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### **Detours Planned as Work Continues on First Coast Expressway Extension Project**

**Duval County** – Overnight detours taking place tonight through the course of the next week will impact motorists traveling on Jacksonville’s west side. The detours are needed to allow for miscellaneous bridge work to be done on the First Coast Expressway (FCE) Extension project (the northernmost segment that connects State Road 23 to I-10 and U.S. 90/Beaver Street).

Saturday, June 17, Monday, June 19, and Tuesday, June 20, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the work will prevent drivers from exiting SR 23 northbound onto I-10 west bound. The detour of northbound SR 23 using the Chaffee road interchange is for closures impacting the I-10 eastbound and westbound on ramps. (see map)

Thursday, June 22, U.S. 90 (Beaver Street) will be closed in the area of this project also from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Drivers on U.S. 90 traveling from the west will be detoured onto Otis Road, then Old Plank Road, then to Halsema Road to reconnect to U.S. 90. The detour for drivers from the east will be Halsema Road to Old Plank Road to Otis Road (the reverse). This detour allows for continuous east-west travel in the area (see map).

Construction began in July 2015 on this \$45 million extension of the First Coast Expressway aimed at reducing congestion in the existing interchanges of I-10 at Chaffee Road and at U.S. 301. FDOT hired J.B. Coxwell Contracting Inc., of Jacksonville to do the work. The project is part of the overall First Coast Expressway – a toll road being built to connect I-10 with I-95 in St. Johns County. The FCE from U.S. 90/I-10 to New World Avenue in Duval County will not be tolled.

For more information regarding construction projects, please visit [www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com) or contact FDOT personnel at 904-831-FDOT. Up-to-date lane closure information related to this project is available at [www.firstcoastexpressway.com](http://www.firstcoastexpressway.com). 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.

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