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**FORMAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

**CELEBRATES A NEW 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET**



The new, modern and stylized 13<sup>th</sup> Street was officially opened with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony at its east end in Riviera Beach on Monday, March 21, 2005. The project was completed on budget and on time, and is part of the port's gateway entrance that began with 11<sup>th</sup> street, which directs visitors into the Maritime Office Complex and Cruise Terminal.

Vice Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners, George E. Mastics was thrilled to say, "The port is proud to present today, along with the city and county; this sound streetscape to our community."

In front of the new entrance to the city's marina, the Port of Palm Beach hosted officials from the city and county to join them in a ceremony to celebrate for what the port hopes will be a start to the city's Harbor Village redevelopment plans.

Port Commissioner Wayne Richards addressed more than 70 people saying, "Welcome to this historic ribbon-cutting ceremony – a ceremony that not only marks the opening of a roadway corridor that is as beautiful as it is functional but also celebrates a 'bridge of progress,' progress facilitated by the spirit of cooperation that has made this new 13<sup>th</sup> Street corridor a reality by working together with the City of Riviera Beach, and Palm Beach County." It also signifies the far-reaching, all-encompassing benefits that occur when three entities come together and work towards a common goal.

"Thirteenth Street's location was placed consistent with the city's Community Redevelopment Agency master plan to introduce visitors from Old Dixie Highway all the way into the Harbor Village, the city's marina, and associated neighborhoods," said Keith Jackson vice president of engineering, surveying and mapping company, Shalloway Engineering. "It encompasses the same stylish features seen on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and the Skypass Bridge."

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