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### **Multiple Lane Closures Expected on Southbound Buckman Bridge Overnight Saturday; Traffic Pacing Planned Later This Month**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – Drivers on the I-295 West Beltway over the Buckman Bridge will see multi-lane closures Saturday night through Sunday morning as crews remove and replace overhead signage.

Crews will close the three inside lanes of southbound I-295 from Saturday, September 18 at 8 p.m. to Sunday, September 19 at 11 a.m. for signage improvements. The closures are necessary for the safety of both construction crews and drivers.

Traffic pacing operations on northbound I-295 over the Buckman Bridge are planned for Tuesday, September 28 through Thursday, September 30, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting. These operations are only permitted during overnight hours and are not expected to impact peak travel periods.

Traffic pacing is a traffic control technique used to slow but not stop traffic to facilitate short duration work operations without an extensive detour or diversion. Marked law enforcement vehicles will slow the traffic to safely move them through the corridor without requiring a detour. Additionally, variable message boards will be used to alert traffic of the operations.

Construction along the I-295 West Beltway at the Buckman Bridge is part of a safety initiative to convey which lanes are free flowing, slowed or blocked on the bridge.

Programmable overhead electronic boards and additional CCTV cameras will be installed at several locations, on both directions of the bridge to support lane use, improve traffic flow and enhance safety.

The \$10.5 million project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.



Artist depiction of safety improvements.

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