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Thursday, March 20, 2008

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Monday, March 24, 2008

FAMU STUDENTS TO ATTEND FIELD TOUR OF CAPITAL CIRCLE SOUTHEAST

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 will hold a field tour observation of the Capital Circle Southeast Construction Project on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. for approximately 15 students from the Florida A&M University Architecture and Landscape Architecture Programs. They will be accompanied by C.L. Bohannon, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture. J.W. Hunter, P.E., Resident Engineer from Parsons Brinckerhoff and Scott Stoutamire, Construction Project Administrator from PBS&J will lead the tour. The students will meet at the Capital Circle Southeast construction trailer, just south of Tram Road (behind the cell phone tower). The students will be given hands on demonstration of asphalt and roadway construction. The outcome from this observation will give the students a better understanding of how the road paving process works.

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FAMU STUDENTS FROM THE ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS ATTEND FIELD TOUR OF CAPITAL CIRCLE SOUTHEAST

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 held a field tour for the Capital Circle Southeast Construction Project Wednesday, March 26, 2008 for eleven students from the Florida A&M University Architecture and Landscape Architecture Programs, including C.L. Bohannon, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture. Leading the tour was J.W. Hunter, P.E., Resident Engineer for Parsons Brinckerhoff and Scott Stoutamire, Construction Project Administrator for PBS&J. The students were given an overview of Blueprint 2000’s philosophy regarding roadway design and construction as well specific details concerning asphalt paving for the project. Every undergraduate left the tour with a better knowledge of how the road paving process works and a new appreciation of the hard work and dedication for Transportation Construction Professionals. Blueprint 2000 would like to wish these students a successful career in their programs.
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April 1, 2008

Temporary Intermittent Road Closure for north and southbound lanes on Capital Circle Southeast between Woodville Highway to Tram Road April 3, 2008

There will be temporary intermittent road closures along the north and southbound lanes on Capital Circle Southeast from Woodville Highway to Tram Road beginning 12 a.m. Thursday, April 3 and ending 5 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008 to allow construction crews to relocate Comcast Cable TV. Motorists are urged to use caution while traveling through the construction zone. For more information, contact Blueprint 2000 at 850-701-2740.

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Friday, April 18, 2008

FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Students Attend Field Tour Of Capital Circle Southeast (Woodville Hwy. to Tram Rd.)

Tallahassee – John Sobanjo, PhD., P.E. Associate Professor of FAMU-FSU and approximately 30 FAMU-FSU Civil Engineering Students participated in a tour of the Capital Circle Southeast (Woodville Hwy. to Tram Rd.) Blueprint 2000 expansion project on Tuesday, March 15, 2008. Leading the tour was J.W. Hunter, P.E., Resident Engineer and Keith Duke, Project Administrator for Parsons Brinckerhoff. The student’s broke free from their ordinary lectures, homework and projects and witnessed the hands-on planning that engineers face every day. Since there are many different fields in engineering, the goal of the tour was to give the students the opportunity to see first hand what a civil engineer does.

The students had the opportunity to observe the very beginning stage of a design-build project. Mr. Hunter described how the design, construction and maintenance come to reality. Since the project is constructed from scratch, studies are completed on many issues such as environmental, urban development and traffic congestion. The engineers have many other obstacles including drainage, water supply, sewer service, communications and impact to stakeholders that need to be considered. He also shared the challenges that engineers face with meeting the communities needs.

Mr. Sobanjo would like to thank Mr. Hunter and Mr. Duke for taking the time to give the tour. “The tour gave the students an opportunity to see the real world construction experience and they are very excited to have gone on the tour,” stated Sobanjo. Blueprint 2000 would like to wish the students a wonderful career in their Engineering fields.

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CAPITAL CIRCLE NORTHWEST/SOUTHWEST
ACCESS MANAGEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Blueprint 2000, a joint organization of Leon County and the City of Tallahassee will hold a Public Hearing regarding the change in access management for Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest, extending from south of Orange Avenue (SR 371) to south of Tennessee Street (US 90/SR 10).

The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at Tallahassee Community College in the Student Union Ballroom, beginning at 5:30 p.m. A formal presentation regarding the proposed corridor access management plan will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by an opportunity for public comment.

The Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest roadway facility has been designated recently as an emerging Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) connector by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). As a result of the SIS designation, the access management classification for this project was changed from Class 5 to Class 3, which increased the required median opening spacing along the corridor.

Florida’s Access Management Guidelines have been applied to the design of this project. Access management is a policy, supported by Florida Statute, that applies controls to the number of driveways, traffic signals and median openings on the State Highway System. This policy is intended to preserve capacity and safety on the State Highway System.

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Friday, May 16, 2008

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Capital Circle Southeast
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Tallahassee – The City of Tallahassee - Leon County Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Capital Circle Southeast expansion project on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the corner of Drayton Drive and Capital Circle Southeast.

