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Palm Beach County Traffic Report August 12 through August 18, 2006

Palm Beach County – Palm Beach County traffic will be affected this week by ongoing construction projects and maintenance work, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) officials report. **Weather permitting;** closures will be in effect on I-95, Southern Blvd. (SR80) and in other areas throughout Palm Beach County for construction activities.

For around-the-clock, real-time traffic information within the tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties), travelers should **call 511**. For I-95 Palm Beach County traffic reports just say "I-95 or Interstate 95". Information is also available on-line at www.511southflorida.com.

To view real-time video of I-95 in Palm Beach County, visit the FDOT I-95 Interim Traffic Management System (ITMS) website at www.palmbeachcotraffic.org. These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners. For updated lane closure information, please refer to www.pbfdot.com.

I-95 Corridor Projects:

I-95 HOV Expansion, South of 6th Avenue South to 10th Avenue North

The **\$58.8 million, 1.8 mile construction project began July 6, 2004**, and calls for widening I-95 from six lanes to 10 lanes (including HOV lanes); widening the existing Lake Worth Viaduct Bridge; replacing the existing bridge over 6th Avenue South; and reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of Lake Worth Road and 6th Avenue South. Drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement marking, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and communications elements are included as is the construction of two new parking lots for Lake Worth High School. Noise walls will be constructed along the east side of I-95 between 12th Avenue South and 10th Avenue North, with shoulder mounted noise walls installed along the west side of I-95 between 12th Ave. South and south of 10th Ave. North. The project was awarded to Astaldi Construction Company, and is expected to be **complete by June 2007**.

Restriction: Lake Worth Rd. under the I-95 overpass will undergo a complete closure, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Monday, August 21, until Friday morning, August 24. The southbound exit ramp to 6th Ave. South and the southbound entrance ramp from 6th Ave. South are closed completely for reconstruction until approximately January 2007.

I-95 HOV Expansion, 10th Avenue North to South of Southern Boulevard, (SR80)

The **\$45 million, 3-mile construction project** will expand the existing 6-lane facility to create a 10-lane highway which includes one general purpose lane and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction and additional auxiliary lanes. The project provides for mainline ramp reconstruction and the widening of the existing bridges over 17th Ave. North, Forest Hill Blvd., Summit Blvd., and the C-51 Canal. Additional enhancements include: improved drainage; extensive sound barrier and retaining wall construction; new signing, pavement marking, lighting, and landscaping; and the installation of communications elements. The construction, which **began January 2004**, is being performed by Hubbard Construction Company and is

expected to be **complete by January 2008**. Project limits begin at 10th Ave. North and extend to just south of Southern Blvd. (SR80).

Restriction: Two lanes of I-95 southbound at Forest Hill Blvd. will be closed, 9 p.m., until 5:30 a.m., Sunday, August 13, until Friday morning, August 18. The southbound entrance ramp to I-95 from Forest Hill Blvd. will be completely closed, 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, August 20, until Wednesday morning, August 23. Traffic will be detoured to 10th Ave. via Congress Ave. and Dixie Hwy. The southbound exit ramp to Forest Hill Boulevard will be completely closed, 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, until Friday morning, August 25. Traffic will be detoured at Southern Blvd. and 10th Ave. South.

I-95/ SR 80 Interchange

The **\$34.3 million, .6-mile**, construction project calls for the reconstruction of the I-95/Southern Blvd. (SR80) Interchange and improvements to Southern Blvd. (SR80) between Gem Lake Rd. and Parker Ave.. Major revisions include new bridges over I-95 and the railroad, reconstruction of the interstate ramps, landscaping and lighting. The construction work, which **began March 8, 2004**, is being performed by Archer Western Contractors, Inc., and is expected to be **complete by the end of August 2006**. The project limits on I-95 begin just south of and extend to just north of the Southern Blvd. (SR80) Interchange. Project limits on Southern Blvd. (SR80) begin at Gem Lake Rd. and extend to Parker Ave.

Restriction: Two lanes of I-95 will be closed in each direction, nightly, 8 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Sunday, August 13, until Friday morning, August 18. The northbound off ramp to Belvedere Rd. will be closed completely, 10 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Sunday, August 13, through Wednesday morning, August 16th. Traffic will be detoured to Okeechobee Blvd. and back to Belvedere Rd. via the airport interchange. The ramps at the Southern Blvd. interchange will be shifted for paving and striping (no major lane width changes), nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., and daily, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Sunday, August 13, until Saturday, August 19. One lane in each direction of Southern Blvd. between Parker Ave. and Gem Lake Dr. will be closed, 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday, August 12. One lane in each direction of Southern Blvd. between Parker Ave. and Congress Ave. will be closed nightly, 8 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., and daily, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Sunday, August 13, until Saturday, August 19.

