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**Crosstown Parkway Extension Project
Receives the Final Permit from the United States Coast Guard**

PORT ST. LUCIE – The United States Coast Guard has granted the final permit needed for the Crosstown Parkway Extension project – clearing the way for construction to begin on the City’s long-anticipated, third east-west bridge crossing over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

With this permit, in 30 days the City’s contractor can start work on the critical bridge activities in the waterways and wetlands of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, Evans Creek and the North Coral Reef Waterway.

“First, let us thank everyone who helped us get to this moment. Then, let us recognize that the time for talk is over. It’s time to do. PSL, your bridge is on the way,” said Port St. Lucie Mayor Greg Oravec.

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 linear park, 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.

The final permit comes at the perfect time as the City Council, City staff and the community celebrate the start of the project with an official Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 9. The event starts at 10 a.m. east of the intersection of Crosstown Parkway and Sandia Drive on the closed roadway.

The City also is working with the contractor, Archer Western, to host a job fair to provide an opportunity for residents to work on this exciting project for the City of Port St. Lucie. Other businesses interested in hiring local workers will be invited to take part in the event. More information will follow regarding the job fair. We encourage residents to continue to check our project website, crosstownextension.com for the latest updates on the project.

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