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I-4 Ultimate project announces permanent ramp closures

ORLANDO — Two ramps on eastbound Interstate 4 (I-4) — exit ramp to Ivanhoe Boulevard and entrance ramp from South Street — will close permanently as construction on the I-4 Ultimate project kicks into high gear.

The Ivanhoe Boulevard exit ramp from eastbound I-4 is scheduled to close overnight on Sunday, June 21. Alternate routes include Princeton Street (Exit 85) and Amelia Street (Exit 83A). The Ivanhoe Boulevard eastbound entrance ramp to I-4 and westbound I-4 exit ramp will remain open. <http://i4ultimate.com/construction-info/ivanhoe/>

“The Ivanhoe Boulevard exit ramp is being eliminated due to limited space in the area to widen I-4, reconstruct the interchange and install necessary drainage,” said Loreen Bobo, P.E., I-4 Ultimate Construction Program Manager.

The South Street entrance ramp to eastbound I-4 is scheduled to close the second week in July. Alternate routes include the eastbound I-4 entrance ramps at Anderson Street and near the intersection of Garland Avenue and Concord Street. The permanent ramp closure of the South Street entrance ramp is necessary for the reconstruction of the I-4 interchange at State Road 408, among one of Florida's most heavily traveled areas.

The Florida Department of Transportation is coordinating with the City of Orlando to ensure community members and business owners are aware of the upcoming ramp closures. The project team is conducting door-to-door canvassing of the area to remind residents and businesses of these closures and answer questions. In addition to detour signs and variable message boards in the areas, information on ramp closures is included on I4Ultimate.com and weekly construction alerts sent to more than 6,400 motorists who have signed up for the service online.

The I-4 Ultimate project is rebuilding 21 miles of Interstate 4 from west of Kirkman Road in Orange County to east of 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 roadway.

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