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Bicycle Lanes and Sidewalks Coming Soon to the Atlantic Boulevard Intracoastal Waterway Bridge

Jacksonville – Pedestrians and bicyclists will soon have a safer way to cross the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge at Atlantic Boulevard. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will begin installing bicycle lanes and sidewalks on the westbound span of the bridge and bicycle lanes will be added to the eastbound span of the bridge, starting this Thursday.

New 8-foot wide bicycle lanes and 6-foot wide sidewalks will be installed on the north side of the westbound span of the bridge adjacent to the existing outside cement barrier wall and a new 32” cement barrier wall will be installed separating the two. The existing three 12-foot travel lanes on the westbound span will be reduced by one foot each to accommodate the wider shoulders of the road. In addition, bicycle lanes will be striped in the existing 10-foot shoulders on the eastbound span of the bridge.

For added safety, a 1-foot/6-inch aluminum rail will be installed on top of the existing cement barrier walls on the westbound and eastbound spans of the bridge. Additionally, sidewalks will be repaired and added where needed at the east and west approaches of the bridge and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps will be installed at the crossings.

The project also includes installing underground fiber optic cable on Atlantic Boulevard from San Pablo Road to Mayport Road. The fiber optic cable will be installed on the north side of Atlantic Boulevard, continue east in a conduit in the new cement barrier wall on the bridge and resume on land to Mayport Road. The fiber optic cable will improve ITS (Intelligent Traffic System) communications between the traffic signals along the roadway, providing more accurate traffic control information.

Crews will be working weekdays with some occasional weeknight and weekend work. Daytime lane closures will occur from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No lane closures are allowed during peak driving times Monday through Friday or on holidays or special events.

The \$2.2 million project is scheduled to start July 6 and is expected to be complete in early 2018. The starting date and project completion date can be affected by weather or unforeseen circumstances. Superior Construction Company Southeast is the contractor.

For more information regarding FDOT construction projects, please visit www.nflroads.com or contact FDOT personnel at 904-831-FDOT.

The Florida Department of Transportation strives for safe construction zones. Travelers should always follow the speed limit, be aware of heavy equipment and stay within the limits of the orange cones and barrels.

