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Transport of bridge beams will disrupt Nassau County traffic

Amelia Island – The transport of bridge beams for the Sisters Creek Bridge on Heckscher Drive shifts to Nassau County next week. For the past two weeks, beams have been transported via Interstates 10 and 295 to Heckscher Drive, approaching the bridge from the west.

Next Monday and Wednesday, the 144-foot long beams will travel I-10, I-295, I-95, A1A and Amelia Island Parkway to Heckscher Drive, accessing the bridge from the east. Delays are anticipated.

The transports, measuring 12 feet in width, will bring 12 beams to the bridge site. Thirty-three beams have been transported since mid-April and the final 12 beams are being shipped next week.

Weight restrictions on the various roadways dictate the direction of access. Some of the beams will be off-loaded from the existing bridge for erection.

Motorists on A1A, Amelia Island Parkway and Heckscher Drive will face 30-60 minute traffic delays along with delays on Heckscher Drive at the bridge site during overnight hours (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) as the beams are placed.

“We regret any inconvenience but need to get these beams set to keep the project on schedule,” said Brian Benton, FDOT project manager.

The new \$44.4 million Sisters Creek Bridge is being built by Archer Western Contractors. HNTB Engineers is handling the construction engineering and inspection. The bridge is scheduled for completion this summer.



NEW BRIDGE RISING -- An artists' rendering of the new Sisters Creek Bridge on Heckscher Drive. (Image courtesy of FDOT)