I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Southern Boulevard (SR80) to North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard

The last of eight I-95 Mobility 2000 projects managed by the Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) firm, The Corradino Group, begins just north of Southern Blvd. (SR80) and extends north **4.2 miles** to just north of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard. The **\$75.8 million** project, which **began January 3, 2005** calls for widening I-95 from six lanes to ten lanes (including HOV lanes); replacing the existing bridge at Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard; replacing Australian Ave. and Congress Ave. existing bridges over I-95, and modification of the mainline ramps. This project also includes drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement markings, lighting, sound wall, irrigation and communications elements. Hubbard Construction Company was awarded the contract and is expected to **complete the project July 2009**, with incentives for early completion.

Restriction: Two outside lanes of I-95 northbound will be closed at Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., Tuesday, August 15. The inside lanes of the I-95 northbound and southbound off ramps at Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed intermittently, daily, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday, August 14, through Saturday morning, August 18. Two lanes of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. will be closed in each direction, daily, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., and nightly, 8 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, August 14, through Saturday, August 19.

I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to North of Blue Heron Boulevard

Construction of the seventh of eight I-95 Mobility 2000 projects began Monday, **November 1, 2004**. The **4.6 mile** project extends from just north of Palm Beach Lakes to just north of Blue Heron Boulevard. The **\$74 million** project calls for widening I-95 from six and eight lanes to ten and 12 lanes (including HOV lanes);

widening the existing SR 710 (Beeline Highway) bridge; replacing the existing bridges over 45th Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; reconstruction of the mainline ramps as well as portions of 45th Street and Blue Heron Boulevard; and includes drainage improvements, retaining walls, signing and pavement markings, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and communications elements. Archer Western Contractors was awarded the contract and is expected to **complete the project July 2008**.

Restriction: Blue Heron Blvd. under I-95 will be reduced to two lanes in each direction, daily, 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday, August 14, through Saturday, August 19.

I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Blue Heron Boulevard to South of PGA Boulevard

One general-use lane, outside existing travel lanes, and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane, within the median, will be constructed in each direction by PCL Civil Constructors, Inc. Bridges at Northlake Blvd., Holly Dr. and Burns Rd. will be reconstructed and improvements to ramps and adjacent side streets will be made. Shoulders will be widened, sound barrier wall will be added, and new lighting and drainage systems will be installed. The **3-mile, \$68 million** design/build project **began August 2002**, and is expected to be **complete August 2006**. Project limits begin just north of Blue Heron Blvd. and continue to just south of PGA Blvd.

Restriction: Northlake Blvd. will have intermittent single lane closures in each direction daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, August 14, through Friday, August 18.

Southern Blvd. (SR80) Projects:

Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of US 441/SR 7 to West of the Florida Turnpike

The last of four major projects to expand Southern Blvd. (SR80) between I-95 and Forest Hill Blvd., started **Wednesday, February 2, 2005**. The 2.6 mile project begins just west of US 441/ SR 7 and extends to just west of Florida's Turnpike. Part of the overall expansion and improvements planned for the corridor, Southern Blvd. (SR 80) will be widened from the existing four lanes to eight lanes with the addition of a new interchange at US 441/SR7. Other improvements provided in this **\$29 million construction contract** include the reconstruction of the Benoist Farms Rd. Bridge over the C-51 Canal, new street lighting, signalization, signage, and pavement marking, installation of a new drainage system, and landscaping. Project **completion is expected during mid-year 2007**, and is being performed by Community Asphalt Corp., Inc.

Restriction: The westbound and eastbound SR 80 turn lane at Benoist Farms Rd. is closed through Monday, August 21 for underground gas main relocation. Variable message boards will be in place to assist motorists.

Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of Florida's Turnpike to West of Haverhill Road

Part of the overall expansion planned for the Southern Blvd. (SR80) corridor, this **2.5-mile** project calls for the widening of the roadway from four to eight lanes and a new interchange at Jog Rd. The construction, performed by Community Asphalt, **began August 2003**, and includes new street lighting, new signalization, signage and pavement marking, landscaping, irrigation, and drainage. The **\$19.9 million construction contract** is expected to be **complete by October 2006**.

