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## I-95 EXPANSION PROJECT 'TRANSITION AREA', JUST SOUTH OF DONALD ROSS ROAD, COMPLETE

**PALM BEACH GARDENS** – The transition area of I-95, just south of Donald Ross Road in Palm Beach Gardens has been completed 67 days ahead of schedule and construction will begin between Donald Ross Road and State Road (S.R.) 706 / Indiantown Road, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) officials report.

The contractor, Posen Construction, was to complete the transition area, a 1,400 foot section of I-95 located just south of Donald Ross Road, to safely merge the two I-95 construction projects without major impacts to the public. The contractor had 289 days to complete the transition area that began on August 21, 2008. The maximum incentive bonus of \$500,000 was earned from the FDOT for completing this ahead of schedule.

The transition area links the I-95 HOV Expansion Project from PGA Boulevard to Donald Ross Road, with the project to the north, from Donald Ross Road to S.R. 706 / Indiantown Road. The transition area is a fully functional piece of roadway. The transition area will be used by both projects to safely navigate motorists thorough lane shifts, to minimize congestion.

The I-95 HOV Expansion projects are the last of several designed to ease congestion and improve mobility along the I-95 corridor in Palm Beach County. Work includes widen the interstate from six lanes to 10 lanes, the addition on High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction from PGA Boulevard to S.R. 706/ Indiantown Road, lightning, signing, improved drainage, guardrails, signalization upgrades, landscaping and modifications to the existing I-95 on and off ramps and sound wall installation in approved locations.

This \$43.5 million, 4.5 mile construction project is expected to be completed spring 2012.

For information on FDOT construction projects in Palm Beach County, please refer to <u>www.pbfdot.com/95Expansion</u>. 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 <u>www.511southflorida.com</u>. These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuide<sup>TM</sup> Partners.