Blueprint 2000 Begins Roadway and Park Landscaping Project

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 will begin a landscaping project on sections of Capital Circle Northwest and West Tennessee Street on February 2, 2009. The project will provide landscaping improvements along Capital Circle Northwest from Commonwealth Boulevard to West Tennessee Street (US 90); along West Tennessee Street immediately east and west of Capital Circle; and park amenities for Regional Pond #1 located on West Tennessee Street west of Capital Circle. Park amenities for the pond include a walking trail, benches and lighting. The anticipated completion date for this project is July 2009.

Motorists are advised that both roadways will have periodic lane closures beginning February 2, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, weather permitting. Flagmen will be on duty to assist with traffic control for the duration of the project. Motorists are urged to use caution when approaching the area. If you have questions, please contact Blueprint 2000 at 850-701-2740. For details on this and other Blueprint 2000 projects, visit www.blueprint2000.org.

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Friday, January 23, 2009

Capital Circle Southeast Lane Closure Scheduled

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 announces that there will be intermittent lane closures between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 29, 2009 and Friday, January 30, 2009 weather permitting, on both eastbound and westbound Capital Circle Southeast, approximately one mile east of Woodville Highway. The lane closures are needed to allow geotechnical survey around the roadway.

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Friday, February 27, 2009

Temporary lane closure required on Capital Circle Southeast for the installation of a stormwater drainage connection

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 announces a temporary lane closure on the eastbound side of Capital Circle Southeast just south of Tram Road between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 weather permitting. The lane closure is needed to extend the installation of a stormwater drainage connection to the north as far as possible without affecting the existing roadway surface.

Motorists are urged to use extra caution when traveling through the work zone. Motorists are reminded that the posted speed limit is 45 mph.

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Martha Wellman’s Life is Celebrated at Park Dedication Ceremony

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 and Leon County officials will gather on Monday, June 1st at 9:30 a.m., along with family, friends and colleagues for the dedication of the “Martha Wellman Park”. The Martha Wellman Park is located on West Tennessee Street west of Capital Circle NW (5317 West Tennessee Street). This project creates a 4,000 foot long multi-use trail around the 15-acre stormwater pond, of which 70 percent of its capacity is for retrofit treatment. The park will also include recycled benches and receptacles along the trail, lighting and significant landscaping. It will be a wonderful addition to the west side of town and honors all the things Martha stood for and implements fully, the holistic philosophy of the Blueprint 2000 authors. In addition, this location is within the Lake Munson Drainage Basin, which was a particular passion of Martha.

Ms. Wellman moved to Tallahassee/Leon County in 1972. From the beginning, she demonstrated her long-term commitment to promoting conservation within the community. She took a lead role in the Lake Munson Action Plan and the Leon County Water Resources Citizens Advisory Committee. In addition, she was deeply involved with conservation committees that supported the preparation of the local Comprehensive Plan.

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In conclusion, Ms. Wellman is still a part of the lives of those who knew her because of the influence she had on them. The naming of the park “Martha Wellman Park” will be a constant reminder of a woman of character, who lived a wonderful life and should inspire us to live as she did. Ms. Wellman died on May 1, 2007.

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Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Blueprint 2000 Assists in SciGirls Camp for Second Year

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 will assist the SciGirls Camp on Stormwater Improvements Wednesday, July 15, 2009 and Thursday, July 16, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. SciGirls Camp is for girls in sixth through tenth grade.

The event is organized by the Florida Engineering Society, PBS&J, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Leon County Stormwater Department, and Blueprint 2000. Other participants include staff from the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This year’s event will take place at the new Leon County Martha Wellman Park located at 5317 West Tennessee. Students will participate in hands-on activities, including water quality testing, calculating pond volume and creating their own stormwater conveyance system. Students will also learn about landuse runoff and pollutants, and invasive plant and animal species.

