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### **FDOT Announces New Congestion Relief for I-295 in Jacksonville**

*Express Lanes scheduled to open on May 18; 'time of day' tolling to be implemented.*

**Jacksonville, Fla.** –The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announced that the much-needed Interstate 295 Express Lanes from Interstate 95 to the Buckman Bridge in Jacksonville are scheduled to open on May 18.

“The Department wants to make sure our drivers have safe, affordable and viable options when they travel anywhere in Florida. To meet that goal, FDOT constantly evaluates congestion relief strategies,” FDOT **Secretary Kevin Thibault** said. “With that in mind, we have decided to use ‘time of day’ tolling for the new I-295 Express Lanes in Jacksonville. This means tolls will be charged only during peak travel times. Non-peak travel times, express lane use will be free.”

Peak travel times along this corridor of I-295 are from **6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday**. The Department will continue to evaluate peak travel times and could make changes in the future. During these hours, there will be a set minimum toll price of 50 cents that may be adjusted based on the level of congestion in the Express Lanes. To travel in the Express Lanes, customers must have an active, properly mounted SunPass or other interoperable transponder. Cash or TOLL-BY-PLATE is not accepted in the Express Lanes and only two-axle vehicles are permitted.

“As part of the ongoing effort to support Governor Ron DeSantis’ goal to relieve congestion in our urban areas, Express Lanes have multiple benefits, including improved travel times, making trips more predictable. We know Florida drivers want options and Express Lanes provide drivers with a choice to use the Express Lanes or remain in the general use lanes. Drivers who use this segment will see decreased congestion and improved safety using the latest in congestion management technology,” said FDOT **District Two Secretary Greg Evans**.

There are two sets of Express Lanes that will open on I-295 – from Interstate 95 to the Buckman Bridge, an \$89 million project that began in 2014, and from State Road 9B to J. Turner Butler Boulevard, a \$139.9 million project that began in 2016.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit [www.FloridaExpressLanes.com](http://www.FloridaExpressLanes.com). To learn more about the benefits of being a SunPass customer, please visit [www.SunPass.com](http://www.SunPass.com).

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