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I-295 East Beltway delays expected Southbound, Sunday night

Jacksonville – Traffic will be slowed during the overnight hours of January 28 on I-295 between Saint Johns Bluff Road and Baymeadows Road (State Road 152) to remove overhead signage south of Baymeadows Road. Southbound traffic will see traffic pacing operations beginning at Sunday, January 28 at 10 p.m. and ending by 5 a.m. Monday, January 29.

The work is necessary as part of the ongoing Express Lanes project from State Road 9B to just north of J. Turner Butler Boulevard.

Traffic pacing is a traffic control technique used to slow but not stop traffic to facilitate short duration work operations without an extensive detour or diversion. Marked law enforcement vehicles will slow the traffic to safely move them through the corridor without requiring a detour. Additionally, variable message boards will be used to alert traffic of the operations.

The Express Lanes project consists of two new 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, the addition of noise walls along I-295 in various locations, the construction of drainage ponds and the installation of electronic tolling systems at various locations to collect tolls. The project will offer a choice for travelers to use an express lane 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 all-electronic tolling, cars are not required to stop to pay the toll.

The \$139.9 million project was awarded to the Archer-Western Contractors design-build team. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2019.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: www.NorthFloridaExpress.com