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## Heckscher Drive's Myrtle Creek Bridge Reconstruction to Finish, Simpson Creek Bridge Work to Begin

*Two-way, one-lane traffic will be in effect over the Simpson Creek Bridge starting Friday*

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – Reconstruction of the Myrtle Creek Bridge on Heckscher Drive (State Road A1A) is close to completion with both lanes scheduled to open to traffic Thursday, November 18. Reconstruction work will then start on the Simpson Creek Bridge, located just north of Myrtle Creek. Both lanes of traffic will be reduced to one lane within the Simpson Creek Bridge construction zone starting Friday, November 19.

Temporary traffic signals with video detection will be utilized on both ends of the Simpson Creek Bridge to direct traffic safely through the construction zone, including bicycles, in a two-way, one-lane configuration while bridge reconstruction occurs.

The replacement of the Myrtle Creek and Simpson Creek bridges are part of the Timucuan Trail project currently under construction on the east side of Heckscher Drive. The new bridges will provide two 12-foot travel lanes, two 10-foot shoulders and the 10-foot wide Timucuan Trail deck.

The Timucuan Trail is a shared use bike and walking path that will connect to the existing trail at the Little Talbot Island State Park entrance and extend to the Big Talbot Island State Park Big Pine Trailhead north of Houston Avenue.

Superior Construction Company, LLC of Jacksonville is scheduled to complete the \$10.8 million project, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting, in spring 2023.

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Safe travels during the holidays will help ensure a happy holiday for you and your loved ones. Be sure to buckle up, don't drive distracted, and designate a sober driver.

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