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10 safety tips for I-4 commuters during the Ultimate road construction project

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If you anticipate having to navigate Interstate 4 during the massive, six-year I-4 Ultimate project for your commute to work, you should beware.

Motorists who are used to driving on I-4 must be even more alert, as the traffic patterns and flow are going to be changing continually now that the \$2.3 billion rebuilding of 21 miles of I-4 in Central Florida has begun.

Sometimes the maintenance of traffic plan is not always clear to the driver both visually and instinctively. Drivers get into the habit of thinking they know all the curves and bumps in a road they travel regularly. And adverse driving conditions or driver distractions which significantly increase the chance of a crash can make things even worse.

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Additional hazards from road construction, heavy equipment, lane changes, road surfaces and changing speed limits all can distract drivers who are natural gawkers when it comes to unusual activity.

Keep in mind, I-4 through Orlando is a variable-speed zone. During times of high congestion and/or adverse conditions, the posted speed is decreased by the state Department of Transportation. During construction, these speeds will be decreased even more.

Here are 10 tips for commuters during the I-4 Ultimate construction job. And although some are common sense, don't take anything for granted during this stressful, extended road project:

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