

NEWS ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 27, 2011

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Blueprint 2000 to Hold Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Construction of Capital Circle Southeast Crawfordville Road to Woodville Highway

WHO: Blueprint 2000

WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony

WHEN: Tuesday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Capital Circle Southeast (across from Flea Market) located at 5353 Capital Circle Southeast

Blueprint 2000 will hold a Groundbreaking Ceremony to initiate the third Design/Build expansion project for Capital Circle Southeast on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will take place across from Flea Market Tallahassee, located at 5353 Capital Circle Southeast in Tallahassee.

Improvements for this portion of Capital Circle Southeast include widening the existing two-lane undivided rural road to a seven-lane urban facility. The 1.15 mile project will add curb and gutter, sidewalk, a meandering trail, bicycle lanes, a landscaped median and border, as well as significant stormwater improvements. The project limits are from just east of Crawfordville Road to Woodville Highway.

Speakers scheduled to attend the ceremony are: Leon County Commissioner and Blueprint Vice-Chair Bryan Desloge and Leon County Commissioner Bill Proctor; Florida Department of Transportation, District Three Director of Transportation Development Phillip Gainer and Florida Division of the Federal Highway Administration, Chief Operating Officer David Hawk. Others attending include Leon County Commissioners Jane Sauls, John Dailey, Akin Akinyemi, Kristin Dozier and Nick Maddox; City of Tallahassee Commissioners Nancy Miller and Gil Ziffer and City Manager Anita Favors Thompson.

The contractor for the Design/Build project is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. and Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., as their engineer for this \$10.3 million project, of which \$8.7 million has been received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) program for the roadway Design/Build and for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services. Atkins North America, Inc. will be providing CEI services for the project. In addition, \$1.6 million has been allocated by the City of Tallahassee for Water/Sewer/Reuse Utility improvements. Design is currently underway. Construction is anticipated to begin May 2011.

Upon completion of the project Blueprint 2000 will have completed nearly 9 miles of Capital Circle improvements from just south of Apalachee Parkway to Crawfordville Highway and from West Tennessee Street to I-10.

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Capital Circle Roadway Widening Project Set to Start Next Week “Crawfordville Road to Woodville Highway”

Blueprint 2000 is set to begin the third Design/Build widening project for Capital Circle Southeast. This project is being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Construction work is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 27th. Initial operations will consist of clearing and grubbing on the south side of the roadway, installation of erosion control devices and stormwater pond excavation.

Improvements for this portion of Capital Circle Southeast include widening the existing two-lane, undivided rural road to a seven-lane urban facility. The 1.15 mile long project stretching from just east of Crawfordville Road to west of Woodville Highway will add curb and gutter, sidewalk, a meandering trail, bicycle lanes, a landscaped median, as well as significant stormwater improvements.

The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.; Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., is serving as the engineering consultant and Atkins North America, Inc. is providing CEI services for the project. The total cost is \$10.3 million, of which \$8.7 million has been secured from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) program. Additionally, \$1.6 million has been allocated by the City of Tallahassee for Water/Sewer/Reuse Utility improvements. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2012.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SUWANNEE STREET

Blueprint 2000 announces the closure of Suwannee Street, between Gaines Street and Lafayette Street to all traffic on Saturday, June 23rd, weather permitting. The closure is needed to install underground utilities.

Detour routes will be clearly posted.

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SOUTHBOUND LANE ON SUWANNEE STREET TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY

Blueprint 2000 announces that the southbound lane on Suwannee Street will be closed beginning Wednesday, October 26th and continuing through Thursday, October 27th for the installation of storm drains.

Flagmen will be present to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area and expect minor delays.

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**ROAD CLOSURE SCHEDULED FOR SECTIONS OF
FRANKLIN BOULEVARD/MERIDIAN STREET/LAFAYETTE STREET**

Blueprint 2000 announces that sections of Franklin Boulevard, Meridian Street and Lafayette Street, including the Apalachee Parkway off-ramp to Franklin Boulevard, will be closed for approximately eight (8) months. The closures are anticipated to begin on Monday, May 16, 2011, and continue through January 2012. The closures are part of the Cascade Park construction project and are needed in order to safely install the 12' x 8' box culvert from south of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) parking lot at Suwannee Street to Pensacola Street.

The detour routes will be clearly marked and motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through the construction area and along the detour routes.

