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### **I-295 East Beltway to See Increased Activity, Traffic Shifts Ahead of Additional Lane Opening**

**Jacksonville** – The I-295 Express Lanes construction project between State Road 9B and J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) will see increased construction activities ahead of the opening of a third general use lane along the corridor. The additional capacity is expected to open to traffic over the next several weeks, weather permitting.

Increased activities will include traffic shifts, lane striping and overnight detours to allow the contractor to open a third lane of general use traffic along the corridor. The first traffic shift associated with lane striping is expected to take place on southbound I-295 during the overnight hours of Sunday October 20. Signs and message boards will inform drivers of changes to the traffic pattern.

“Our project teams have worked hard to get this additional capacity opened during construction,” said District 2 Secretary Greg Evans. “Our goal at FDOT is to improve the transportation experience for everyone on the roadway, and we’re confident the additional lane will help reduce congestion. We’re glad to see the improvement is expected to take place before the holiday shopping season as we work to support the continued growth in Northeast Florida,” Evans concluded.

The \$160 million project was awarded to the Archer-Western Contractors design-build team. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2020.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: [www.NorthFloridaExpress.com](http://www.NorthFloridaExpress.com)

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