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Eastbound & Westbound I-4 Traffic Shifts in Downtown Orlando to Begin

ORLANDO — The downtown Orlando construction area of the I-4 Ultimate project reaches a major milestone this month when traffic on eastbound and westbound Interstate 4 (I-4) shift to newly constructed bridges.

A traffic shift of westbound I-4 between Colonial Drive (State Road 50) and South Street is scheduled to occur overnight on April 20. The traffic shift will move the westbound I-4 traffic approximately 11 feet to the inside onto newly constructed, temporary bridges between eastbound and westbound I-4. An illustration of the westbound I-4 traffic shift is available online at <http://fdot.tips/WBI4shift>.

During the traffic shift operation on the night of April 20 and morning of April 21, motorists should expect multiple lane and ramp closures. The westbound I-4 entrance ramps from Ivanhoe Boulevard and Amelia Street will be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. View the detour routes at <http://fdot.tips/shiftdetours>. In addition, the collector-distributor road adjacent to westbound I-4 between Ivanhoe Boulevard and Colonial Drive will be closed as will multiple lanes on westbound I-4. Lane closures may begin as soon as 8 p.m. on April 20.

A traffic shift of eastbound I-4 between South Street and Colonial Drive is scheduled to occur as soon as early May. The traffic shift will move three lanes of eastbound I-4 traffic onto newly constructed, temporary bridges between eastbound and westbound I-4.

During the traffic shift operation, motorists should expect multiple lane and ramp closures. The eastbound I-4 entrance ramps from westbound State Road 408 and Anderson Street, and the exit ramp to Amelia Street will be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Exact dates of the eastbound I-4 traffic shift and ramp closures will be available on <http://i4Ultimate.com/alertsmap>.

The new temporary bridges were constructed because of the lack of right-of-way space in the tight quarters of downtown Orlando. By moving I-4 traffic onto the temporary bridges, it gives I-4 Ultimate construction crews the opportunity to begin demolishing the existing eastbound I-4 bridges and constructing new bridges.

Modifications or extensions to this schedule may become necessary due to weather delays or other unforeseen conditions. Motorists are advised to maintain a safe speed when driving through the work zone.