Attached and enclosed is a map of the detour route.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAFAYETTE STREET AND SUWANNEE STREET

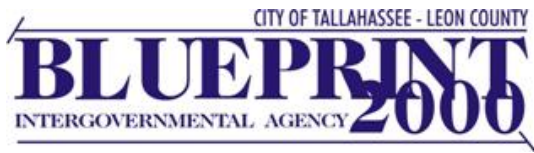
Blueprint 2000 announces the temporary closure of the intersections of Lafayette Street and Suwannee Street beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5th and ending at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011. Crews will be working at the Lafayette Street/Suwannee Street intersection to install underground utilities in front of the Florida Department of Transportation (Burns) Building and the onramp to Apalachee Parkway.

Detour routes will be clearly posted. Intersections experiencing detours are: Myers Park Drive at Lafayette Street, Myers Park Drive at Suwannee Street, and Gaines Street at Suwannee Street. Traffic will be detoured through Myers Park Drive.

Motorists are advised to use caution in these areas.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE THIS WEEKEND AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAFAYETTE STREET AND SUWANNEE STREET

Blueprint 2000 announces the temporary closure at the intersection of Lafayette Street and Suwannee Street beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 12th and ending by 5:00 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011. Crews will be working at the Lafayette Street/Suwannee Street intersection to install underground utilities in front of the Florida Department of Transportation (Burns) Building and the on-ramp to Apalachee Parkway.

Intersections experiencing detours are: Myers Park Drive/Lafayette Street and Suwannee Street at Myers Park Drive/Gaines Street. Traffic will be detoured through Myers Park Drive. Motorists are advised to use caution in these areas.

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Blueprint 2000 to Host Tour of Cascades Park this Saturday

Tallahassee – Tallahassee’s historic Cascades Park area is emerging from a vision to reality! The public is invited to join the staff of Blueprint 2000 as they host a community tour of Cascades Park on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The tour will begin in the auditorium at the Florida Department of Transportation building located at 605 Suwannee Street.

You may have seen the construction going on in the southeast corner of Tallahassee’s downtown. Just a few years ago, this lot near Bloxham and South Monroe streets was an abandoned hazardous site off-limits to the public—hardly fitting for a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Few know that in 1823, it was this same area, with its cascading waterfall and fragrant tropical plants, which inspired settlers to choose the location for Florida’s capital. After decades of neglect, Blueprint 2000, a City/County Agency, is restoring this site located in the very heart of Tallahassee and turning it into a multi-faceted stormwater and recreational facility.

This project will promote economic development and serve as a catalyst to renew and reinvigorate the heart of our city. The Cascades Park project will compliment the Gaines Street and FAMU Way projects and become a focal point for downtown activities. It will tie together FSU, FAMU, and the Capitol Center, and provide a refuge for the citizens who live and work nearby.

Cascades Park is the centerpiece of a world-class, dual-purpose downtown park spanning 4.25 miles of a linear greenway project from East Tennessee Street to Lake Henrietta. An engineering marvel, the 24-acre park is designed to flood during major storm events. This is necessary to provide the much-needed flood relief both upstream and downstream of the park. The stormwater component of the park is funded through Blueprint 2000 sales tax dollars. Park amenities currently under construction have been funded through grants and private donations totaling approximately \$4 million.

The park will include 2.3 miles of biking and walking trails as well as beautifully landscaped green space and ponds. In addition, an interactive fountain with 84 nozzles choreographed to colored lights and sound will be a focal point for the park. A fence featuring interpretive historical panels will outline Tallahassee's past, while numerous amenities will commemorate specific local places and events. The former Cascades waterfall will be represented by an ultra-modern, cylindrical fountain. The Prime Meridian Marker will be showcased in a granite map of Florida and surrounded by a 160-foot-wide diameter amphitheatre stage with seating capacity for up to 3500. A tribute to Smokey Hollow, a vibrant African-American community that existed in the area until the late 1950s, is in the planning stages.

Cascades Park will become a beautiful gateway into downtown Tallahassee. It will provide open space and will be an anchor for our community. In addition, it will foster relationships and provide a place for local businesses to give back to the community through festivals and celebrations. Cascades Park is anticipated to open in the fall of 2012. The \$30 million project is aimed at reconnecting Tallahasseeans with their community's history and culture, and by revitalizing downtown and enhancing our sense of place.

On November 5, tour attendees will be guided through the construction zone to see first-hand the progress being made in the park. Due to the closure this weekend at the intersection of Lafayette Street and Suwannee Street, motorists may access the Florida Department of Transportation parking lot through the Myers Park Drive entrance or from Gaines Street to Suwannee Street. Come learn what the future holds for this historic site!

