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BRIDGE PILE DRIVING TO BEGIN AS PART OF BUILDING FIRST SECTION OF WEKIVA PARKWAY

APOPKA, FL – Area residents are advised that crews are scheduled to begin driving pile for bridges in September as part of building the first section of the Wekiva Parkway. The crews working for the Florida Department of Transportation are scheduled to take about three months to drive approximately 100 piles.

Construction began February 18 on the 3.14-mile stretch of toll road from County Road (CR) 435 (Mt. Plymouth Road), north of Haas Road, to State Road (SR) 46 near Old McDonald Road. The area is known as Section 4A & 4B of the project and is near the Rock Springs Run State Reserve and the Wekiwa Springs State Park.

Maps and other project information can be found at www.wekivaparkway.com.

More Project Information:

The $1.5 billion Wekiva Parkway will complete the beltway around Central Florida. The planned 25-mile toll road is being built in collaboration between the Florida Department of Transportation and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority. The parkway will provide a transportation alternative and relieve US 441, SR 46 and other area roads of traffic congestion.

Environmentalists refer to the Wekiva Parkway as a good example of transportation planning through environmentally sensitive areas. Authorized by the 2004 Wekiva Parkway & Protection Act, parkway development has included conserving more than 3,400 acres of land. The parkway will include wildlife bridges, and will be largely elevated to reduce accidents between vehicles and wildlife.