Restriction: One westbound lane of SR 80 will be closed, Monday, August 14, through Saturday August 19, at various locations throughout the project limits. There is a new traffic pattern on eastbound SR 80. Motorists are advised to use caution until they are familiar with the new pattern.

Southern Blvd. (SR80), West of Haverhill Road to West of Congress Avenue

Part of the overall expansion planned for the Southern Blvd. (SR80) corridor, this **2-mile** project calls for the widening of the roadway from four lanes to eight lanes with new interchanges at Haverhill Rd. and Military Trail. New bridges over the C-51 Canal are included at Haverhill Rd., Military Trail and Kirk Rd. The construction, performed by Archer Western Contractors, Ltd., **began July 2003**, and includes new street

lighting, new signalization and pavement marking, landscaping, irrigation and drainage. The **\$47 million construction contract** is expected to be **complete by fall 2007**.

Restriction: No lane restrictions at this time.

Central Palm Beach County Projects:

Dixie Highway from Lakeview Ave. (westbound Okeechobee) to Palm Beach Lakes Blvd

The **1.3-mile project** calls for the reconstruction of Dixie Hwy. and the installation of traffic calming devices such as plateaued (elevated) intersections at Clematis, Fern and Iris Streets. Improvements, being performed by Russell Engineering, include new pavement, curb and gutter, brick paver pathways, decorative lighting, extensive landscaping and irrigation, new water, gas, and gravity force mains, a new sanitary sewer system and an upgraded storm water drainage system. Once complete, Dixie Highway will consist of two southbound-only lanes between Lakeview Ave. and Banyan St.; one north and two southbound lanes between Quadrille Blvd. and Banyan St. and two north and southbound lanes between Quadrille Blvd. and Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. This **\$9.1 million construction project began July 2002**, is expected to be **complete end of August 2006**.

Restriction: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on Dixie Hwy. between Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Lakeview Ave. in support of various punch list items of work, signal work, landscaping, and irrigation, until further notice.

Olive Avenue from North of Lakeview Ave. (westbound Okeechobee) to Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.

The **1.3-mile reconstruction project**, being performed by Lanzo Construction, is divided into six phases and calls for the creation of a two-lane, northbound-only roadway between Lakeview Ave. (Westbound Okeechobee) and Quadrille Blvd., and a two-lane north and southbound facility between Quadrille Blvd. and Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Improvements, which **began September 2003**, include new pavement, curb and gutter, brick paver walkways, extensive landscaping and irrigation, a new water main, a new sanitary sewer system and an upgraded storm water drainage system. The project also installs new traffic signals at Quadrille Blvd. and Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and traffic calming treatments such as plateaued (elevated) intersections at 3rd, Clematis and Fern Streets. The \$10.5 million project includes **\$7.7 million in construction costs with completion expected November 2006**.

Restriction: Olive Ave. is open from Lakeview Ave to Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as necessary through the end of August 2006.

Lake Worth Rd. between Hadjes Dr. and Military Trail

The 2.5 mile improvement project began **July 2005** and includes repaving, new street lighting, new signalization, signage and pavement markings, landscaping and irrigation. Work will be performed by Ranger Construction Co. and is estimated to **cost \$8 million**. Completion is expected **October 2006**.

Restriction: One lane of Lake Worth Rd. will be closed periodically in each direction from West of Military Trail to Jog Rd. until further notice. One lane of Lake Worth Rd. will be closed periodically in each direction between Jog Rd. and east of Florida's Turnpike daily, Saturday, August 12, through Friday, August 18.

SR A1A/Ocean Blvd. from Sloans Curve to SR 80/Southern Blvd. and SR 80/Southern Blvd. from the Bridge to SR A1A/Ocean Blvd.

Construction has begun on this **2.3 mile** section of SR A1A from Sloan's Curve to SR 80 **June 18, 2006**. The **\$4.3 million** project, expected to be **complete end of November 2006**, consist of milling and resurfacing, roadway widening in specific areas, minor drainage improvements and repairs to the existing barrier wall. Also included in the contract are milling and resurfacing and guardrail improvements on SR 80 from the bridge to SR A1A.

Restriction: SR A1A will be restricted to one lane, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, August 14, through Friday, August 18. Flaggers will available to assist motorists.

