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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 18, 2005

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Blueprint 2000, Capital Circle Southwest Springhill Road to SR 20 Public Information Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, January 25, 2005

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency will host a Public Meeting regarding improvements to Capital Circle Southwest from Springhill Road to SR 20. This project is funded by an extension of the local one-cent sales tax approved by Leon County voters in November 2000.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. The purpose of this meeting is to present to the public the potential corridors/alignments identified by Blueprint staff and to provide an opportunity for public input regarding the proposed improvements.

Opportunities will be provided for those in attendance to review and comment on the preliminary concepts. Please join us for this very important public meeting.

For additional information about improvements being considered for Capital Circle please visit our website at http://www.blueprint2000.org/downloads.html.

Public Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2005
6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location:
Tallahassee Community College
Center for Economic and Workforce Development
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida
Blueprint 2000 & Beyond, a joint organization of Leon County and the City of Tallahassee, is beginning the process of investigating the best location for future improvements to Capital Circle (State Road 263) between Springhill Road (County Road 2203) and Blountstown Highway (State Road 20)—a distance of approx. 4.5 miles (please refer to the attached map).

Using the Blueprint 2000 & Beyond "Project Definitions Report", prepared by the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee in 1999, and the Lake Bradford Sector Plan, conducted by the Tallahassee/Leon County Planning Department, as a foundation for the project, Blueprint 2000 staff has identified several potential corridors/alignments. These corridors include upgrading Capital Circle along the existing alignment; upgrading and using a portion of either Springhill Road and/or Orange Avenue; or, constructing a new section of Capital Circle on a new alignment and using the existing roadway as a spur/access road to the airport.

Blueprint 2000 is seeking the public's input to help define the alternatives. We will be holding several public meetings to receive input and foster communication among the various interests within the area. The first meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on January 25, 2005 at The Center for Economic and Workforce Development on the Tallahassee Community College Campus.

Then, this summer, Blueprint 2000 will hire a consultant to conduct an Expanded Project Development & Environment (EPD&E) Study on the most desirable/viable alternatives. The EPD&E Study will continue with more in-depth data collection, analysis, documentation and public involvement consistent with all local, state and federal guidelines.

Blueprint 2000 recognizes that this is a very important project for the future growth and development of southwest Tallahassee and Leon County. We are also aware of nearby neighborhood concerns and environmentally sensitive lands and water bodies in the corridor. Blueprint 2000 staff will continue to apply the Blueprint philosophy—incorporating regional stormwater, greenway, aesthetic, and recreation improvements in conjunction with the transportation improvements on this project.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Jim Shepherd, P.E., Project Manager; or
Susan Emmanuel, Public Information Officer
(850) 891-1880

This meeting will be held in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Anyone requesting special accommodations may call Bonnie Pfuntner at (850) 891-1880, at least 7 days prior to the meeting. TDD users may call 711 for assistance.
February 14, 2005

Re: Capital Circle Southwest
Public Meeting No. 2

Dear Resident, Property Owner, Business Owner or Interested Citizen:

Blueprint 2000 & Beyond, a joint organization of Leon County and the City of Tallahassee, is continuing the process of investigating the best location for future improvements to Capital Circle (State Road 263) between Springhill Road (County Road 2203) and Blountstown Highway (State Road 20)—a distance of approx. 4.5 miles.

Using the Blueprint 2000 & Beyond “Project Definitions Report”, prepared by the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee in 1999, the Lake Bradford Sector Plan, conducted by the Tallahassee/Leon County Planning Department, as well as the input received from the first public meeting, Blueprint 2000 staff has conducted a preliminary analysis regarding the impacts and the costs of each alternative. The findings of this analysis will be presented at this Public Meeting.

Blueprint 2000 is again seeking public comment regarding these proposed alternatives. To that end, we are holding the second of several public meetings to receive further input and continue the communication among the various interests within the area. This meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the Lively Technical Center Cafeteria, 500 Appleyard Drive.

Blueprint 2000 recognizes that this is a very important project for the future growth and development of southwest Tallahassee and Leon County. As a direct result of the first public meeting, Blueprint 2000 staff is keenly aware of nearby neighborhood concerns and remains mindful of environmentally sensitive lands and water bodies in the corridor. Blueprint 2000 staff will continue to apply the Blueprint philosophy—incorporating regional stormwater, greenway, aesthetic, and recreation improvements in conjunction with the transportation improvements on this project.

