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SOUTHBOUND U.S. 1 to be CLOSED the NIGHT of AUGUST 2

PALM BEACH GARDENS – All southbound travel lanes on U.S. 1, just north of State Road (S.R.) A1A (Jack Nicklaus Drive) / PGA Boulevard, in Palm Beach Gardens, will be closed from 8 p.m., Sunday, August 2 until 6 a.m., Monday, August 3, for drainage work, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) officials report.

Southbound motorists will be detoured westbound along Holman Road, just north of the Melting Pot Plaza, onto southbound Ellison Wilson Road, eastbound to PGA Boulevard and back onto southbound U.S. 1. Northbound U.S. 1 will be unaffected.

Southbound motorists trying to access businesses on the northbound (east) side of U.S. 1 are encouraged to take the approved detour route and travel northbound on U.S. 1. Self Storage, Car Sales of the Palm Beaches / U-haul, Limoncello, Oaktree Plaza, Smith Drive, Universal Pottery and Citi Bank, will be inaccessible during this time.

This closure is being performed in conjunction with Phase Three of construction for the U.S. 1 Drainage Improvement Project. Phase Three, which includes all project-related work scheduled for the southbound side of the road. Drainage pipe installation and utility relocations will be taking place in front of Garden Square Shopping Center. This schedule is tentative and may change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Electronic message boards on southbound U.S. 1 provide motorists with advance warning. Motorists should anticipate delays and use caution. The detour route will be clearly marked with appropriate signage.

This 0.18-mile drainage improvement project in the City of Palm Beach Gardens began on January 12, 2009. This project includes installing new storm water drainage outside of the roadway; repaying; utility work and the installation of French drainage. This project will be constructed in phases to minimize impacts to the public. Phase Three began on Tuesday, June 2 and consists of three construction segments: 3A, 3B and 3C. This \$2.19 million project is being performed by Ranger Construction Industries and is expected to be complete late October 2009.

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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