South Palm Beach County Projects:

SR 808/Glades Road, Executive Drive to West of Airport Road

Construction began on this **.6 mile** section of Glades Rd. between Executive Dr. to West of Airport Rd., **March 19, 2006**. The **\$2.5 million** project, expected to be **complete September 2006**, calls for the milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement, widening of turn lanes for the eastbound and westbound turn lanes onto Executive Drive and onto I-95 to increase the length of the turn lanes, new curb and gutter, drainage improvements, new traffic signals at the intersection of Glades Rd. and Executive Dr. / Renaissance Way, roadway lighting improvements, new guardrail to replace existing guardrail, replacement of overhead sign structures and planting of new landscaping in median traffic separators. The construction is being performed by Carolina Consulting Corp.

Restriction: The right turn lane from westbound Glades Rd. onto northbound NW Executive Center Dr. will be closed, Saturday, August 12, through, Friday, August 18, to perform drainage and signalization improvements. Motorists will still be able to enter NW Executive Center Dr. from the outside thru lane at the intersection. Intermittent lane closures may be required to perform roadway lighting improvements for eastbound and westbound traffic between the northbound entrance to I-95 and NW Executive Center Dr., 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday August 13, through Thursday, August 17. There may be intermittent lane closures on Renaissance Way, 11 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday, August 13, through Thursday, August 17, to perform drainage improvements.

SR 808/Glades Road, NW 7th Avenue to NW 2nd Avenue

Construction began on this **.71 mile** section of Glades Rd. between NW 7th Ave. to NW 2nd Ave., **April 13, 2006**. The **\$4.8 million** project, expected to be **complete June 2007**, calls for the milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement, widening, and adding bike lanes to SR 808 (Glades Rd.) from Oaks Plaza, west of NW 13th St. to NW 2nd Ave. (Boca Raton Blvd.). In addition there will be intersection improvements at NW 13th St., signs, pavement markings and signals will be upgraded. Modifications to the existing drainage system in order to accommodate the new right turn lane at NW 13th Ave. as well as the widening of the westbound roadway are also included in this project. Modifications are also scheduled for the intersection of NW 13th Street. The current free-flowing right turn lane at NW 13th Ave. northbound to Glades Rd. eastbound will be closed and replaced with a right turn lane provided at the signalized intersection. In addition, double left turn lanes will be installed on Glades Rd. westbound at NW 13th St. The Bridge over EL Rio Canal to the north will be widened and the east rails will be upgraded to fit a realignment accommodating the double left turn lanes at NW 13th Ave. The construction is being performed by Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

Restriction: One eastbound and westbound lane of Glades Rd. is closed at the bridge and approaches over El Rio Canal .The ramp at NW 13th Ave northbound to Glades Rd. eastbound is closed permanently to motorists.

SR 804/Boynton Beach Boulevard, Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to SR5/US1

Construction has begun on this **1.3 mile** section of Boynton Beach Blvd. from Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to SR 5/US 1, **June 5, 2006**. The **\$5.9 million** project, expected to be **complete June 2007**, consist of resurfacing, upgrading bridge traffic railings, widening bridge sidewalk, signing and pavement markings, signalization, lighting, and landscaping on SR 804 (Boynton Beach Boulevard).

Restriction: One lane will be closed eastbound and westbound on SR 804/Boynton Beach Blvd from Old Boynton Beach Blvd. to Federal Hwy, until June 2007.

Three lanes of I-95 northbound and southbound at SR 804 will be closed, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday, August 13, through Friday, August 18.

North Palm Beach County Projects:

Military Trail, Okeechobee Blvd. to 45th Street

Construction began on this **3-mile** section of Military Trail between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45th St., **February 2004**. The **\$17.98 million project, expected to be complete January 2008**, calls for Military Trail to be reconstructed and widened from the current 4 lanes to create a divided, 6-lane roadway. The construction, being performed by Community Asphalt, includes drainage improvements, new signalization, new lighting, new signage and pavement marking, sound barrier wall and landscaping.

Restriction: Motorists should expect periodic single lane closures in each direction on Military Trail between Okeechobee Blvd. and 45th St., daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, August 14, through Friday, August 18. Willow Pond Rd. is closed just west of Military Trail for road reconstruction through Thursday, August 14. Roebuck Rd. will be used for detour.

Beeline Hwy. (SR710) from Northlake Blvd to PGA Blvd

The **\$7 million, 5.13 mile** construction project began **October 3, 2005**, and calls for milling and resurfacing of Beeline Hwy. (SR710) between Northlake Blvd. and just west of PGA Blvd., as well as the reconstruction of two bridges. This project also includes signalization, pavement marking, drainage improvements and landscaping. Work will be performed by Community Asphalt and is expected to be completed by **January 2007**.

