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Escambia and Santa Rosa County Traffic Alert

Chipley, FL – Drivers will encounter traffic disruptions on the following state roads in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties as crews perform construction and maintenance activities.

- **I-10 Gateway Structure at Florida/Alabama State line, Escambia County**- The eastbound outside lane at the Florida/Alabama State line will be closed from 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 to 5 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11. The westbound, outside lane will be closed from 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. The lane closures will allow crews to construct barrier wall along the east and westbound shoulders in preparation for construction of the new gateway structures.
- Drivers will encounter daytime and nighttime traffic disruptions on the following state roads in Santa Rosa County through Jan. 22 as crews perform striping and pavement marking operations.
 - U.S. 90 just east of State Road (S.R.) 281 (Avalon Boulevard) to S.R. 87 and west end of Blackwater Bridge to the east end of Blackwater Bridge.
 - S.R. 87 (Stewart Street) from U.S. 90 to north end of Clear Creek Bridge.
 - S.R. 89 (By-Pass) from U.S. 90 to S.R. 87.
 - S.R. 89 from S.R. 87 to County Road 178.
 - U.S. 98 from the zoo to the Okaloosa County line. (nighttime operation)
- **U.S. 29, Escambia County** – Northbound traffic will encounter lane restrictions Monday, Jan. 11 through Friday, Jan. 15 starting at Champion Drive and continuing north as crews begin construction of guardrail pads. Also, motorists can expect intermittent northbound lane closures to occur within the town of Century as workers continue construction activities.
- **U.S. 98 Pensacola Bay Bridge, Escambia/Santa Rosa County**- Northbound traffic will encounter lane restrictions from 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. Southbound traffic will encounter intermittent lane closures from 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 to 5 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. as crews perform a routine inspection of the structure.

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- **State Road (S.R.) 289 (9th Avenue), Escambia County-** Crews continue paving operations between Bayou Boulevard and Creighton Road. Lane closures will be in effect from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Between Bayou Boulevard and Cervantes Street, motorists will also encounter intermittent and alternating daytime lane closures as crews adjust manholes and valves.
- **I-10 Widening, Escambia County-** The eastbound, right lane, near Exit 17 (Scenic Highway), will be closed from 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 13. In addition, traffic in the left lane of I-10 eastbound will be slowed by the Florida Highway Patrol to escort vehicles during this time. The closures will allow crews to set girders for the new Scenic Highway overpass. Drivers will also encounter alternating lane closures on Scenic Highway near the Scenic Highway overpass during this time. Traffic flaggers will be on site to direct traffic through the work zone. Motorists are reminded the speed limit on I-10, between Davis Highway and Scenic Highway, is reduced to 60 mph.
- **S.R. 4, Escambia County-** Lane closures at the Escambia River Bridge from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 as crews perform routine maintenance.
- **I-10 Widening, Santa Rosa County –** Alternating lane closures on Avalon Boulevard near the I-10 interchange from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 4 as crews perform bridge work. Closures will continue Sunday through Thursday night until the end of January. Alternating east and westbound lane closures between the Escambia Bay Bridge and S.R. 281 (Avalon Boulevard/ Exit 22). Lane restrictions will be in effect from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday night until the end of January.

All activities are weather dependent and may be delayed or re-scheduled in the event of inclement weather. Motorists are reminded to use caution, especially at night, when traveling in a work zone and to watch for construction workers and equipment entering and exiting the roadway.

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I-10 Gateway Sign Construction Begins

Chipley, FL – Construction activities are scheduled to begin Sunday, Jan. 10 on Interstate 10 (I-10) near the Florida/Alabama State line in Escambia County. The \$1.9 million contract includes construction of two gateway structure sign structures just east of the Florida/Alabama State line and construction of a photograph opportunity sign and renovation of the hardscaping around the sign at the Florida Welcome Center.

The I-10 eastbound, outside lane at the Florida/Alabama State line will be closed from 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 to 5 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11. The westbound, outside lane will be closed from 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. The lane closures will allow crews to construct barrier wall along the east and westbound shoulders in preparation for construction of the new gateway structures.

Drivers can anticipate travel lanes to be shifted at the state line to accommodate the installation of barrier wall. Crews will be working behind the wall to construct the new signs. The contractor has three months to complete the project.

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Okaloosa and Walton County Traffic Alert

Chipley– Drivers will encounter traffic disruptions on the following state roads in Okaloosa and Walton counties as crews perform construction activities.

- **U.S. 331 Choctawhatchee Bay Bridge, Walton County**- Alternating lane closures across the Clyde B. Wells Bridge from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 through Thursday, Jan. 14 as crews place concrete for the new bridge.
- **State Road 123, Okaloosa County**- Traffic reduced to one lane from north of Unnamed Branch to north of Turkey Creek from 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 as crews place beams for the new southbound bridge over Turkey Creek. Traffic will only be allowed in one direction at a time. Traffic flaggers will be on site to safely guide motorists through the work zone.

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