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Southbound I-295 at Baymeadows Road to see nightly detours beginning Sunday

Jacksonville, Fla. – Interstate 295 southbound between Baymeadows and Philips Highway (U.S. 1) will be detoured nightly, from 10 p.m.to 5 a.m. beginning Sunday April 7 and concluding Sunday April 14, weather and schedule permitting. The detour is necessary for crews to install overhead signage and shift traffic to its permanent alignment.

Drivers on southbound I-295 will be detoured at the Baymeadows Road exit to southbound Southside Boulevard and be detoured to southbound Philips Highway (U.S. 1) and continue to their destination on I-295. Northbound I-295 will not be impacted by this detour and will remain open.

This Florida Department of Transportation 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 express lanes offer a choice for travelers to use the lanes 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. Due to electronic tolling cars are not required to stop to pay the toll and must have a SunPass or face a penalty.

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

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: www.NorthFloridaExpress.com

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