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## TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED ON PGA BOULEVARD AT I-95 NIGHTLY, JUNE 22 and JUNE 23

**PALM BEACH GARDENS** – Eastbound and westbound travel lanes on PGA Boulevard approaching I-95 will be reduced and rerouted, 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23, for bridge widening, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Officials report.

Eastbound PGA Boulevard just east of Military Trail will be reduced to one lane. Eastbound traffic will merge into one lane and be rerouted onto the westbound side of the roadway. Only one lane westbound will be open in this area. Motorists traveling eastbound on PGA Boulevard, west of Military Trail seeking to take I-95 northbound are being asked to enter I-95 from Military Trail, just north of PGA Boulevard.

Eastbound turn lanes from the southbound I-95 exit ramp onto PGA Boulevard will be closed. Motorists using the PGA Boulevard exit ramp will be detoured onto the westbound roadway. Motorists on southbound I-95 are being asked to exit at Military Trail (exit 79C).

There will also be closures on I-95 as part of this operation. One inside travel lane of southbound I-95, approaching PGA Boulevard, will be closed from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, June 22. Two inside travel lanes of southbound I-95, approaching PGA Boulevard, will be closed on Tuesday, June 23. Workers will close one lane at 9 p.m. and close the second lane at 11 p.m. One lane will reopen 5 a.m. and the second lane will reopen at 6 a.m., Wednesday, June 24.

Delays are to be expected. Local traffic should seek alternate routes if possible. Electronic message boards will be in place to provide advance warning to motorists. This closure is being performed in conjunction with the I-95 HOV Expansion Project. This schedule is tentative and could change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

This \$44 million, 4.3 mile construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 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 includes mainline ramp reconstruction and the widening of the existing bridges over PGA Boulevard and Military Trail. Additional enhancements include improved drainage; sound barrier and retaining wall construction; new signing, pavement marking, lighting, and landscaping. Construction began August 20, 2008 and is being performed by Community Asphalt Corporation. This project is expected to be completed winter 2011.

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

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