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Traffic shift on Kirkman Rd opens first I-4 Ultimate bridge

ORLANDO — A traffic shift of northbound Kirkman Road (State Road 435) will open the I-4 Ultimate project's first new bridge.

Beginning Sunday, November 6, the northbound lanes of Kirkman Road will be shifted to a newly constructed bridge over westbound Interstate 4 (I-4). In conjunction with the new bridge opening, the eastbound I-4 exit ramp (Exit 75B) to northbound Kirkman Road will be shifting to the west. Motorists will need to exit approximately a quarter of a mile sooner on I-4 for this new temporary ramp. Both traffic shifts are scheduled to be ready by 5 a.m. on Monday, November 7.

An illustration of the northbound Kirkman Road and eastbound I-4 exit ramp traffic shifts are available online at <http://fdot.tips/Krkm>.

As I-4 Ultimate crews work to put the new shifts into place, northbound Kirkman Road over I-4 and the eastbound I-4 entrance ramp from northbound Kirkman Road will be closed beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday and ending at 5 a.m. on Monday. View the detours for these closures at <http://fdot.tips/KrkmDetour>.

Opening of the first new bridge to motorists is another milestone for the 21-mile I-4 Ultimate project. More than 140 bridges will be widened, added or replaced when the project is completed in 2021.

Work on the northbound Kirkman Road bridge over westbound I-4 began early in the project. Rolling roadblocks on westbound I-4 occurred in March of this year, giving crane operators a safe area to hoist massive steel girders into position for the new bridge. Girders, some as long as 160 feet and seven feet tall, were placed during the rolling roadblock operations. During the summer months, work continued on the bridge, as crews finalized abutments at either end of the spans and constructed mechanically stabilized earth walls, or MSEs.

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.

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