

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 KEVIN J. THIBAULT, P.E. SECRETARY

(904) 476-8330

For Immediate Release

December 2, 2019

Contact: Hampton Ray

Hampton.Ray@dot.state.fl.us

FDOT to host subsequent public hearing on I-295 Express Lanes between S.R. 9B and JTB

Jacksonville – A public hearing regarding changes to the I-295 Express Lanes construction project between S.R. 9B and J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) will be held Thursday, December 5 at the Adam W. Herbert University Center (Grand Banquet Hall), 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Attendees will have the opportunity to view displays and discuss proposed changes with project staff and consultants during an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A formal presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. and be followed by a formal public comment period.

The project team will present proposed changes to the project, including the increase to three general use lanes in each direction. The Department is also evaluating the feasibility of adding or extending noise barriers in the project area, along with additional minor improvements.

Project documents will be available for review at the public hearing and are currently displayed at the FDOT Jacksonville Urban Office, 2198 Edison Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204 and the Southeast Regional Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to oral statements may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Stephen Browning, P.E., Project Manager, via email at: stephen.browning@dot.state.fl.us or traditional mail at: 1109 South Marion Avenue, MS 2007 Lake City, Florida 32025. All exhibits or statements postmarked on or before December 15, 2019 will become part of the hearing record.

The I-295 Express Lanes project from S.R. 9B to J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) began in 2016 and was awarded to the Archer-Western Contractors design-build team. The \$160 million project is expected to be completed in late 2020, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: www.NorthFloridaExpress.com

###