



May 8, 2017

Mary Justino, 904-360-5480
Mary.Justino@dot.state.fl.us

First Coast Expressway (FCE) South Project Detours This Week Impact Overnight Travel in Clay County

Clay County – Three roads that intersect sections of State Road 23 (First Coast Expressway or FCE) in the Middleburg area of Clay County will close overnight periodically this week as contractors pressure wash FCE bridge structures overhead. Detours are required for the contractor to safely complete this work. The detour/closure schedule is as follows:

- Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9, from 11 p.m. - 5 a.m.: Old Jennings Road at Discovery Drive and Challenger Drive; eastbound and westbound full closure of Old Jennings Road.
- Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11, from 11 p.m. - 5 a.m.: Trail Ridge Road at Discovery Drive and Challenger Drive; eastbound and westbound full closure of Trail Ridge Road.
- Friday, May 12, from 11 p.m. – 5 a.m.: Blanding Boulevard from County Road 220 to Branan Field Road; northbound and southbound full closure of Blanding Boulevard.

Motorists on Old Jennings Road will have access to County Road 220, Blanding Boulevard, Branan Field Road, and Long Bay Road for alternate route options depending on direction of travel. Drivers on Trail Ridge Road traveling east will be detoured onto Discovery Drive with access to a U-turn and not permitted to cross under the FCE bridge. Motorists on Blanding Boulevard overnight Friday will be detoured onto County Road 220 and Baxley Road.

When completed in late 2017, this FCE South project will become part of a 15-mile-long SunPass administered toll road that connects I-10/U.S. 90 in Duval County to Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) in Clay County. This project involves the section of the FCE from north of Argyle Forest Boulevard to Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) in Middleburg, connecting to two other FCE projects, both north of this site. Work on this six-mile-long project began in May 2014 at an estimated cost of \$85 million. FDOT hired Dragados USA to complete this project. Up-to-date lane closure information is available at www.nflroads.com and more FCE project information can be found at www.firstcoastexpressway.com.

The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones.





