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Northbound I-295 traffic shift at J. Turner Butler Boulevard

Jacksonville – Sunday night, drivers traveling northbound on I-295 will be shifted to the right just after Gate Parkway, under the newly constructed flyover at J. Turner Butler Boulevard (SR 202). The traffic shift will place drivers in the final configuration of the roadway, as part of the Florida Department of Transportation’s I-295 Express Lanes project.

Drivers are encouraged to exercise caution through the construction zone and be prepared for the change in traffic pattern.

The express lanes project extends from State Road 9B to just north of J. Turner Butler Boulevard and 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. Once complete, drivers will be offered a choice to use an express lane 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. A SunPass or interoperable transponder is required to use the lanes. For more information about express lanes visit www.FloridaExpressLanes.com.

The \$139.9 million project was awarded to the Archer-Western Contractors design-build team and is expected to be completed in summer 2019, weather and schedule permitting.