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State Road 50 (Colonial Drive) Traffic Shift Scheduled November 6

Orlando, FL- The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) contractor, Lane Construction, has scheduled a traffic shift on State Road 50 to begin the night of Thursday, November 6, 2008. Drivers will be impacted by a traffic shift on the East State Road 50 (Colonial Drive) Improvement Project that will create a new work zone traffic configuration.

Eastbound traffic on State Road 50 from west of State Road 436 (Semoran Boulevard) to Amber Road will be shifted slightly south on the new roadway. In addition to the new shift, motorists on State Road 50 may have difficulty turning left (northbound or southbound) onto State Road 436. The distance from the turn lanes to clear oncoming traffic is much greater than before and therefore will take longer to clear. Drivers are urged to not to proceed through the intersection on a yellow or red light. Opposing traffic may not be able to see red-light runners until it is too late.

As a result of the new intersection width, pedestrian crossings will be relocated. Signs and markings will direct pedestrians to the new crossings. Please be alert when walking or biking around the construction area.

Motorists are urged to use extra caution, obey the speed limit and traffic control devices when traveling East State Road 50. Electronic message boards will direct motorists to the new lanes.

Access for area businesses, side streets, and for emergency vehicles will be maintained during construction. Be advised that weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances may delay or prolong construction activities.

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