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Dynamic Envelope Marking Rail Safety Project at Various Locations in Palm Beach and Martin Counties Full Overnight Closure Frequently Asked Questions Sheet

The Dynamic Envelope Marking Rail Safety Project is part of a federal grant project to provide safety enhancements at thirteen crossings of roadways with active rail corridors. The grant scope includes work by the railroad agencies and by the Florida Department of Transportation. Rail improvements have been ongoing at various locations during the past year, and roadway improvements began on August 28, 2023. Project improvements consist of replacing railroad crossing panels, upgrading railroad signalization and gate systems, milling and resurfacing the pavement, installing signage, pavement markings, and sod, and performing utility adjustments at the following railroad crossings in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Full overnight closures are required to perform Railroad Panel Rehabilitation at Aviation Boulevard in Palm Beach County and SW Tommy Clements Street in Martin County. The closures are necessary to allow workers to safely perform repairs to the CSX Railway. The panels cannot be installed in partial segments as the steel tracks must be continuous across the roadway crossing. The existing tracks will be rehabilitated to repair defective rails and improve ride quality by replacing the crossing surface. This rehabilitation is required at this time since the current crossings are nearing the end of their functional service life, at which time a more impactful, unanticipated closure may be necessary. The Florida Department of Transportation and CSXT railroad agency have pre-arranged to minimize the impacts of the closure to the maximum extent possible by pre-assembling track components, staging equipment, and personnel and implementing an Emergency Active Plan with local officials and emergency services.

Aviation Boulevard - The full closure will begin at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, until 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21. The full closure will begin with one lane closing at 6 p.m. with flaggers directing traffic until both directions are closed at 8 p.m. During this time, no local traffic will be able to use Aviation Boulevard to enter or exit North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport.

SW Tommy Clements Street – The full closure will begin at 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28, until 8 a.m., Friday morning, Sept. 29. The full closure will begin with one lane closing at 6 p.m., with flaggers directing traffic until both directions are closed at 8 p.m. During this time, no local traffic will be able to use SW Tommy Clements Street to enter or exit the community.

FAQ – Aviation Boulevard

Q: What if I need to enter the airport in my vehicle during the full road closure?

A: Please arrange with your organization to exit or enter the area outside of the designated closure hours. The airport is aware of the closure and has notified air traffic and organizations that frequent this facility of the impending downtime on Sept. 20 and Sept. 21.

Q: Can I park my vehicle on SR 710/Beeline Highway or Aviation Boulevard during the full closure hours so I can enter and exit the community during the full road closure?

A: No.

Q: What if I have an emergency and require police, fire, or emergency rescue services?

A: Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and a Florida Highway Portal Officer will be on-site and the project team has coordinated an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) with emergency services to ensure that first responder access is maintained during the closure.

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FAQ – SW Tommy Clements Street

Q: What if I need to enter the community during the full road closure for work or school?

A: Please arrange with your work, school, etc., to exit or enter the area outside of the designated closure hours. The roadway surface will not be traversable during the closure period. The work will be completed, and the roadway will be opened as soon as possible.

Q: Is it permissible to park my vehicle on SR 710/SW Warfield Boulevard at SW Tommy Clements Street or along the sides of SW Tommy Clements Street near SR 710/SW Warfield Boulevard during the full closure hours to allow me to enter and exit the community by foot while the road is completely closed?

A: No. It is not advisable to park or leave your vehicle on the perimeter of the project site. The SR 710/Warfield Corridor includes high-speed traffic, and vehicles or pedestrians on the side of the road may create a hazard. Unattended vehicles may be removed by law enforcement.

If it is necessary to enter or exit the community during these hours, please make arrangements for off-site transportation that does not require a vehicle to cross the track area directly.

Q: How do I access transportation I have coordinated to pick me up and drop me off at the intersection of SW Tommy Clements Street and SR 710/SW Warfield Boulevard during the full closure hours?

A: A flagger will be available to help you cross the project limits as needed. Please advise Community Outreach Specialist Melissa Readling at mreadling@corradino.com or at 772-577-8803 by 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 so she can advise the project team. Last-minute accommodations can be made on-site after 6 p.m.

After the 6 p.m. start of operations, a railroad flagger and Martin County Sheriff will be on site to assist pedestrians traversing the work site. Please approach these personnel and remain outside the work zone until you are escorted across the active work area.

Please be aware that our team highly discourages any unnecessary crossings, as these will require a stoppage of work and may delay the reopening of the roadway. Due to the nature of the work, please be aware that it will be necessary to cross an uneven, unfinished surface if entering or exiting the community during active work operations.

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Q: How will my student access their school bus to get to school on Friday, Sept. 29?

A: The project team and the Martin County School District (MCSD) have developed the following plan:

- Sept 28: 7:00 p.m. is the final anticipated time when a bus is scheduled to enter the community.
- Sept 29: Three school buses will be arriving throughout the morning for pick-ups at the intersection of SR 710/SW Warfield Boulevard and SW Tommy Clements Street between 6:40 a.m. and 8:25 a.m.
- Parents within the community shall bring their children to the crossing and CSXT will assist the assigned law enforcement officers with escorting the bus occupants across the tracks to the school bus as needed.
- A railroad flagman and Martin County Sherriff will escort the students across the construction area in groups to ensure safety. Please remain outside of the work zone until you are escorted across by these personnel.
- School buses will be traveling southbound on SR 710/Warfield Blvd and will be required to pull off and park parallel to the road to allow for the students to board safely. The project team will ensure all construction equipment and material some 15' west of SR 710/SW Warfield Boulevard will be moved as far as is feasible to allow the school busses additional room to safely pull off SR 710/SW Warfield Boulevard when loading the school bus occupants.
- Arrangements have been made for two Martin County Sheriffs to be present, with one officer and their vehicle located on each side of the railroad crossing during school bus pick up.

Q: What if I have an emergency and require police, fire, or emergency rescue services?

A: The project team has coordinated an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) with emergency services to ensure that first responder access is maintained during the closure. Local emergency dispatch has been provided direct contact information for the railroad operations supervisor. If an emergency call is placed which requires the entry of EMT or Fire Rescue response teams, construction operations will immediately cease, and a temporary crossing will be created for the emergency response vehicles. Additionally, the on-site Martin County Sherriff located on the community side of the railroad crossing will provide rapid response to the emergency.

Please contact project spokesperson Melissa Readling at mreadling@corradino.com or (772) 577-8803 with any questions or comments.