### WB I-4 Rolling Roadblocks and On-Ramp Closures for Bridge Work Near S.R. 408

ORLANDO — Rolling roadblocks on westbound Interstate 4 (I-4) from Maitland to downtown Orlando are scheduled between 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, and Friday, September 9. Rolling roadblocks will continue on Saturday, September 10, if needed. The westbound I-4 rolling roadblocks will begin north of Maitland Boulevard (State Road 414). The rolling roadblock and temporary closures of westbound I-4 entrance ramps create a 30-minute window for crews to remove girders extending over I-4 from the old westbound State Road 408 entrance ramp from Orange Avenue/Lucerne Circle.

Two or three rolling roadblocks are scheduled to occur each night. As the rolling roadblock passes each interchange, Florida Highway Patrol troopers will reopen its entrance ramp. In total, 10 westbound I-4 entrance ramps between Maitland Boulevard and South Street will be temporarily closed during the rolling roadblocks. The westbound I-4 entrance ramp from South Street will be closed during the duration of each night's rolling roadblock

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operations from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. For a map of on-ramp closures, visit http://fdot.tips/WBI4slowroll.

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. For real-time traffic information on I-4, including up-to-date progress on rolling roadblocks, stay tuned to the Florida Department of Transportation's 511 Traveler Information System. Visit FL511.com for interactive roadway maps showing traffic congestion and crashes, travel times and traffic camera views. The I-4 Ultimate project is rebuilding 21 miles of Interstate 4 (I-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.



#### **About The FDOT**

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on FDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- •Facilitate liaisons between the Prime Contractor and DBEs.
- •Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor.
- •Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.
- •Help DBEs produce sound bid proposals.

## **About The Program**

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with FDOT as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

# Bridge Construction: Work to begin on new Pensacola Bay Bridge in Florida this month

Skanska USA has signed a \$398.5 million contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to rebuild the Pensacola Bay Bridge in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, Fla.

The 3.7-mile long project will replace the existing four-lane bridge—built in the 1960s—with two new, three-lane bridges connecting the communities of Pensacola and Gulf Breeze.

"The Pensacola area is one of Florida's fastest-growing regions, with a rising number of residents and tourists and a clear need for new infrastructure investment," said Jim Goyer, Vice President of Florida operations for Skanska USA Civil, in a release.

"The reconstruction of the 50-yearold Pensacola Bay Bridge will improve the chief gateway to the area's popular beachfront destinations, while creating new jobs and positive economic impact." In addition to building new bridge spans in each direction, the project scope will include new roadway approaches, retaining walls, an aesthetic lighting package, shore protection, roadway construction and a wishbonetied arch supporting the shared paths adjacent to the main bridge span.

Skanska was awarded the project following an extensive design-build competition and review process that was timed to coincide with the end of the existing bridge's 50-year life span.

Skanska will also be responsible for removal and disposal of the existing bridge. Construction of the new bridge is projected to begin in September 2016 and completion is slated for August 2020.



### FDOT Contractors 2016 Meetings

Contractor meetings are a good avenue to network with prime contractors showcase your DBE Company.

Meet with FDOT personnel form the districts such as District Engineers, District Secretary, EOO personnel, State Director of Construction and President of Florida Transportation Builders Association.

Great information is also provided about procedural changes within FDOT, upcoming lettings and important legislative information that impact the civil construction industry.

Dates and districts:

District 5 – Tuesday, October 4, 2016 Details: 386-943-5479

District 1 – Wednesday, October 5, 2016 Details: 863-519-2222

District 4,6 & Turnpike - Thurs. Oct. 6, 2016

Details: 954-934-1110

District 2 – Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Details: 386-758-3715

District 3 – Weds., October 12, 2016

Details: 850-330-1438

District 7 – Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Details: 813-975-6113

## **Supportive Services Offered**



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website
- Plan Reading



CEI is an educational organization providing the highest quality construction training in the industry. Over 100,000 owners, estimators, project managers, field supervisors, office support staff, foremen, laborers, and key management personnel have attended courses that are offered nationwide. The courses provide students with construction skills training and the critical information needed to be effective within their companies and organizations.