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## **Crews place first toll gantry on I-295 (time-lapse video)**

**Jacksonville** – Early Sunday morning, Interstate 295 between Interstate 95 and Old Saint Augustine Road was detoured as construction crews placed the first toll gantry part of the North Florida Express Lanes system. The toll gantry is part of the electronic toll collection system. Vehicles will pass under the gantry at highway speeds to pay for their use of the Express Lanes.

A time-lapse video of the gantry placement can be found [here](#).

Two cranes and more than eighty (80) large bolts were used to connect the overhead gantry with the ground-mounted posts. The bolts were tightened using sledgehammers to ensure the gantry remains permanently fixed overhead.

This Florida Department of Transportation project consists of two new 12-foot travel lanes in each direction. The express lanes offer a choice for travelers to use the lanes for a fee, or remain on the non-tolled portion of I-295.

Express lanes are known as an “expressway within an expressway” where express lanes are separated from general use lanes. The toll rate for express lanes will vary depending on the amount of traffic within the express lanes. Generally, fewer cars using the lanes means a less expensive toll. Dynamic message signs will show the current toll rate. Due to electronic tolling cars are not required to stop to pay the toll and must have a SunPass or face a penalty.

The \$89 million project was awarded to the Dragados USA design-build team. The project is expected to be completed in early 2018.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: [www.NorthFloridaExpress.com](http://www.NorthFloridaExpress.com)