If you have any questions, please contact either Ms. Susan Emmanuel, or myself, at the address or phone number listed above.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the project.

Sincerely,

BLUEPRINT 2000 & BEYOND

James Shepherd, P.E.
Project Manager

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February 15, 2005

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Blueprint 2000, Capital Circle Southwest - Springhill Road to SR 20
Public Information Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, March 1, 2005

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency will host the second Public Meeting regarding improvements to Capital Circle Southwest from Springhill Road to SR 20. This project is funded by an extension of the local one-cent sales tax approved by Leon County voters in November 2000.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. The purpose of this meeting is to present to the public the potential corridors/alignments identified by the Blueprint 2000 staff. A preliminary analysis regarding the impacts and the costs of each alternative has been conducted and will be presented at this Public Meeting.

Opportunities will be provided for those in attendance to provide public comment on the proposed alternatives. Please join us for this very important meeting.

Public Meeting #2
Tuesday, March 1, 2005
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location:
Lively Technical Center – Cafeteria
500 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

www.blueprint2000.org
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
For
CAPITAL CIRCLE SOUTHWEST
SPRINGHILL ROAD to SR 20

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2005
TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Lively Technical Center
Student Cafeteria
500 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

QUESTIONS: Call Public Involvement Manager, Bonnie Pfuntner, or Jim Shepherd,
Project Manager, Blueprint 2000 & Beyond at (850) 891-1880.

The public will have the opportunity to provide input and is encouraged to attend.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the impacts of the proposed alignments under
consideration for future improvements to Capital Circle from Springhill Road to SR 20.
You can visit our website at www.blueprint2000.org.

TDD Users may call 711 for assistance.

Ad to run in local section of Tallahassee Democrat newspaper on Tuesday, February 22,
2005 and on the Blueprint 2000 & Beyond website.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 29, 2005

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Blueprint 2000, Capital Circle Southwest - Springhill Road to SR 20
Public Information Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency (IA) will host the final Public Meeting regarding improvements to Capital Circle Southwest from Springhill Road to SR 20. This project is funded by an extension of the local one-cent sales tax approved by Leon County voters in November 2000.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. The purpose of this meeting is to present to the public the alternatives that the Blueprint 2000 staff recommend proceed to the Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) study phase. These recommendations must be approved by the IA.

Opportunities will be provided for those in attendance to provide public comment on the proposed alternatives. Please join us for this very important meeting.

Public Meeting #3

Tuesday, April 5, 2005
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location:
Center for Economic and Workforce Development
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 30, 2005

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The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. The purpose of this meeting is to present to the public four potential alignments identified by the Blueprint 2000 staff. Estimates of costs and impacts will be available.

Opportunities will be provided for those in attendance to provide public comment on the proposed alternatives. Please join us for this very important meeting.

Public Meeting #3

Tuesday, April 5, 2005
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location:
Center for Economic and Workforce Development
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 13, 2005

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Blueprint 2000, Capital Circle Southeast – Tram Road to Connie Drive
Construction Phase Public Workshop To Be Held On Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Blueprint 2000 & Beyond will host the first Construction Phase Public Workshop regarding improvements to Capital Circle Southeast from Tram Road to Connie Drive. This project is funded by an extension of the local one-cent sales tax approved by Leon County voters in November 2000.

The Capital Circle Southeast project will re-construct from the existing two-lane undivided rural road to a six-lane divided urban roadway. This 3.25-mile project will include curb and gutter, significant stormwater improvements, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, a substantial landscaped median, extensive landscaped borders, and a multi-use trail.

The public workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. The primary purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with information related to the project schedule, and the construction sequencing on the project.

Please join us for this very important meeting.

Construction Phase Public Workshop
Wednesday, April 20, 2005
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location:
Blueprint 2000 & Beyond
1311 Executive Center Drive, The Koger Center
Ellis Building, Suite 109
Tallahassee, Florida
PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 4, 2005

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BLUEPRINT 2000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY
CELEBRATE START OF CAPITAL CIRCLE SOUTHEAST EXPANSION PROJECT
WITH GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY:
HOSTED BY BLUEPRINT 2000 & BEYOND

The City of Tallahassee - Leon County Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency held a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the first expansion project for Capital Circle Southeast on Tuesday, May 3 at 9 a.m. The event took place on Capital Circle Southeast, north of Blair Stone Road, on the east side of the roadway.

