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I-295 near Town Center will see multiple ramp detours late Thursday night

Jacksonville – Southbound drivers on Jacksonville’s east beltway of I-295 will see two ramp closures at J. Turner Butler Boulevard and Gate Parkway beginning Thursday, November 30 at 10 p.m. and ending 5 a.m. Friday, December 1. The detours are necessary as part of the ongoing Express Lanes project.

Drivers traveling south on I-295 seeking to travel west on J. Turner Butler Boulevard will be directed east on J. Turner Butler Boulevard to Kernan Boulevard, where drivers will make a U-turn and return to westbound J. Turner Butler Boulevard to continue to their destination.

The southbound I-295 Gate Parkway ramp will see a closure on Thursday. Drivers seeking to access Gate Parkway will be detoured, one exit south, to Baymeadows Road where drivers will make a U-turn to travel north on I-295 and use the Gate Parkway exit ramp.

A map of the detours is attached. Signs will direct drivers where through the detours. Motorists are encouraged to use caution when driving through the construction zone and obey traffic laws.

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.

