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GOVERNOR CRIST ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT TO START I-595 EXPANSION

Expansion will produce jobs and relieve traffic congestion

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TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today announced that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has signed the agreement for the I-595 Corridor Roadway Improvements project that will relieve traffic congestion in South Florida. Under the agreement, I-595 Express LLC, a consortium created by ACS Infrastructure Development, will be solely responsible to design/build/finance/operate/maintain the \$1.2-billion construction project.

“Two years ago, I challenged the Florida Department of Transportation to accelerate construction projects so that we could relieve traffic congestion in South Florida, and they have met the challenge,” said Governor Crist. “This project will also boost the economy by getting shovels in the dirt and supporting more than 34,000 jobs in the region.”

Transportation is a good investment in Florida and produces strong economic benefits. Every dollar invested in transportation in Florida is estimated to return \$5.60 in economic benefits to residents and businesses.

“I commend our FDOT team for making this project a reality in record time,” said FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos. “This is a landmark project for three reasons: it produces jobs, provides relief to our motorists on an accelerated timetable and promotes innovative contracting solutions.”

Minor off-road work including relocation of utility lines, construction of the Broward County Greenway and sound barrier walls could begin this spring. Major roadway construction is expected to start in July and be completed in 2014.

“ACS Infrastructure Development Inc. is honored to be a part of this important project which will positively affect the quality of life of millions of Floridians. We look forward to working closely with the State of Florida and the South Florida community to improve the infrastructure in the region,” said Juan Santamaria, chief operating officer of ACS Infrastructure Development.

The members of the project consortium include ACS Infrastructure Development Inc. as equity member, Dragados USA Inc. as lead contractor, AECOM Technical Services Inc. as lead engineering firm, and I-595 Express LLC as lead operations and maintenance firm. The I-595 Express project is under the direction of FDOT.

The project limits extend from the I-595/I-75/Sawgrass Expressway interchange east approximately 10.5 miles to the I-595/I-95 interchange in central Broward County.

Improvements that will be made in the corridor include construction of reversible express lanes in the median; additional auxiliary lanes; reconstruction of entrance/exit ramps to remove the merge conflicts; continuous connection of the State Road 84 frontage road between Davie Road and State Road 7; construction of sound barrier walls at identified neighborhoods and the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit which will provide an express east-west bus system serving western and eastern Broward County.

The reversible express lanes will be operated as managed lanes with variable tolls which will be adjusted to improve traffic flow throughout the corridor. FDOT will retain the toll revenue and will control the toll rates.

FDOT will hold a series of public information meetings over the next several months to update the community on the different aspects of the project. For more information on the project or to contact project personnel and public information office, please go to www.i-595.com.

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