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PHASE THREE OF THE U.S. 1 DRAINAGE PROJECT BEGINS WEEK OF MAY 18

PALM BEACH GARDENS – The contractor for the U.S. 1 Drainage Project will begin Phase Three of construction with a short-term southbound traffic shift the week May 18, FDOT officials report. The shift, which will last approximately two weeks, weather permitting, is necessary to install new drainage pipes across the southbound lanes.

Beginning at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, northbound lanes will reopen and southbound traffic will be shifted onto a single northbound lane. There will be one lane open in each direction on the northbound side of the road. One lane will serve southbound through traffic as well as motorists who want to turn left or right onto PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive). All business entrances on northbound and southbound U.S. 1 will be open, excluding Citi Bank on the northwest corner of PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus) and U.S. 1. Motorists will be asked to enter / exit Citi Bank from the driveways located on PGA Boulevard.

The outside left turn lane from eastbound PGA Boulevard onto northbound U.S. 1 and the northbound through lane on U.S. 1 at the intersection of PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive) will also be closed. Northbound motorists will be shifted to the outside right turn lane, which will serve as a through / right turn lane. Northbound left turn lanes onto westbound PGA Boulevard will be unaffected.

Once drainage work has been completed in this area, the contractor will shift traffic again. Two northbound lanes will be reopened. Southbound traffic will be shifted to a single southbound lane. Two dedicated left turn lane will be provided at the intersection to allow southbound motorists to go left (east) on PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive).

Phase Three includes all project-related work scheduled for the southbound side of the road and is expected to last until fall 2009, weather permitting. Throughout this phase of construction, access to local businesses will be maintained. However, it will be necessary to close individual driveways temporarily to perform project-related work. Project personnel will coordinate with business operators in advance of driveway closures.

Electronic message boards have been placed on U.S. 1 and PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive) to provide motorists with advance warning. Motorists should anticipate delays traveling through this area and use caution. Northbound motorists seeking access to businesses on the west side of U.S. 1 are asked to make a u-turn at Juno Drive (by the McDonald's).

This \$2.19 million, 0.18 mile drainage project includes installing new drainage pipes outside the roadway on PGA Boulevard / S.R. A1A (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 visit 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. ###

