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I-295 Express Lanes to begin work on J. Turner Butler Boulevard between I-295 and Gate Parkway

Jacksonville – The I-295 Express Lanes project will enter a new phase of work on J. Turner Butler Boulevard beginning Sunday, November 12, weather and schedule permitting. The work includes the addition of a westbound lane on J. Turner Butler Boulevard between I-295 and Gate Parkway.

In order to begin the work, traffic will be shifted on westbound J. Turner Butler Boulevard between I-295 and Gate Parkway, to allow crews to install a temporary barrier wall on the outside shoulder. This will provide construction crews with a safe work zone to construct the additional lane while protecting drivers from entering the site.

During construction, the Gate Parkway exit ramp will remain open. After the holiday season, additional work will begin on the Gate Parkway off-ramp.

Drivers should expect nighttime detours and ramp closures on J. Turner Butler Boulevard and I-295 during the first several days of construction, primarily from Sunday, November 12 to Thursday, November 16. Signs will notify drivers of the closures and direct traffic through detours. When complete, the work will increase capacity for drivers seeking to access Gate Parkway from J. Turner Butler Boulevard.

This I-295 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.

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