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June 16, 2015

Mr. Michael R. Couzzo, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Couzzo:

**SUBJECT: Lane Elimination Request - US 1/SR 5 (Beach Road to Martin County Line)
Village of Tequesta, Florida**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has conducted a multi-disciplined review of the Palm Beach MPO's proposal to reduce the number of through lanes on US 1/SR 5 between Beach Road and Martin County line. The proposal is to transform the subject section of state road from a six-lane to a four-lane roadway with bicycle lanes to enhance multimodal usage and safety.

Following the coordination with the Palm Beach MPO and the review of the complete application package, the District has determined that the lane elimination proposal would not have an adverse impact on the planning and operation of affected State roadway facilities. The District, with the concurrence of FDOT Central Office, therefore approves the lane elimination proposal. The District looks forward to the continued coordination on the design plans for the *SR 5/US 1 from Beach Road to County Line* design project (FM 428718.1).

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Braun, District Planning and Environmental Engineer, at (954) 777-4143.

Sincerely,

Gerry O'Reilly, P.E.
District Four Secretary

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Unemployment Summary - Treasure Coast Region June 19, 2015

Highlights

- **Unemployment falls to 5.4 percent in May, down from 6.3 percent in May of the previous year.**
 - **23,100 new nonagricultural jobs year over year from May 2014 to May 2015.**
 - **Job gains primarily in education and health services; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; retail trade; and trade, transportation and utilities.**
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- This unemployment summary is derived from statistical reports - *Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region* (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) and *Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region* (Palm Beach County) prepared by the two workforce development boards in the Treasure Coast Region. Their respective reports follow this regional summary.
 - The unemployment rate for the Treasure Coast Region was 5.4 percent in May 2015, down 0.9 percentage points from the May 2014 rate of 6.3 percent. The Region's unemployment rate was 0.2 percent lower than the state's unemployment rate of 5.6 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate of 5.3 percent. Out of a labor force of 949,878 there were 51,760 unemployed residents in the Treasure Coast Region.
 - The Treasure Coast Region contains three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties), the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County), and the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MSA (Palm Beach County). In May 2015, nonagricultural employment in the combined metropolitan areas of the Region was 766,800, an increase of 23,100 jobs over the previous year.

Unemployment Rates*			
Geographic Area	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014
Indian River	6.9	6.2	7.8
Martin	5.5	5.0	6.1
Palm Beach	5.1	4.7	5.9
St. Lucie	6.4	6.0	8.0
Treasure Coast Region	5.4	5.0	6.3
Florida	5.6	5.3	6.3
United States	5.3	5.1	6.1

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.
* Not seasonally adjusted

- In the combined metropolitan areas, job gains were primarily in the education and health services (+5,100); professional and business services (+7,100); leisure and hospitality (+2,500); retail trade (+3,100) and trade, transportation and utilities (+4,000).

Port St. Lucie Metro Area:

- Annual employment growth in other services (+8.7 percent); professional and business services (+5.1 percent); education and health services (+4.3 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.8 percent) was faster in the metro area than statewide. The Port St. Lucie metro area had the highest annual growth rate in other services (+8.7 percent) out of all metro areas in Florida.

Sebastian-Vero Beach Metro Area:

- Four industries gained jobs over the year including trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs); education and health services, and manufacturing (+200 jobs each); and other services (+100 jobs). Mining, logging, and construction, and leisure and hospitality (-100 jobs each) lost jobs over the year. Information, professional and business services, financial activities, and government were unchanged over the year. Other services includes, but is not limited to, businesses such as: automotive repair; personal household goods repair; dry cleaners; hair salons and barber shops; funeral homes; pet care services; and religious organizations.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division:

- In May 2015, the West Palm Beach metro area was one of the top five metro areas in Florida for total nonagricultural job growth over the year (+18,300 jobs) and one of the top two metro areas in Florida for gains over the year in professional and business services (+6,300 jobs) and in other services (+1,600 jobs).

**Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
June 19, 2015**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) was 6.3 percent in May 2015. The May 2015 rate was 1.1 percentage points below the region's year ago rate of 7.4 percent, but 0.7 percentage point above the May 2015 state rate of 5.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 277,451, there were 17,387 unemployed residents in the region.
- Unemployment rates in the counties that make up the CareerSource Research Coast region were: 6.9 percent in Indian River County; 6.4 percent in St. Lucie County; 6.0 percent in Okeechobee County; and 5.5 percent in Martin County.
- The CareerSource Research Coast region contains two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs): the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties) and the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County). Okeechobee County is not included in an MSA. In May 2015, nonagricultural employment in the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas was 183,800, an increase of 4,800 jobs over the previous year.
- In the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas, seven of the ten major industries gained jobs over the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,500 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+1,200 jobs); professional and business services (+800 jobs); other services (+700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+200 jobs); and financial activities (+100 jobs). Information was unchanged, while manufacturing and government lost 100 jobs each.