“We are very excited about this Ribbon Cutting. It is a culmination of a lot of hard work and great dedication from our partners. This is a true testimony of what partnerships can accomplish,” stated Jim Davis, Executive Director of Blueprint 2000. The Capital Circle Southeast project, the first totally completed by Blueprint 2000, extends from just south of Tram Road to Connie Drive and consisted of widening the existing two-lane undivided rural road to a six-lane divided urban roadway. The 3.4-mile project kicked off in 2005, and now provides a sidewalk, meandering trail, bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, significant storm drainage facilities, substantially landscaped median and landscaped borders. Speakers scheduled to attend the ceremony are: Jim Davis, Executive Director of Blueprint 2000; Commissioner Ed DePuy, IA Chairman; Mayor John Marks, City of Tallahassee; Jorge Gonzales, St. Joe Company; Commissioner Jane Sauls; and Chief of Staff for Florida Department of Management Services, Ken Granger.

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Friday, July 18, 2008

Blueprint 2000 to Host SciGirls Camp on Stormwater Improvements

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 will host SciGirls Camp on Stormwater Improvements Monday, July 21, 2008 from (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, July 22, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. SciGirls Camp is for girls in sixth through tenth grade.

The event is being organized by the Florida Engineering Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and Sandco. A tour of Blueprint 2000’s Capital Circle Southeast (Tram Road to Woodville Highway) Project will be led by J.W. Hunter, P.E. of Parsons Brinckerhoff and Victor H. Herrera, E.I., of PBS&J. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Herrera will explain the necessity for stormwater improvements and describe how stormwater storage ponds work. After the tour, the students will gather information to perform a hands-on exercise by conducting a double-ring infiltration test to determine infiltration rates of soils and digging up soil samples of their own using hand augers. Once the students gather information from the tests, they will perform a hands-on geotechnical engineering stormwater exercise, creating their own stormwater conveyance system.

SciGirls Camp is in its third 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. Funding resources within the community are being explored and this year PBS&J donated $5,000 for the next 3 years for a total of $15,000 to the Camp. For more information on SciGirls, visit the following websites:

http://www.magnet.fsu.edu/

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Lane Closure for Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest Scheduled

Tallahassee – The Leon County-City of Tallahassee Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency announces that there will be a lane closure on Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest (SR 263) near the CSX overpass bridge between Blountstown Highway and Tennessee Street from September 27, 2008 to September 28, 2008.

Motorists are advised that the northbound lane will be closed from 7:00 pm Saturday, September 27, 2008 to 5:00 am Sunday, September 28, 2008 weather permitting. The lane closure is needed to allow Environmental & Geotechnical Specialist Inc. (EGS) to conduct Geotechnical borings.

Message boards will be placed throughout the corridor to notify motorists and flagmen will be on duty to assist with traffic control. Motorists are urged to use caution when approaching the area. If you have questions, please contact Blueprint 2000 at 850-228-0734.

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Thursday November 6, 2008
11:09 am

Sinkhole Opens East of Woodville Highway on Capital Circle Southeast

Tallahassee – Motorists are encouraged to exercise caution as they drive Capital Circle Southeast one mile east of Woodville Highway. The west bound lane has been closed and the road has been reduced to one lane of traffic due to a sinkhole opening near the shoulder on the north side of the road. Traffic will be down to one lane and flagmen are on the scene to assist motorists. Contractors are currently repairing the sinkhole and all work should be complete by 3:00 pm.

All modes of transport should approach this area with caution. If you have questions, please contact Blueprint 2000 at 850-701-2740.

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Sinkhole Repaired and Westbound Lane is Reopened on Capital Circle Southeast

Tallahassee – After assessment by a geotechnical engineer, the sinkhole that opened up one mile east of Woodville Highway on Capital Circle Southeast has been repaired. The west bound lane is now open and two-lane traffic has been reestablished. Blueprint 2000 and construction crews worked very hard to reopen the road in a timely manner.

There will be periodic alternating one-lane restrictions one mile east of Woodville Highway on Capital Circle Southeast next week, November 10-14, 2008 to enable the contractor to further investigate areas around the sinkhole.

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Friday, January 18, 2008

Traffic switch scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2008 on a portion of Capital Circle Southeast from Connie Drive to Barcelona Avenue

Tallahassee – Crews from Blueprint 2000 will switch traffic on a portion of Capital Circle Southeast from Connie Drive to Barcelona Avenue on Monday, January 21, 2008. Southbound traffic will be placed on the newly constructed permanent southbound lanes on the west side of the road, while northbound traffic will remain on the east side of the roadway. Motorists should use caution as southbound traveling lanes on Capital Circle Southeast crossing Apalachee Parkway will continue to be shifted occasionally for the next several months to complete the tie-in work at the north end of the project.

Motorists should be alert that intermittent temporary lane closures will still be in effect.

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Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest Lane Closure Scheduled

Tallahassee – The Leon County-City of Tallahassee Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency announces that there will be intermittent lane closures between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 20, 2008 and Sunday, December 21, 2008 weather permitting, on both northbound and southbound Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest (SR 263) north of the CSX Railroad overpass bridge at Gum Swamp Road. The lane closures are needed to allow soil borings to be installed within the roadway surface.

Message boards will be placed throughout the corridor to notify motorists that flagmen will be on duty to assist with traffic control. Motorists are urged to use caution when approaching the area. If you have questions, please contact Blueprint 2000 at 850-701-2740 or 850-228-0734.

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