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New Service Patrols Begin Service on I-4

ORLANDO — Motorist will see changes on Interstate 4 (I-4) beginning this weekend, as the I-4 Ultimate project begins ramping up, with new service patrols starting work Sunday, February 1. These patrols assist with maintenance of traffic and overall safety of the I-4 Ultimate project. The service patrols are similar to the Road Ranger Program; however, these service patrols are being operated by I-4 Mobility Partners and its maintenance provider, Infrastructure Corporation of America (ICA).

“Having dedicated safety service patrol vehicles is paramount to ensuring the I-4 Ultimate project is a success,” said Loreen Bobo, P.E., I-4 Ultimate Construction Program Manager. “The safety of motorists and workers is a top priority for the I-4 Ultimate project.”

The I-4 Ultimate project service patrols are a free service. Similar to the Road Rangers, service patrols respond to all types of incidents and will provide a direct service by quickly clearing travel lanes of minor incidents and assisting motorists. Services may include providing a limited amount of fuel, assisting with tire changes and other types of minor emergency repairs. The service patrol vehicles are stocked with jacks, booster cables, flares and first aid kits. Motorists may still call for assistance utilizing *347 (*FHP). In addition to service patrols, ICA is responsible for maintenance along the I-4 Ultimate corridor.

The I-4 Ultimate project is rebuilding 21 miles of I-4 from Kirkman Road in Orange County to State Road 434 in Seminole County, adding two new dynamic tolled Express Lanes in each direction, replacing more than 140 bridges, reconfiguring 15 major interchanges and reconstructing the entire existing roadway.

Project completion is expected in 2021. As construction ramps up over the next few months, drivers will see crews clearing and grubbing preparing for the wider roadway, pile driving and relocating utilities. By summer 2015, major shifts in traffic patterns will occur. Once major construction begins, drivers should expect temporary roadways, bridges and ramps, and continued traffic pattern changes and shifts. Lane closures will be limited to mostly nighttime hours, beginning as early as 8:30 p.m. and continuing as late as 7 a.m. Work may also require ramp closures for extended periods.

Additional project information, including a full list of lane and ramp closures, will be posted on I4Ultimate.com. Motorists are encouraged to sign up for project newsletters and route-specific alerts through the website to help make informed decisions about when and where to travel.

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