Port St. Lucie metro area

- The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast region was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 135,700 jobs in May 2015, an increase of 4,100 jobs from May 2014 (+3.1 percent). Statewide employment increased by 3.4 percent over the year.
- Seven of ten major industries gained jobs in the Port St. Lucie metro area over the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,100 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+1,000 jobs); professional and business services (+800 jobs); leisure and hospitality and other services (+600 jobs each); mining, logging, and construction (+300 jobs); and financial activities (+100 jobs). Manufacturing (-300 jobs); and government (-100 jobs) lost jobs over the year, while information was unchanged.
- Annual employment growth in other services (+8.7 percent); professional and business services (+5.1 percent); education and health services (+4.3 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.8 percent) was faster in the metro area than statewide. The Port St. Lucie metro area had the highest annual growth rate in other services (+8.7 percent) out of all metro areas in Florida.

Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area

- Nonagricultural employment was 48,100 in the Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area in May 2015, an increase of 700 jobs (+1.5 percent) from the previous year. The state had a 3.4 percent increase in the number of jobs over the same period.
- Four industries gained jobs over the year including trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs); education and health services, and manufacturing (+200 jobs each); and other services (+100 jobs). Mining, logging, and construction, and leisure and hospitality (-100 jobs each) lost jobs over the year. Information, professional and business services, financial activities, and government were unchanged over the year.
- Manufacturing (+9.5 percent) and trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.1 percent) grew faster in the metro area than in the state. The Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area had the highest annual growth rate in manufacturing (+9.5 percent) out of all metro areas in Florida.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)			
	May-15	Apr-15	May-14
CareerSource Research Coast	6.3	5.8	7.4
Indian River County	6.9	6.2	7.8
Martin County	5.5	5.0	6.1
Okeechobee County	6.0	5.7	6.9
St. Lucie County	6.4	6.0	8.0
Florida	5.6	5.3	6.3
United States	5.3	5.1	6.1

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Port St. Lucie Metropolitan Statistical Area				Sebastian-Vero Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area			
	May-15	May-14	change	percent change	May-15	May-14	change	percent change
	Total Employment	135,700	131,600	4,100	3.1	48,100	47,400	700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,400	8,100	300	3.7	3,000	3,100	-100	-3.2
Manufacturing	5,800	6,100	-300	-4.9	2,300	2,100	200	9.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	30,200	29,100	1,100	3.8	10,100	9,700	400	4.1
Wholesale Trade	4,900	5,000	-100	-2.0	800	800	0	0.0
Retail Trade	21,100	20,000	1,100	5.5	8,600	8,200	400	4.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,200	4,100	100	2.4	700	700	0	0.0
Information	1,400	1,400	0	0.0	600	600	0	0.0
Financial Activities	5,300	5,200	100	1.9	2,400	2,400	0	0.0
Professional and Business Services	16,400	15,600	800	5.1	5,000	5,000	0	0.0
Education and Health Services	24,100	23,100	1,000	4.3	9,600	9,400	200	2.1
Leisure and Hospitality	17,700	17,100	600	3.5	7,100	7,200	-100	-1.4
Other Services	7,500	6,900	600	8.7	2,800	2,700	100	3.7
Government	18,900	19,000	-100	-0.5	5,200	5,200	0	0.0

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	CareerSource Research Coast Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas				Florida			
	May-15	May-14	change	percent change	May-15	May-14	change	percent change
	Total Employment	183,800	179,000	4,800	2.7	8,095,600	7,828,300	267,300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,400	11,200	200	1.8	427,900	399,300	28,600	7.2
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	-100	-1.2	334,800	330,300	4,500	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40,300	38,800	1,500	3.9	1,667,800	1,611,600	56,200	3.5
Wholesale Trade	5,700	5,800	-100	-1.7	335,300	328,000	7,300	2.2
Retail Trade	29,700	28,200	1,500	5.3	1,070,800	1,030,800	40,000	3.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,900	4,800	100	2.1	261,700	252,800	8,900	3.5
Information	2,000	2,000	0	0.0	135,700	135,900	-200	-0.2
Financial Activities	7,700	7,600	100	1.3	538,400	520,300	18,100	3.5
Professional and Business Services	21,400	20,600	800	3.9	1,203,500	1,163,300	40,200	3.5
Education and Health Services	33,700	32,500	1,200	3.7	1,207,400	1,159,600	47,800	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	24,800	24,300	500	2.1	1,146,600	1,095,900	50,700	4.6
Other Services	10,300	9,600	700	7.3	340,300	324,600	15,700	4.8
Government	24,100	24,200	-100	-0.4	1,093,200	1,087,500	5,700	0.5

