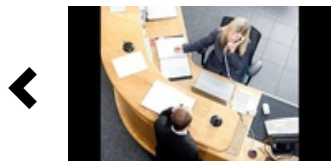


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I-4 Ultimate work heats up with bridge work through metro area

Pile driving to continue durring daytime hours

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ORLANDO, Fla - Heavy rains Friday morning meant big slowdowns on I-4 near Par Street. A jack-knifed semi truck blocked the eastbound lanes shortly before noon.

Road rangers then closed two lanes of westbound traffic after flooding caused by construction activities and unusually heavy rain flooded the road.

Bridgework continues through the metro area as demolition takes place downtown between Church Street and Robinson.

Pilings and support beams are being placed at exits up through Par Street.

I-4 Ultimate Public Information officer, Dave Parks, says between 400 and 600 new workers are expected to be hired as work increases.

"This is a design-build job. Crews have been working on design plans and some of the plans have been released for construction. It means more work can be done."

With more work come more noise. project managers tell News Six most of the pile driving will continue during the day because of the noise. We found workers this week installing sound barrier wall through the College park area. This is one of eight residential areas along the 21-mile stretch where barriers will go up.

Now that eastbound traffic has shifted to the center lanes through College Park and Winter Park, the work of removing the old roadway begins.

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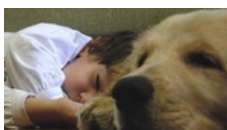
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