

Southbound drivers on State Road (SR) 85 will encounter a traffic shift beginning Wednesday morning, April 6. Traffic will be detoured to a newly constructed service road near the Northwest Florida Regional Airport. Access to the airport will be provided via a dedicated left turn lane from the service road to the airport entrance.

Directional signs will be posted to guide drivers through the construction zone. The speed limit will be reduced to 30 mph in the work zone and provisions will continue to be in place for doubling speeding fines when workers are present.

This section of SR 85 is being widened to six lanes, and the travel lanes are being elevated to create a new grade-separated airport entrance. When the work is completed, SR 85 southbound drivers will enter the Northwest Florida Regional Airport parking area via a service road and underpass. The new entrance will separate airport traffic from through traffic to help relieve congestion and improve safety.

Work also includes construction of a new flyover ramp that will carry SR 85 northbound drivers seamlessly to SR 123 northbound. The \$25.1 million construction initiative is slated for completion in mid 2012.

All construction activities are weather dependent and may be postponed or re-scheduled in the event of inclement weather.

More information is available online at www.SR85-123.com.