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## I-295 West Beltway Express Lanes Pass 50-Vehicle Test (3-D drive-thru video)

**Jacksonville, Fla.**—Crews recently completed a successful 50-vehicle test of the I-295 West Beltway Express Lanes. This test allowed technicians to calibrate equipment and signified a major milestone in construction as the lanes are expected to open in late spring.

Additional testing and inspection of the roadway is required prior to the opening of the lanes.

Drivers can learn about the I-295 West Beltway Express Lanes and view 3-D drive-thru videos of the lanes <u>here</u>. The animations are intended to educate the community about these new toll lanes and enhance the transportation experience once the lanes are open to traffic.

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 \$89 million project was awarded to Dragados USA and is expected to be completed this spring, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

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

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