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Road Work For I-595 Improvement Project Begins

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DAVIE (CBS4) — A greenway is being built and sound barrier walls are going up along I-595 as part of a \$1.2 billion expansion and improvement project, and now the work on the actual highway began Monday.

The first phase of the road construction will affect a 3.5 mile long section of the highway from Nob Hill Road to Davie Road.

In addition to widening the bridges, workers will install new ramp systems where the entrance ramps will pass over exit ramps using an overpass structure; currently drivers use the same lane to enter and exit the highway, often jockeying for position to get on or off I-595.

According to the I-595 project website, workers will widen the existing westbound bridge over Nob Hill Road to the north and the south to accommodate three toll lanes and five westbound lanes. They will also widen the existing eastbound bridge over Nob Hill Road to the south for a new eastbound off-ramp east of the Nob Hill Road intersection. At Pine Island Road they will demolish existing westbound bridge and build new bridge that will include three toll lanes, four westbound lanes, and two exit ramp lanes to Nob Hill Road and WB SR-84. The eastbound bridge will be widened to accommodate eastbound I-595 lanes; build a new 3-span, single lane bridge over Pine Island Road for a new eastbound bypass ramp for exiting traffic.

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The I-595 Corridor Roadway Improvements project stretches from the I-595/I-95 interchange to the I-75/Sawgrass Expressway.

When completed there will be reversible toll lanes from I-75/Sawgrass Expressway to SR 7 with a connection to the Florida's Turnpike. Like the express lanes on I-95, these lanes will have variable tolls based the flow of traffic.

Other improvements include:

- SR 84's frontage road will be continuous between Davie Road and SR7.
- 2.5 miles of the Florida Turnpike's mainline will be widened and improvements to the I-595/Florida's Turnpike interchange.
- Grade separated entrance and exit ramps.
- Construction of the New River Greenway, a component of the Broward County Greenway System.
- 13 sound barriers providing noise abatement for 21 communities.
- Implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) / Express Bus service within the corridor.

Much of the work for the improvement project will be done overnight. The project is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2014.

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