

February 22, 2019

Hampton Ray, 904-360-5482 Hampton.Ray@dot.state.fl.us

## J. Turner Butler Boulevard to see full detour Sunday night

**Jacksonville** – J. Turner Butler Boulevard (State Road 202) will see both directions detoured between Gate Parkway and I-295 on Sunday, February 24 from midnight to 5 a.m. The detour will allow crews to remove overhead signage and is part of the I-295 Express Lanes project from State Road 9B to Butler Boulevard.

Drivers traveling westbound J. Turner Butler Boulevard will be detoured north on I-295 to westbound Beach Boulevard and south onto Southside Boulevard, returning to J. Turner Butler Boulevard. Eastbound J. Turner Butler Boulevard drivers will be detoured south on Southside Boulevard, to eastbound Baymeadows Road and north on I-295.

The express lanes project extends from State Road 9B to just north of J. Turner Butler Boulevard and 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. Once complete, drivers will be offered a choice to use an express lane for a fee or remain on the non-tolled portion of I-295.

Express lanes are known as an "expressway within an expressway" where express lanes are separated from general use lanes. The toll rate for express lanes will vary depending on the amount of traffic within the express lanes. Generally, fewer cars using the lanes means a less expensive toll. Dynamic message signs will show the current toll rate. A SunPass or interoperable transponder is required to use the lanes. For more information about express lanes visit www.FloridaExpressLanes.com.

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



Detour Map

-----

 $NFLRoads.com \mid @MyFDOT\_NEFL \mid Facebook.com/MyFDOTNEFL$