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Floresta Drive Closure Set to Re-Open on August 10, 2017

PORT ST. LUCIE – The Floresta Drive Closure from Atlantus Avenue to Chaloupe Avenue will re-open on August 10, 2017 around 10 a.m. The roadway in this area had been closed since June 5 to complete necessary roadway, drainage and underground infrastructure activities for the Crosstown Parkway Extension Project.

“We felt closing the roadway in the summer and completing this work at one time was the best for all involved to minimize long term impacts and provide a safer roadway for motorists,” said City Manager Russ Blackburn. “We thank the residents, businesses, churches and schools in the area for their patience during the closure.”

Floresta Drive has returned to a through configuration and the detours for this closure are no longer in effect. Motorists are reminded to use caution when driving near the construction zone and surrounding streets. The speed limit has been reduced to 30 mph within the construction zone. Motorists please use caution as construction traffic will be crossing Floresta Drive at Crosstown periodically for project deliveries. West Virginia Drive remains closed for the duration of the project.

The Crosstown Parkway Extension Contractor does not anticipate any other full closures of Floresta Drive, barring any unexpected emergencies. The Superstreet configuration which will change the traffic flow for motorists traveling north and south on Floresta Drive will be in place towards the end of the project Fall 2019. The Superstreet will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians and will provide more efficient traffic movement.

The Crosstown Parkway Extension Project will connect the existing Crosstown Parkway with U.S. Highway 1 at Village Green Drive. The project will provide numerous benefits to the community, including providing traffic congestion relief from Port St. Lucie and Prima Vista Boulevards and a new emergency evacuation route. Construction started in early January on roadway, drainage and utility activities. Project completion is anticipated in Fall 2019. The Crosstown Parkway Extension will provide a 6-lane divided roadway and trailhead, with the bridge being approximately 4,000 feet. It also will serve as a multi-modal transportation alternative with accommodations for automobile, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit.

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