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Please note: More than one City or County Commissioner may be in attendance at this event.

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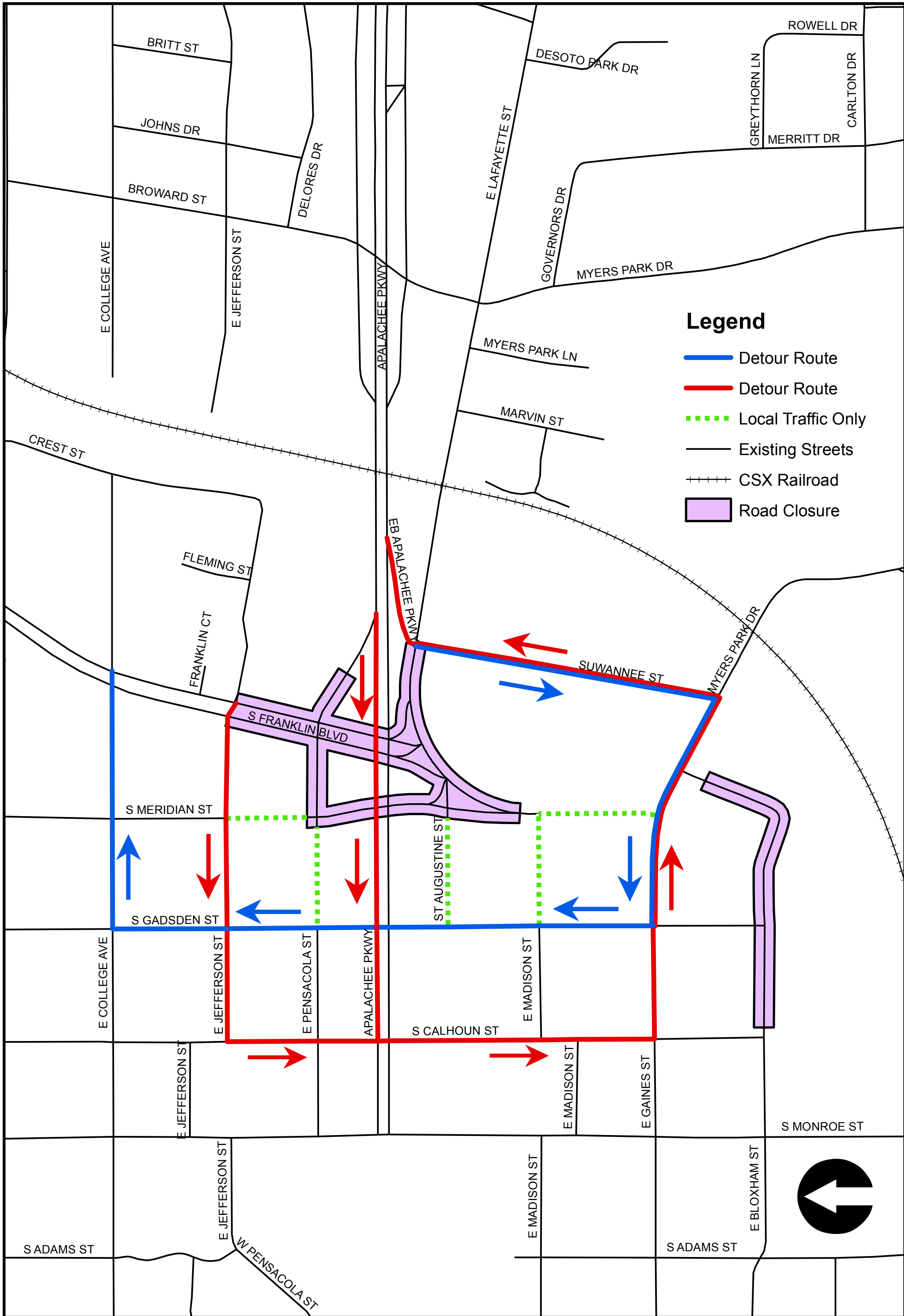
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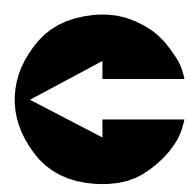
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Franklin Blvd / Lafayette St / Meridian St Phase IIA Detour Plan



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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JEFFERSON STREET

Blueprint 2000 announces the temporary closure of Jefferson Street at the intersection of Franklin Boulevard which begins on Wednesday, June 22, and continuing through Monday, June 27, 2011. Crews will be working in the Franklin Boulevard/Jefferson Street intersection to install sanitary sewer lines.

