

I-595 ramp closures begin Tuesday night

Westbound exit to Nob Hill, westbound entrance from Pine Island to close for 135 days



By [Michael Turnbell](#), Sun Sentinel

3:15 p.m. EDT, July 4, 2011

Some Interstate 595 commuters will need to plan alternate routes beginning Tuesday night when the first in a series of long-term ramp closures begin.

The westbound exit to Nob Hill Road and the westbound entrance from State Road 84 west of Pine Island Road will close at 10 p.m. Tuesday for 4 1/2 months.

The closure is necessary so crews can finish building a pair of braided ramps that will take the Nob Hill exit ramp on a bridge over the entrance ramp.

The braided ramps will eliminate the dangerous weaving that occurs when traffic enters I-595 as drivers are trying to cut over to make the next exit.

"The benefits will be immediate and driving conditions will be dramatically improved as soon as the new ramps open," said Laila Haddad, a project spokeswoman.

During the closures, westbound I-595 drivers will be able to get to Nob Hill by exiting at Pine Island and continuing west on S.R. 84 to Nob Hill. Or they can exit at Hiatus, turn left under the I-595 overpass and continue on eastbound S.R. 84 to Nob Hill.

Drivers from Pine Island who want to go west on I-595 will be able to use the on-ramp just west of Nob Hill.

The first major impact to commuters probably won't be felt until the Wednesday evening rush hour, since I-595 traffic is heavier westbound in the afternoon.

Adding to drivers' misery: The U-turn lanes under I-595 at Pine Island, Hiatus and Southwest 136th Avenue that connect eastbound and westbound S.R. 84 are closed so crews can work on bridges in the median over each cross street.

"I believe this will cause massive gridlock on S.R. 84 westbound ... without the aid of the closed U-turn [at Hiatus]," said Les Kosseff of [Davie](#).

The contractor is working with [Broward County](#) traffic engineers to re-time traffic signals at intersections that will handle more traffic while the ramps are closed.

mturnbell@tribune.com, 954-356-4155, Twitter [@MikeTurnpike](#), [Facebook](#) at www.sunsentinel.com/concreteideas