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First Major I-595 Ramp Closure

Get ready for delays

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A photo of I-595 westbound ramps scheduled to close Tuesday night.

Get ready for a detour. Tuesday night I-595 westbound on and off ramps at Pine Island Road and Nob Hill Road will be off limits until November.

"It's scheduled for 135 days," said Paul Lampley with the Florida Department of Transportation.

The lane closures will go into effect at 10 p.m.

Crews are shutting them down to replace them with what they call "braided ramps" so traffic getting on 595 will no longer have to dodge traffic getting off.

It's the first major ramp closure of the project that is scheduled to finish in summer 2014 and will add reversible express lanes down the center of the highway.

There are consequences for ACS Infrastructure Development, parent company of 595 Express LLC, to avoid finishing late too.

The company will lose \$1 million dollars a day for each day it misses schedule on the ramps reopening, Lampley said.

He also noted crews will be monitoring delays in the closure area and adjusting signals to help ease the heavier traffic flow.