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New Traffic Pattern Planned on I4 at SR 557 (Exit # 48) Interchange Motorists will begin using the new bridge Friday, January 13, 2023

Bartow, Fla. – Motorists traveling over I4 or entering and exiting I4 at the SR 557 Interchange (Exit # 48) in Polk County will soon follow a new traffic pattern on SR 557 that includes using the dog bone roundabouts on the new bridge. Thursday night, January 12 into early Friday morning, January 13, crews plan to shift traffic from the existing SR 557 bridge to the new bridge and open the new eastbound entrance ramp from SR 557 to Interstate 4. The changes are pending any unforeseen circumstances such as weather.

This temporary traffic pattern differs from the final pattern while crews continue to rebuild the entire interchange. Motorists exiting the Interstate at SR 557 (Exit #48) will continue to use the existing ramps but will encounter the new temporary traffic patterns once they approach the new bridge.

On Thursday night, January 12, all eastbound I4 entrance and exit ramps and the westbound exit ramp from I4 to SR 557 (Exit #48) will be closed as crews stripe the new roadway, install barrier wall and shift traffic onto the new bridge over I4. Motorists should use caution, watch for changes in the traffic pattern and follow the posted detours.

- **Eastbound I-4 Entrance Detour:** Southbound SR 557 traffic will continue south to CR 557A, turn right (west) to SR 559 turn left (south) to the I-4 Eastbound entrance at SR 559 (Exit 44). Northbound CR 557 traffic will follow the same detour starting at CR 557A.
- **Eastbound I-4 Exit Detour:** Motorists will exit at SR 559 (Exit 44) turn left (north) onto SR 559, turn right (east) onto CR 557A back to CR 557. Those who miss the SR 559 exit (Exit 44) will continue east on I-4 to US 27 (Exit 55) turn right (south) to US 17/92 turn right (west) back to CR 557.
- **Westbound I-4 Exit Detour:** Pass the exit ramp and continue west on I-4 to SR 559 (Exit 44) turn right (north) to CR 557A, turn right (east) back to CR 557.

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Note: New traffic pattern animation included. <https://youtu.be/V-bhXvwqiNI>