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NORTHBOUND I-95 DETOUR at DONALD ROSS ROAD, MIDNIGHT to 5 A.M., JUNE 22, 2009

JUPITER, FL – Northbound I-95 will be closed at Donald Ross Road, between 12 midnight, Monday, June 22 until 5 a.m., Tuesday, June 23, for bridge repair work, weather permitting, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Officials report.

One northbound lane will close at 9 p.m. A second northbound lane will close at 11 p.m. and all northbound travel lanes will be closed sometime after midnight. While northbound I-95 is closed, motorists will detoured off of I-95 at Donald Ross Road, straight across the intersection and back onto northbound I-95 via the northbound on ramp. All lanes on I-95 will reopen at 5 a.m., June 23.

This closure will allow workers to safely repair joints on the northbound I-95 bridge that spans Donald Ross Road. Repairs are expected to be completed in one night. If necessary, this work will be rescheduled for the night of Tuesday, June 23. Southbound I-95 and Donald Ross Road will not be affected by this closure.

Motorists should use caution traveling through the signalized intersection at Donald Ross Road. Electronic message boards will provide advance information to motorists. The detour will be clearly marked and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) officers will assist motorists through the work zone. Minimal delays are anticipated.

This closure is being performed in conjunction with the I-95 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Expansion Project. The \$43.5 million, 4.5 mile construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, which includes one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction and additional auxiliary lanes. The project includes widening of the existing bridges over Donald Ross Road and the C-18 Canal; ramp improvements; sound barrier and retaining wall construction; signalization enhancements; new signing, pavement markings, lighting; and landscaping, including irrigation. Construction began August 21, 2008 is being performed by Posen Construction. Construction is expected to be completed spring 2012. For around-the-clock, real-time, I-95 traffic information call 511. To view real-time video of I-95 in Palm Beach County, visit the FDOT I-95 Interim Traffic Management System (ITMS) website at <u>www.palmbeachcotraffic.org</u>. These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuideTM Partners. For updated lane closure information, please refer to <u>www.pbfdot.com/95Expansion</u>.

