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Detour scheduled Sunday night I-295 northbound between Philips Highway and State Road 9B

Jacksonville – Interstate 295 northbound between Philips Highway and State Road 9B will be detoured Sunday night, April 30 from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. The detour is necessary for crews to pour a concrete bridge deck as part of the ongoing Express Lanes construction work.

Drivers seeking to access I-295 northbound along the corridor will be detoured to Philips Highway, Southside Boulevard to Baymeadows Road back to I-295 northbound. Southbound I-295 will not be affected by this closure 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: <u>www.NorthFloridaExpress.com</u>

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