

New State Road 9B to open

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The new State Road 9B, connecting U.S. 1/Philips Highway to Interstate 95, is scheduled to open to traffic in stages starting this weekend, the Florida Department of Transportation announced Wednesday.

Southbound lanes and ramps of the new roadway will open Sunday morning and northbound lanes and ramps are scheduled to open the following week, FDOT said.

During the final stages of the project, the southbound lanes of the Interstate 295 east beltway between Baymeadows Road and U.S. 1 are scheduled to close Saturday and Sunday night from midnight to 5 a.m. while overhead signs are installed. Southbound I-295 traffic will be detoured to Baymeadows Road, Southside Boulevard and U.S. 1.

Phase 2 of FDOT's State Road 9B project began in 2013 and cost \$95 million. It includes a new interchange at I-95, interchange upgrades at U.S. 1 and overpasses at Veveras Drive and U.S. 1. The project also includes entrance and exit lanes on U.S. 1 and I-95 at the new interchange, utility work and roadway signage. Phase 2 connects the I-295 eastern beltway to I-95.

Phase 3 of State Road 9B, currently under construction, will connect I-95 to County Road 2209 and to Race Track Road via a connector road, Peyton Parkway, in St. Johns County.

The third and final phase began in August and is scheduled for completion in 2018.