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***TRIP CALCULATOR HELPS MOTORISTS FIND BEST TIME TO TRAVEL***  
*SMART™ SunGuide® Web site adds new features for travelers*

(Fort Lauderdale, FL – March 18, 2009) – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC) added a new, interactive feature to its Web site, [www.SMARTSunGuide.com](http://www.SMARTSunGuide.com). Users can now estimate the duration of their freeway travel in Broward County with the trip calculator.

Looking for the optimal time to be on the road? Wondering how long it will take to get somewhere in the morning as compared to the afternoon? Try out the trip calculator to get recommendations in any of three formats.

- Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) - Estimated arrival time based on selected departure time.
- Depart on Time (DOT) - Estimated recommended departure time based on selected arrival time.
- Best Time to Travel (BTT) - Estimated recommended departure time based on selected time range.

The trip calculator, located on the home page, is easy to use and provides information above and beyond travel times. Any visitor can quickly create a travel route based on I-95, I-595 and I-75 information provided for Broward County. Then, by clicking on the trip calculator icon, the user further customizes the routes with days and times traveled. The calculator uses 95th percentile travel times, meaning that 95 percent of the time your travel time should be equal to or less than the posted time.

“We’re excited to provide this additional service to our current personalized travel route feature, now users have a personalized planning tool at their finger tips,” said Dong Chen, FDOT District Four Intelligent Transportation (ITS) Systems Program Manager. “We hope that our users find this useful when it comes to making decisions on when to travel, especially for daily commuters in Broward County.” This additional service will be available for Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties in the future. FDOT looks forward to incorporating even more options into their Web site; one that will be added in the near future is the increasingly popular Twitter.

The SMART SunGuide TMC is a 24-hour facility run by FDOT and the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division. The TMC monitors freeways and major arterial routes with closed circuit TV cameras, speed sensors, traffic signal control devices and a fleet of Road Ranger Service Patrol vehicles. In coordination with local law enforcement and fire rescue, TMC operators identify and respond aggressively to quickly clear incidents, disabled vehicles and other interruptions to traffic with the ITS equipment. Information from the TMC is displayed on Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) and on the region’s 5-1-1 Advanced Traveler Information Service. For real-time traffic conditions or information about the SMART SunGuide TMC, please visit [www.SMARTSunGuide.com](http://www.SMARTSunGuide.com).

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