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NIGHTTIME CLOSURE PLANNED FOR DONALD ROSS ROAD UNDERNEATH I-95, DECEMBER 7, THROUGH DECEMBER 23

PALM BEACH GARDENS -- Donald Ross Road will be closed underneath I-95, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday night, Dec. 7, through Thursday morning, Dec, 23, for bridge foundation work. A detour will be set up each night to direct motorists. Only one direction will be closed at a time. There will be no Saturday night closures.

The contractor will close the westbound lanes beginning Tuesday, Dec. 7, to work on the north side of the overpass foundation. Upon completion, the contractor will close the eastbound lanes to work on the south foundation. The change in direction is expected between Wednesday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 17. All lanes are expected to reopen Thursday morning, Dec. 23, weather permitting.

The northbound entrance ramp will remain open for eastbound traffic on Donald Ross Road. The southbound entrance ramp will remain open for westbound motorists on Donald Ross Road.

Westbound motorists seeking to enter southbound I-95 or access the residential area west of the interstate should go south on either Central Boulevard or Military Trail to Hood Road, then west to Jog Road, and north to Donald Ross Road. Westbound motorists exiting I-95 on the northbound exit ramp at Donald Ross Road will directed along this route.

When the eastbound lanes are closed, motorists seeking to access areas east of the interstate will be directed south on Jog Road to Hood Road, then east to either Central Boulevard or Military Trail, then north to Donald Ross Road. Eastbound motorists exiting I-95 on the southbound exit ramp at Donald Ross Road will be directed along this detour.

The work is part of the \$43.5 million, 4.5-mile construction project to expand the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, which includes one general-purpose lane and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction and additional auxiliary lanes from south of Donald Ross Road to south of Indiantown Road. 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. The work began August 21, 2008 and is being performed by Posen Construction. Construction is expected to be completed spring 2012.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this element of the I-95 HOV Expansion Project please contact:

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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 SunGuide[™] Partners. For updated lane closure information, please refer to <u>www.pbfdot.com/95Expansion</u>.

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