The Capital Circle Southeast project will extend from just south of Tram Road to Connie Drive and will widen the existing two-lane undivided rural road to a six-lane divided urban roadway. The 3.4-mile project will include curb and gutter, sidewalk, a meandering trail, bicycle lanes, significant stormwater improvements, a substantially landscaped median and landscaped borders.

Construction is expected to begin before the end of the month and continue until October 2007. The project is being designed and built by quality local firms, with 21 % of the construction and 15.5 % of the design to be done by local minority businesses.

This is a great project for our community, funded by the one-cent sales tax extension, voted on by the citizens of Tallahassee-Leon County. It is a culmination of a lot of hard work by the citizens, elected officials, and staff. The total cost is $37 million, which is staying in the community.

Blueprint 2000 Director Jim Davis, along with members of the Intergovernmental Agency Board of Directors from the City Commission, Mayor John Marks, and Allen Katz, and from the County Commission, Cliff Thaell, Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Agency, Bob Rackleff, Ed DePuy, and Jane Sauls. Also, Bob Henderson a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, Emory Mayfield and Chuck Roberts with M, Inc./ C.W. Roberts, construction partners in this project all participated in the dirt turning Groundbreaking Ceremony for Tallahassee-Leon County’s first horizontal design-build project.

After the dirt turning portion of the ceremony City Manager Anita Favors, Bill Little, Emory Mayfield and Chuck Roberts unveiled the two signs that will be placed along the corridor.

Other attendees included Laura Kelley, Executive Director of the Florida Transportation Commission; Kevin Thibault, Assistant Secretary for the Florida Department of Transportation; Norm Lewis and Ron Fisher, FAA; Delmas Barber, Florida A&M; and Mary Chiles, from U.S. Senator Nelson’s office. All guests were given Blueprint 2000 miniature hardhats.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 23, 2005

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Blueprint 2000, Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest,
Expanded Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
Public Information Meeting To Be Held On Thursday, June 30, 2005

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency (IA) has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for the Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest (SR 263) from south of Orange Avenue (SR 371) to south of Tennessee Street (SR 10/US 90) Expanded PD&E Study.

A Public Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2005, in the Student Union at Tallahassee Community College. The meeting is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. and an opportunity for public comment to follow.

The purpose of this Public Information Meeting is to describe the proposed project and the alternative design concepts that have been developed for the widening of Capital Circle NW/SW. All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

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July 29, 2005

BOYD ANNOUNCES $8 MILLION FOR CAPITOL CIRCLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today secured $8 million for the widening of Capitol Circle with the passage of the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) Conference Report (HR 3). This legislation authorizes $286 billion over five years for highways, public transit, and safety and research programs.

"The funding for the widening of Capitol Circle is a tremendous development for the city of Tallahassee," said Congressman Boyd. "This funding will help alleviate congestion in the city and provide for more efficient means of travel for area residents. It is also our hope that the widening of Capitol Circle will promote economic development efforts by bringing more industry to this area."

In 2003, Congressman Boyd first requested the funding for Capitol Circle be included in TEA-LU because of the difficulty of traveling to and from the airport and Interstate 10. Capitol Circle serves as the main artery from the local airport to Interstate 10 and is currently only two lanes. Widening Capitol Circle will alleviate traffic and promote economic growth near the airport.

"One of my top priorities in Congress is to ensure that North Florida receives a fair share of federal funding to improve our infrastructure and promote economic growth," Congressman Boyd stated. "This legislation will allow area residents to travel through the county safely and with greater ease, and it is my hope that the President will expeditiously sign this bill into law when it reaches his desk."
NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 11, 2005

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Blueprint 2000, Capital Circle Southwest, Springhill Road to S.R. 20
Public Information Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, August, 16, 2005

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency (IA) will host a fourth Public Information Meeting regarding investigating the best location for future improvements to Capital Circle (State Road 263) between Springhill Road (County Road 2203) and Blountstown Highway (State Road 20) - a distance of approx. 4.5 miles.

Blueprint 2000 staff developed and conducted a preliminary analysis on ten alternatives, which were presented at the third public meeting. However, since then the Airport Gateway Advisory Committee and the Lake Bradford Homeowner’s Association have proposed several new alternatives for consideration. Three of the new alternatives follow Aenon Church Road, and the other follows Tyson Road. In an effort to solicit input from residents and businesses along the new alternatives, Blueprint will be holding a fourth public meeting. This Public Information Meeting will be held on August 16, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a presentation at 6:15 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor. At this meeting, Blueprint 2000 is seeking public input regarding the evaluation of the new proposed alternatives and will provide area citizens an opportunity to express any concerns.

