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### **HIGH-VISIBILITY SAFETY APPAREL REQUIRED ON FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS**

According to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations, all workers on foot whose duties place them within the right-of-way of a federal-aid highway must wear safety clothing that is conspicuous during the day and night and contains high-visibility fluorescent background material and reflective material. Workers are identified as: construction and maintenance workers, survey crews, responders to incidents and law enforcement personnel when handling roadway closures. Included with the responders to incidents are commercial drivers on foot within the right-of-way who are with disabled trucks or motor coaches. A federal-aid highway is one which is eligible for construction, reconstruction or improvement with federal money. For more information and details of the exact types of safety clothing required by the regulations, go to the Federal Emergency web site: [www.rkb.us/hints.cfm?content\\_id=200647&preview=1](http://www.rkb.us/hints.cfm?content_id=200647&preview=1).

### **NEW YORK STATE BLAMES GPS FOR TRUCKS CRASHING INTO BRIDGES**

Governor David Paterson of New York has proposed a safety bill with penalties, including jail time and confiscation of trucks, for drivers who use global positioning systems (GPS) that direct them to restricted routes where they crash into too-low overpasses. Siding with the proposal is the safety group Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. The group contends that GPS is just another electronic distraction for truckers which can direct them to residential roads where, in addition to the bridge dangers, the trucks damage the roads and lead to traffic congestion. The legislation would also require that GPS devices used in trucks must be enhanced with information about roads where trucks are prohibited. Truck driver associations argue that the bill places an unfair and unwarranted financial burden on every law-abiding trucking company doing business anywhere in New York State at a time when the state should be trying to attract business.

### **TUNNEL PROJECT AT PORT OF MIAMI FINALLY APPROVED BY DOT**

After more than 20 years of deliberations to assess the best way to alleviate traffic congestion and increase safety in the Miami area, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has approved financing for a tunnel project at the Port of Miami to provide cargo trucks and tourist buses better access to the port and remove them from local streets. The tunnel will extend 3.6 miles with two lanes in each direction and provide direct access between the Seaport, I-395 and I-95. The DOT is providing a loan of \$341 million which will go towards the estimated total project cost of \$1 billion. The tunnel is expected to open to traffic by 2014. For more information on the Port project, go to: <http://www.portofmiamitunnel.com>.