades, and minor drainage improvements. The project is being built by Weekley Asphalt Paving and is expected to be **complete February 2008**.

**Restriction:** There may be alternating lane closures throughout the project corridor, 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. Flagmen will be onsite to assist motorists during any lane restrictions, and minimal delays are expected.

#### **SR 25/US 27, Mile Post 5 to Mile Post 16**

Construction began **March, 2007** on SR 25/US 27 from mile post 5 to mile post 16. This **\$6.5 million** construction project will include milling and repaving the existing roadway. The project is being built by Community Asphalt Corporation and is expected to be **complete October 2008**.

**Restriction:** There may be alternating lane closures northbound and southbound throughout the project corridor, 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., until the project is complete.

#### **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:** One lane will be closed periodically in each direction between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45<sup>th</sup> St., 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20.

##### **Beeline Hwy. (SR710) North of PGA Blvd. to Commerce Blvd.**

Construction began on this **3.92 –mile** project on Beeline Hwy (SR-71) from North of PGA Blvd. to Commerce Blvd., October 2006. The **\$4 million project, expected to be complete July 2007**, consists of milling and resurfacing, minor drainage and guardrail improvements, conduit placement and signing and pavement marking. The construction is being performed by Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

**Restriction:** One lane will be closed periodically on Beeline Hwy. (SR 710) from north of PGA Blvd. to Commerce Blvd., Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20, for widening and paving.

##### **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 **Summer 2007** and cost **\$16.5 million**.

**Restriction:** Two lanes of eastbound traffic and one lane of westbound traffic will be maintained until the project is complete. The PGA Blvd. Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway is scheduled to close completely, 8 p.m., Thursday, April 19, until 8 p.m., Friday, April 20, to complete structural, electrical, and mechanical components of the newly constructed eastbound bridge. During this closure motorist traveling eastbound can utilize Alternate A1A (Old Dixie Hwy.) to Northlake Blvd. and motorist traveling westbound can utilize Federal Hwy. to Northlake Blvd. There will be severe channel restrictions until May 13 for marine traffic.

##### **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 lanes will be maintained in each direction over the Loxahatchee River Bridge on SR 811/Alternate A1A until April 20.

**Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:**

**No closures are anticipated at this time.**