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FDOT to Host Hybrid Public Hearing for Proposed Widening, Improvements on I-295 from Butler Boulevard to Southside Connector

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a hybrid public hearing Thursday, January 27 to discuss proposed widening and other improvements along I-295 from J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) to the Southside Connector (S.R. 113). The hearing will begin with an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation and public comment period at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the public may attend in person at UNF's Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224 or online at nflroads.com/virtualmeetings. All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will receive the same information on the proposed projects, and all comments submitted in person, virtually or electronically will be given equal weight and will be documented and included in the public hearing transcript. Project information is now available for review at nflroads.com/I-295East.

Improvements being considered along the corridor include:

- Widening I-295 to three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction
- Adding new entrance and exit ramps at the I-295/Merrill Road interchange
- Improving traffic operations at the Merrill Road/Fort Caroline Road intersection
- Modifying the I-295 exit ramps to Monument Road to improve traffic operations
- Improving traffic operations at the I-295/St. Johns Bluff Road South interchange
- Converting the I-295/Town Center Parkway interchange to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI)
- Improving traffic operations at the Town Center Parkway/St. Johns Bluff Road South intersection
- Constructing new stormwater ponds to collect and treat runoff from the proposed roadway
- Constructing noise walls at qualified locations

The proposed improvements are being considered to address existing and future congestion, improve regional mobility for the delivery of goods and services, decrease

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emergency and hurricane clearance times and improve overall safety along the I-295 corridor.

January is Move Over month in Florida. FDOT reminds motorists to move over for first responders or service vehicles displaying any visible signals while stopped on the roadside, including Road Rangers, sanitation vehicles and tow trucks.

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