Blueprint 2000 staff will present its recommendations to the IA at their September 19, 2005 meeting, for review and approval. The subsequent Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study is tentatively funded in the Blueprint 2000 budget for Fiscal Year 2006. If authorized by the IA, the PD&E Study would begin this fall. The PD&E Study will continue the evaluations completed thus far with more in-depth data collection, analysis, documentation and public involvement consistent with all local, state and federal guidelines, and in keeping with the Blueprint philosophy.

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For Immediate Release

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September 20, 2005

FDOT Hosts Capital Circle NW Public Meeting
“Construction Begins the Week of September 26”

Chipley - The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in conjunction with PBS&J will conduct a Construction Public Information Meeting Thursday, September 22, from 6 pm to 7 pm at the DEP Douglas Building, Conference Room A, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard. This meeting is being held to update businesses, residents and the general public on upcoming construction to SR 263 (Capital Circle Northwest). Construction is scheduled to begin the week of September 26 and extend for nearly two and one-half years. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained during construction.

The 1.9-mile long multi-lane project extends from SR 10 (US 90) West Tennessee Street to SR 8 (I-10) and consists of construction of new sidewalks, rehabilitation to existing sidewalks along each side of Tennessee Street and Capital Circle Northwest, drainage improvements, traffic signal upgrades and improvements to pedestrian features. Also included in the $25 million construction contract are access management improvements based on Access Management Standards - Rule 14-97. Access management deals with the permanent opening and closing of driveways, medians and turn lanes along a corridor.

Preliminary construction activities include earth-work and construction of retention ponds. Construction signs are posted and the speed limit is reduced in the construction zone. M Inc. of Tallahassee is the prime contractor. This project is being constructed in cooperation with Blueprint 2000 and the Northwest Florida Water Management District who will host a ground breaking ceremony late October 2005.

Motorists are reminded to use caution while traveling through the construction zone. Speeding violations double when construction workers are present.

www.dot.state.fl.us
October 27, 2005

Re:  Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest
     Expanded PD&E Study
     (SR 263) from south of Orange Avenue (SR 371) to south of
     Tennessee Street (SR 10/US 90)

Dear Resident, Property Owner, Business Owner or
Interested Citizen:

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental
Agency has scheduled a Public Open House on
Thursday, November 10, 2005. This open house
will provide the public with an opportunity to review
and comment on the revised concepts that have
been developed for Blountstown Highway (SR 20)
and the proposed locations for the project’s
stormwater ponds.

The format of the meeting will be an informal open house; there will not be a presentation. You
are welcome to attend at any time between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., to review the
display materials, provide input, and discuss the project with us.

If you have questions, please contact either Jim Shepherd, or Bonnie Pfuntner at the address or
phone number listed above.

Thank you for your interest and participation in
the project.

Sincerely,
BLUEPRINT 2000 & BEYOND

James H. Davis
Director

CAPITAL CIRCLE
NORTHWEST/SOUTHWEST
Public Open House
Thursday, November 10, 2005
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Location:
Center for Economic and Workforce Development,
Upstairs - Board Room 241
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

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For Immediate Release:
November 14, 2005

Congressman Boyd to attend Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Capital Circle Northwest $25.5 Million Construction Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in conjunction with The City of Tallahassee – Leon County Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency, and the Northwest Florida Water Management District, will kick-off the construction of Capital Circle Northwest with a Groundbreaking Celebration on Monday, November 21, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

Congressman Allen F. Boyd, Jr., together with representatives from the offices of U.S. Senators Bill Nelson and Mel Martinez, will attend the Groundbreaking Celebration on this construction project, which includes federal funding secured by Congressman Boyd, Senator Nelson, and Senator Martinez. Others attending include Chairman of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, other County and City commissioners, representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

This multi-lane project consists of reconstructing the existing three-lane undivided rural road to a six-lane divided urban roadway. The 1.9-mile project extends from US 90 / West Tennessee Street to Interstate 10 and will include new sidewalks and bicycle lanes, drainage and water quality improvements, traffic signal upgrades and landscaping along the corridor.

The project is being constructed and managed by the Florida Department of Transportation, with funding provided by: Blueprint 2000, the Federal Government, Florida Department of Transportation, and a Florida Forever Capital Improvement Grant from The Northwest Florida Water Management District.

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Event location
At the Regional Pond 1 facility
5317 W. Tennessee St.
Just west of Capital Circle on the south side of Tennessee St. (US 90).
For Immediate Release:
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