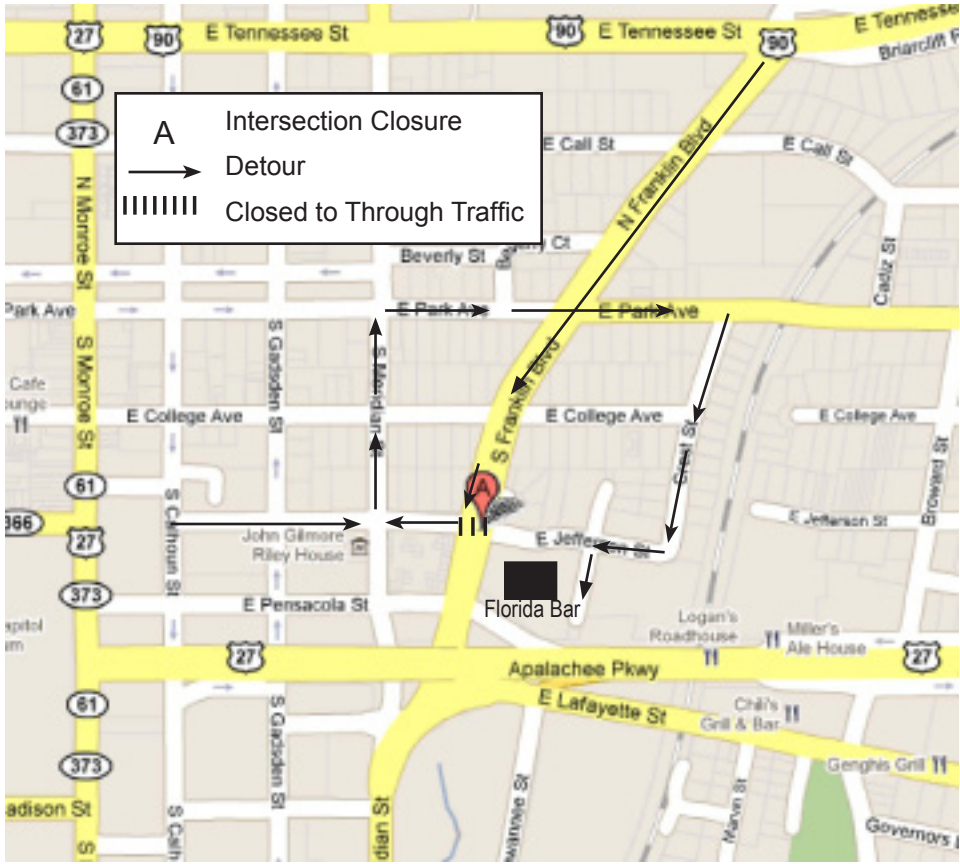
During this closure period, motorists travelling southbound on Franklin Boulevard will not be able to make a left turn at Jefferson Street. Motorists will access Jefferson Street east of Franklin Boulevard via Park Avenue and Crest Street.

Detour routes will be clearly posted, as well as "Local Traffic Only" signs for access. Motorists are advised to use caution in these areas. Enclosed is a map of the detour route.

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A Intersection Closure
→ Detour
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BLOXHAM STREET OPENING DELAYED UNTIL MAY

Blueprint 2000 announces that the opening of Bloxham Street between South Calhoun Street and Gaines Street has been delayed for approximately two more months, to accommodate the Cascade Park construction project. The segment between South Gadsden Street and Calhoun Street is anticipated to reopen in the middle of May 2011, weather permitting. However, the portion of Bloxham Street from South Gadsden Street to Gaines Street will remain closed.

Motorists will be able to access Gaines Street, South Meridian Street and Lafayette Street via South Calhoun Street. The detour route will be clearly marked and motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through the construction area.

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Thursday, October 20, 2011

**Blueprint 2000 to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss
Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project and Roadway Options**

Tallahassee – Blueprint 2000 will hold a Public Meeting regarding the design and construction of the Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at City Hall, Commission Chambers located at 300 South Adams Street. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m., with a presentation at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with information related to stormwater improvements along Franklin Boulevard that involve enclosing the open ditch and installing a box culvert. Currently, flooding impacts residential and commercial properties as well as vehicular traffic within the neighborhood. The project corridor extends from College Avenue to Tennessee Street.

In addition, staff will also discuss the potential inclusion of bike facilities, sidewalks, and reducing the road from four lanes to two lanes. Visual displays and plans will be available for review. Members of the Blueprint 2000 project team will be available at the meeting to answer questions.

