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I-295 at Buckman Bridge to see multi-lane closures next two weekends

Jacksonville, Fla. – Drivers on I-295 West Beltway will see multi-lane closures the next two weekends as crews restripe portions of the Buckman Bridge as we move into a new phase of construction to include an emergency shoulder. At times, when traffic volumes are low, only one lane of the Buckman Bridge will be operational during the restriping activities.

Lane widths will be reduced on the Buckman Bridge, varying from 10 feet to 11 feet, to allow for an eight-foot emergency shoulder.

Additionally, the speed limit will be reduced to 55 MPH. Drivers must take personal responsibility on the roadway by following the speed limit, not driving distracted and properly maintaining their vehicles.

Below is the current schedule of activities for March 6th through the overnight hours of March 8th, that will impact Roosevelt Boulevard (U.S. 17). An updated detour schedule will be provided next week with expected activities that will impact San Jose Boulevard (S.R. 13) March 13th through 15th.

Beginning 10 p.m., Friday, March 6 until to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7, double inside lane closures will take place on the bridge. Drivers on southbound Roosevelt Boulevard (U.S. 17) seeking to take southbound I-295 will be detoured to northbound I-295, exit at Blanding Boulevard (S.R. 21) and continue to their destination via southbound I-295.

From 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, single lane closures will take place on the bridge. Drivers on northbound Roosevelt Boulevard (U.S. 17) seeking to take southbound I-295 will be detoured to northbound I-295, exit at Blanding Boulevard (S.R. 21) and continue to their destination via southbound I-295.

Starting at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7 until 11 a.m. Sunday, March 8, the three outside lanes of the Buckman Bridge (Southbound) will be closed. During this time, both the northbound and southbound ramps of U.S. 17 to southbound I-295 will be detoured to northbound I-295, where drivers will exit at Blanding Boulevard and continue to their destination via southbound I-295.

Construction along the I-295 West Beltway at the Buckman Bridge is taking place to improve safety along the corridor. This work includes a safety initiative to communicate whether lanes are free-flowing, slowed or blocked on the bridge. Programmable overhead electronic boards and additional CCTV cameras will be installed at several locations on both directions of the bridge to guide lane use, improve traffic flow and enhance safety. Additional signage is also being placed on the bridge to better inform drivers.

The \$10.5 million project was awarded to Florida Safety Contractors, Inc. and is expected to be completed in summer 2021, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

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