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Detour Planned as Work Continues on First Coast Expressway Extension Project

Duval County – A detour taking place this weekend will impact motorists traveling on Jacksonville’s west side during the overnight hours (9 p.m. to 5 a.m.) in the area of the First Coast Expressway (FCE) Extension project (the northernmost segment).

The detour will take place tonight (July 21), tomorrow night (July 22) and Sunday night (July 23) and involves westbound drivers on I-10 who wish to exit onto State Road 23 South (First Coast Expressway). Instead of exiting I-10 West onto the normal exit ramp for SR 23 South, drivers will be directed to exit onto Chaffee Road. From Chaffee Road, drivers can then take Normandy Boulevard to SR 23 South.

Construction began in July 2015 on this \$45 million extension of the First Coast Expressway aimed at reducing congestion in the existing interchanges of I-10 at Chaffee Road and at U.S. 301. Completion of the extension is scheduled for early 2018, weather permitting. FDOT hired J.B. Coxwell Contracting Inc., of Jacksonville to do the work. The project is part of the overall First Coast Expressway – a toll road being built to connect I-10 with I-95 in St. Johns County. The FCE from U.S. 90/I-10 to New World Avenue will not be tolled.

Up-to-date lane closure information is available at www.nflroads.com. The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones.

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