



I-4 Ultimate barr interchange

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MAITLAND, Fla. (WOFL FOX 35 ORLANDO) - The time has come to bring in the heavy machinery for the I-4 Ultimate Project. Temporary barrier walls will go up along Interstate 4 in Maitland late Sunday night, and they'll be in place for several nights. Drivers going eastbound will need to watch out for machinery and construction workers next to the interstate.

"Starting Sunday night, and for a few days next week, there is a barrier wall going up here in Maitland," said Florida Department of Transportation spokesman Steve Olson. "They need that space so they can start removing a great big dirt pile we have up here."

Crews used all that dirt a few years ago to fill in a sink hole next to the highway. Now they will remove that dirt and use it as filler for the Interstate Four construction project.

Olson says the barrier walls might make the lanes in Maitland look narrow. He says the travel lanes through there will still be the normal twelve feet wide, but Olson adds there will be no room for error.

"These barrier walls are going up, and you have to pay attention to what's going on around you, and you can't be on the phone or texting or anything like that," Olson said.

Olson points out that drivers will notice more changes in the coming weeks.

"Then probably some activity happening down on that eastbound Ivanhoe Exit, which is going to be going away eventually. You're probably going to see barrier walls going up right in the area where Interstate 4 and the 408 go together."

It's a new era of barriers and barrels on Interstate Four. They will be common sites over the next six years, starting with a big pile of dirt.

The Maitland work could lead to single lane closures eastbound at night next week, and we could also see the eastbound on-ramp to Interstate Four at Maitland Blvd. shut down for brief periods of time at night.

You can get weekly updates on lane closures and milestones in the I-4 Ultimate Project by visiting www.myfoxorlando.com





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