Restriction: One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Beeline Hwy. (SR710) between Northlake Blvd. and PGA Blvd., through October 2006.

Beeline Hwy. (SR710) East of Military Trail to West of Northlake Blvd.

Construction began on this **3.61-mile** project on Beeline Hwy. (SR 710) from West of Military Trail to West of Northlake Blvd., **May 2006**. The **\$5 million project, expected to be complete March 2007**, consists of widening, milling, resurfacing, base work, shoulder reworking, drainage, box culverts, guardrail work, highway signing and pavement marking, and traffic signal improvements on Beeline Hwy. The construction is being performed by Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

Restriction: There will be a periodic single lane closure in each direction from Military Trail to Northlake Blvd. daily, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday, August 14, through Friday, August 18.

PGA Blvd. Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway:

The project, being performed by PCL Civil Constructors, Inc. calls for the replacement of one of the existing bridge mechanisms and refurbishment of the other. Construction **began April 4, 2005** and is expected to be complete **fall 2007** and cost **\$16.5 million**.

Restriction: Two lanes of traffic on the PGA Bridge will be maintained in each direction. VMS boards are in place to assist motorists. Please note that the speed limit has been reduced and is being strictly enforced.

SR-811 (Alt. A1A) from Center Street to Riverside Drive and the bridge over the Loxahatchee River, in Jupiter

The 0.643 mile project is being constructed by Cone & Graham, Inc. Construction **began January 9, 2006** and is expected to be completed **May 2007** and cost approximately **\$5 million**. The project consists of the repair and rehabilitation of the bridge including adding barrier wall for the roadway and the sidewalk, adding sidewalk from the bridge to Center St. on the west side of the roadway with lighting and landscaping improvements.

Restriction: The northbound inside lane will be closed to motorists and two lanes open to motorists until mid August, 2006. The southbound outside and middle lanes will be opened to motorists and the inside lane will be closed to motorists until the end of August, 2006.

CAUTION: The northbound left lane should be prepared to stop over the bridge due to traffic back up from the left turn lane at Riverside Drive.

West Palm Beach County:

SR 15/US 441, Pahokee

The \$15.3 million, 6.6 mile construction project includes classifications milling & resurfacing, widening, subsoil removal, drainage, signing, signalization and utility relocations from east of 5th St. to north of Hooker Hwy. Project features for the entire corridor include: wider travel lanes and shoulders with new signing, new pavement markings and guardrail; a reinforced driving surface; and drainage and utility enhancements. The construction, which **began December 2004**, is being performed by Community Asphalt Corp., and is expected to be **complete January 2007**.

Restriction: SR 15/US441 is currently closed to traffic in each direction, between just north of Hooker Hwy. to the New Hope Charities property. Westbound motorists are detoured west on Southern Blvd (SR80) to US98 (SR700) to Muck City Rd and to State Market Rd. Motorists traveling from Belle Glade are detoured west on SR80, north on SR715, west on Lake Ave., and north on E. Main St. 5th St. to South Padgett Circle in the Town of Pahokee will be closed until the end of August 2006. VMS boards and detour signs are in place to assist motorists.

Maintenance, Utility and Permit Closures:

Restriction: The northbound bridge on Jog Rd. between Belvedere Rd. and Okeechobee Blvd. will close periodically, 7 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., through mid August 2006 for repairs. Northbound traffic will be shifted onto the southbound bridge allowing one lane of traffic in both directions.

Restriction: The Parker Bridge/US1 in West Palm Beach will be closed, 10 p.m., Monday, August 14 until 6 a.m., Tuesday morning, August 15 for bridge repairs.

Restriction: There will be intermittent closures on the Ocean Avenue Bridge/SR 804 in Palm Beach County, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 15 for bridge repairs.

Restriction: There will be intermittent nighttime lane closures on I-95 northbound and southbound, from Hillsboro Rd. to PGA Blvd., 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., Sunday, August 13, through Friday, August 18 to repair sign structures damaged by Hurricane Wilma.

Restriction: PGA Blvd. between Florida's Turnpike and the east entrance to Mirasol is currently under construction. Westbound and eastbound traffic will be directed to the south side of PGA Blvd. Access to Mirasol walkway will only be available from the roundabout at the north end of Mirasol Dr.

