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TRAFFIC SHIFT ON S.R. 5/ U.S. 1 at S.R. A1A/ PGA BOULEVARD TO BEGIN MARCH 10

PALM BEACH GARDENS – Beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, contractors for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four Palm Beach Operations will begin installing barrier wall to prepare for a traffic shift that will begin at 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 11. The shift will close all northbound lanes of U.S. 1 at State Road (S.R.) A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive), and move northbound traffic over to the southbound side of the road to begin Phase Two of the on-going drainage improvement project underway in this area. The inside left turn lane of southbound U.S. 1 onto S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) and the outside left turn lane of eastbound PGA Boulevard onto northbound U.S. 1 will also be closed. There will be one lane open in each direction through the work zone for the duration of this phase, which will last approximately three months, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

The Oakbrook Square entrance off northbound U.S. 1 will be closed during this phase of construction. Motorists will be asked to enter the plaza through the southern entrance on S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) or the northern entrances on U.S. 1. Phase Two includes all project-related work scheduled for the northbound side of the road.

Electronic message boards have been placed on northbound and southbound U. S. 1 and S.R. A1A / PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) to provide advance warning to motorists. Motorists should anticipate delays when traveling through this area and should use caution.

This \$2.19 million, 0.18 mile drainage project includes installing new drainage pipes outside the roadway on S.R. A1A/ PGA Boulevard (Jack Nicklaus Drive) and U.S. 1. Additional enhancements include repaving, utility work and the installation of French drains. Construction began January 12, 2009 and is being performed by Ranger Construction Industries. This project is expected to be completed October 2009.

For information on FDOT construction projects in Palm Beach County, please refer to www.pbfdot.com. For around-the-clock, real-time traffic information within the tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties), travelers should **call 511**. Information is also available on-line at www.511southflorida.com. These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuide™ Partners.

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