SciGirls Camp is in its fourth consecutive year and its goal is to keep girls interested in math and science through their middle and high school years. It is sponsored by the Magnet Lab in partnership with WFSU-TV. Funding resources within the community are being explored and last year PBS&J donated $5,000 for three years for a total of $15,000 to the Camp. This year the Camp received a total of $3,000 from Sandco, Inc., EGS, Inc., M of Tallahassee, The LPA Group Incorporated, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and Jacobs Engineering. In addition the Nature Conservancy donated tote bags. For more information on SciGirls, visit the following websites:

http://www.magnet.fsu.edu/education/students/programs/scigirls.html
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Monday, July 20, 2009

New Traffic Pattern on Capital Circle Southeast

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 announces a new traffic pattern on Capital Circle Southeast at the intersection with Woodville Highway. Beginning Tuesday, July 21, 2009 the dedicated right turn lane from northbound Woodville Highway onto eastbound Capital Circle Southeast will be closed to accommodate construction operations. The outside northbound through lane of Woodville Highway will serve as a both a through lane and a right turn lane. The new traffic pattern will be in effect approximately two (2) months. A variable message board was activated Tuesday, July 14, 2009 along northbound Woodville Highway to notify the motoring public of the change.

Motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through the work zone and are reminded to observe the posted speed limit in the construction zone.

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Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Temporary lane closure required at the intersection of Capital Circle Southeast and Woodville Highway

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 announces a temporary lane closure on Capital Circle Southeast on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, weather permitting. The dedicated right turn lane from eastbound Capital Circle heading southbound on Woodville Highway will be closed to verify the elevation of the existing 36” forcemain. The outside eastbound through lane of Capital Circle will serve as both a through lane and a right turn lane onto Woodville Highway.

Motorists are urged to use extra caution when traveling through the work zone. Motorists are reminded that the posted speed limit is 45 mph.

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Temporary lane closures required at the intersection of Capital Circle Southeast and Woodville Highway

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 announces two temporary lane closures on Capital Circle Southeast on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, weather permitting. The outside eastbound thru lane and the adjacent dedicated right turn lane from eastbound Capital Circle heading southbound on Woodville Highway will be closed to verify the elevation of the existing 36" forcemain.

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Friday, August 21, 2009

Temporary Lane Closures on Eastbound and Westbound Capital Circle Southeast, one mile east of Woodville Highway

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 announces alternate lane closures on Capital Circle Southeast one mile east of Woodville Highway. The eastbound and westbound lanes have been reduced to one lane of traffic due to investigation of depression in the roadway. Traffic will be down to one lane and flagmen are on the scene to assist motorists.

All modes of transportation should approach this area with caution. If you have questions, please contact Keith Duke, Project Administrator at 850-251-8511.

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Capital Circle Southeast Westbound Traffic Diverted to Tram Road

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 announces Westbound traffic on Capital Circle Southeast will be diverted to Tram Road unit 6:00 pm tonight due to investigation of a depression in the roadway approximately one mile east of Woodville Highway. Traffic will be down to one lane eastbound on Capital Circle Southeast between Woodville Highway and Tram Road. Flagmen are on the scene to assist motorists.

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Wednesday, August 12, 2009

CAPITAL CIRCLE SOUTHWEST
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC MEETING

Tallahassee - Blueprint 2000 will hold a Preferred Alternative Public Meeting to review the results of the evaluations completed for the two alternatives under consideration for future improvements to Capital Circle Southwest (SR 263) from Crawfordville Road (SR 61/US 319) to Blountstown Highway (SR 20), a distance of approximately 6.7 miles. This study was funded by the extension of the local one-cent sales tax approved by Leon County voters.

The Preferred Alternative Public Meeting will be held on August 13, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Tallahassee Community College in the Student Union Ballroom. The purpose of this meeting is to share with citizens the results of the detailed analyses conducted for the Widening and Realignment Alternatives for the Capital Circle Southwest Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for interested citizens to review the evaluations for each alternative and share their ideas and concerns with the project team. The results of the evaluations and comments from the Preferred Alternative Public Meeting will be presented to the Intergovernmental Agency Board at their September 21, 2009 Board Meeting.

Please join us for this very important Public Meeting. For additional information please visit the Blueprint 2000 website at www.blueprint2000.org.

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