This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Construction is anticipated to begin January 2012.

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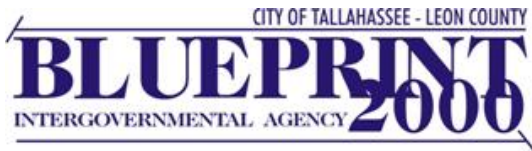
Please note: More than one City or County Commissioner may be in attendance at this public meeting.

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Correction to Franklin Boulevard Public Meeting Announcement

The Franklin Boulevard Public Meeting announcement that ran in the local section of the Democrat on October 20th and October 23rd had the project limits incorrect.

The project limits for the Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project are from Pensacola Street to West Tennessee Street. The meeting will be held Thursday, October 27th, at City Hall, Commission Chambers from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., with a presentation at 5:30 p.m.



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Blueprint 2000 announces the closure of Suwannee Street between Gaines Street and Lafayette Street to all traffic on Saturday, December 10, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weather permitting. The closure is needed to install underground utilities.

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SERIES 2011 BONDS SAVES BLUEPRINT 2000 \$2 MILLION

Blueprint 2000 closed on the issuance of nearly \$36 million in Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011. These bonds refunded previously outstanding Series 2003 Bonds which are subject to redemption on October 1, 2012. The refunding resulted in \$2 million in savings for Blueprint 2000.

“This is an excellent example of how the City and County continue to work together to make Blueprint more efficient and effective,” stated Wayne Tedder, Director of Planning, Land Management and Community Enhancement (PLACE). “These savings enable Blueprint 2000 to complete more projects for our community and provide a boost to the economy, as those projects create jobs for local workers”.

Public Financial Management (PFM), the Financial Advisor for Blueprint 2000 had been tracking interest rates since a rally in the bond market in late spring 2011. This rally reduced interest rates and provided the opportunity for savings. In September, the Intergovernmental Agency, consisting of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Tallahassee Commission, directed Blueprint 2000 to move forward and capture current market interest rates and lock-in savings on this refunding. The Blueprint 2000, Series 2011 Bonds were then competitively bid on October 27, 2011. Seven bids were received. The winning bid was submitted by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, with a True Interest Cost (TIC) of 2.23% resulting in a savings of 5.25 percent or \$2.0 million on a present value basis. The savings are reflected in debt service reductions of over \$185,000 in 2012, and over \$290,000 each year for an additional seven years.

The 2011 Bonds possess fundamental credit ratings of “Aa2” from Moody’s and “AA” from Fitch, signifying Blueprint 2000’s economic stability and sound fiscal management.

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Blueprint 2000 to Hold Bridge Design Charette For the Capital Cascade Connector Pedestrian Bridge

WHO: Blueprint 2000

WHAT: Capital Cascade Connector Bridge Design Charette

WHEN: Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Florida Department of Transportation Burns Building Auditorium located at 605 Suwannee Street

Blueprint 2000 will hold a Bridge Design Charette for the Capital Cascade Connector Pedestrian Bridge. This meeting will enable the community to jointly explore bridge concepts and features, along with the Blueprint 2000 and the FIGG Design Team, to determine design preferences for this new pedestrian bridge which will cross over South Monroe Street. Your participation will help shape the design of this important gateway element of the Capital Cascade Trail for our community.

The Capital Cascade Connector Bridge (CCCB) is part of the 4.25 mile Capital Cascade Trail. The Capital Cascade Trail project begins at highway 90 (Tennessee St.) and ends at (Springhill Road/Orange Avenue) and will provide a multi-faceted, multi-use stormwater and recreation facility.

The Bridge Design Charette will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Florida Department of Transportation Burns Building Auditorium located at 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee. In order to maximize the opportunity for the community to interact with the design team, the Bridge Design Charette will follow a goal-oriented agenda. Our team of designers will lead us through bridge concepts and other topics using visual animations and models. This interactive workshop will include open discussions and provide an opportunity to share ideas and input on this signature Gateway Bridge.

The Bridge Design Charette will be led by Linda Figg, President/CEO of Figg Bridge Engineers, Inc. (FIGG), a bridge design firm that specializes in the design of signature bridges, such as the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay and the new I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis, MN. FIGG's bridges have received 325 design awards including three Presidential Awards through the National Endowment for the Arts (only five bridges have received this recognition). Their headquarters happens to be located right here in Tallahassee. FIGG will be designing the Capital Cascade Connector Pedestrian Bridge with input from the community received during this Bridge Design Charette.

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