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Virgin Trains Bridge Construction Brings Changes for Drivers in Central Florida

ORLANDO, FL. (December 23, 2019) – As Virgin Trains, formerly Brightline, continues to clear land along the Beachline Expressway/SR 528 corridor in Orange and Brevard counties, construction is also underway to build 18 bridges and three underpasses to carry the high-speed rail connecting Orlando to south Florida. Currently, motorists can expect to see some traffic changes as road and bridge work takes shape at various locations:

- Narcoossee Rd.
 - The eastbound Beachline Expressway/SR 528 exit ramp to Narcoossee Rd. has been reduced from two lanes to one lane to construct a rail bridge, which will cross over Narcoossee Rd. south of SR 528. Once the bridge work is completed, a newly designed two-lane exit ramp will be built south of the existing ramp.
 - Expected completion: Summer 2021

- SR 417 at SR 528
 - Intermittent lane closures, the majority during night-time hours, will occur along northbound and southbound SR 417 and on exit ramps between the two toll roads, to build a rail bridge. The bridge will be constructed over SR 417, south of the SR 528 interchange.
 - Expected completion: Summer 2021

- Cargo Rd. (Orlando International Airport)
 - Cargo Rd. will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Bear Rd. and Casa Verde Rd., beginning January 6, to reconstruct the Cargo Rd. interchange with Jeff Fuqua Blvd. Once completed, a new Cargo Rd. bridge will travel over the Virgin Trains' tracks located east of Jeff Fuqua Blvd.
 - Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes and plan extra travel time.
 - Expected completion: Spring 2021

Virgin Trains' Orlando extension project consists of 170 miles of track and will extend service from West Palm Beach to Central Florida. The project is expected to take three years to complete. Once completed, the Orlando extension is expected to remove three million cars from the roads annually. For additional construction information visit the [Brightline Railroad Construction website](#).

About Virgin Trains

Virgin Trains, formerly known as Brightline, is the first privately funded passenger rail system in America in over a century. Virgin Trains is designed to reinvent travel and take cars off the road by connecting city pairs and congested corridors that are too close to fly and too long to drive. Providing fast, efficient, hospitality-driven transportation featuring the latest in customer-friendly amenities, Virgin Trains currently operates in Florida between Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, with plans to expand to Orlando, Boca Raton, Aventura and PortMiami. The company is also on track to break ground between Las Vegas and Southern California in 2020