Population	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	611,649	608,576	3,073	0.5
Indian River County	140,955	139,586	1,369	1.0
Martin County	148,585	148,077	508	0.3
Okeechobee County	39,828	39,762	66	0.2
St. Lucie County	282,281	281,151	1,130	0.4
Florida	19,507,369	19,259,543	247,826	1.3

Average Annual Wage	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	\$37,811	\$36,858	\$953	2.6
Indian River County	\$38,725	\$37,075	\$1,650	4.5
Martin County	\$39,010	\$38,149	\$861	2.3
Okeechobee County	\$33,989	\$33,332	\$657	2.0
St. Lucie County	\$36,728	\$36,173	\$555	1.5
Florida	\$44,803	\$43,651	\$1,152	2.6

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

**Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
June 19, 2015**

- The unemployment rate in Palm Beach County was 5.1 percent in May 2015, down 0.8 percentage point from the May 2014 rate of 5.9 percent. In May 2015, Palm Beach County's unemployment rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the Florida statewide unemployment rate of 5.6 percent and 0.2 percentage point lower than the national unemployment rate of 5.3 percent. Out of a labor force of 690,177 in the county, there were 35,432 unemployed persons.
- In May 2015, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division was 583,000, up 3.2 percent over the year. Florida statewide employment increased 3.4 percent over the same time period.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division gained 18,300 nonagricultural jobs over the year. Job gains were primarily in professional and business services (+6,300 jobs) and education and health services (+3,900 jobs). Job gains also occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,500 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+2,000 jobs); other services (+1,600 jobs); financial activities (+900 jobs); construction (+500 jobs); government (+400 jobs); and manufacturing (+200 jobs).
- All major industry sectors gained jobs over the year, except information, in which employment was unchanged.
- Employment growth in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division was strongest in the professional and business services industry sector, which increased 6.2 percent over the year.
- In May 2015, the West Palm Beach metro area was one of the top five metro areas in Florida for total nonagricultural job growth over the year (+18,300 jobs) and one of the top two metro areas in Florida for gains over the year in professional and business services (+6,300 jobs) and in other services (+1,600 jobs).

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	May-15	Apr-15	May-14
CareerSource Palm Beach County	5.1	4.7	5.9
Florida	5.6	5.3	6.3
United States	5.3	5.1	6.1

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	May-15	May-14	change	percent change	May-15	May-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	583,000	564,700	18,300	3.2	8,095,600	7,828,300	267,300	3.4
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,600	5,800	-200	-3.5
Construction	28,400	27,900	500	1.8	422,300	393,500	28,800	7.3
Manufacturing	16,300	16,100	200	1.2	334,800	330,300	4,500	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	110,200	107,700	2,500	2.3	1,667,800	1,611,600	56,200	3.5
Wholesale Trade	23,200	22,800	400	1.8	335,300	328,000	7,300	2.2
Retail Trade	76,100	74,500	1,600	2.2	1,070,800	1,030,800	40,000	3.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,900	10,400	500	4.8	261,700	252,800	8,900	3.5
Information	10,200	10,200	0	0.0	135,700	135,900	-200	-0.2
Financial Activities	39,500	38,600	900	2.3	538,400	520,300	18,100	3.5
Professional and Business Services	107,600	101,300	6,300	6.2	1,203,500	1,163,300	40,200	3.5
Education and Health Services	92,800	88,900	3,900	4.4	1,207,400	1,159,600	47,800	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	82,100	80,100	2,000	2.5	1,146,600	1,095,900	50,700	4.6
Other Services	32,000	30,400	1,600	5.3	340,300	324,600	15,700	4.8
Government	63,800	63,400	400	0.6	1,093,200	1,087,500	5,700	0.5

Population	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,360,238	1,345,652	14,586	1.1
Florida	19,507,369	19,259,543	247,826	1.3

Average Annual Wage	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$49,823	\$48,218	\$1,605	3.3
Florida	\$44,803	\$43,651	\$1,152	2.6

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.