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## ICYMI: Media Availability at U.S. 301 Asphalt Test Road

*Asphalt Test Road Facility to Open Sept. 18*

**CLAY COUNTY, Fla.** – Construction operations for the U.S. 301 Asphalt Test Road project in Clay County are nearly complete. Drivers will be able to access Florida's first, newly built asphalt test road the morning of Sept. 18, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

A true corridor of innovation and the first of its kind in Florida, the purpose of the asphalt test road is to provide insight into FDOT's current asphalt pavement design practices and study the performance of new pavement materials to improve future design of state roadways. Drivers who access the asphalt test road will be helping to improve sustainability and longevity in Florida's road infrastructure planning processes by supplementing real-driver data.

The asphalt test road is located parallel to the existing U.S. 301 southbound lanes from County Road 218 to Richard Mosely Road (approximately 2.5 miles). U.S. 301 southbound drivers will be shifted onto the test road just after County Road 218 and reconnect with existing U.S. 301 southbound lanes at the end of the road.

FDOT District 2 Communications team members will be conducting media interviews on-site at the nearby construction office located at 1313 U.S. 301, Lawtey, FL 32058 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18. Attendees are requested to RSVP via email with time of attendance to [Jacob.Pickering@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jacob.Pickering@dot.state.fl.us) no later than 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17.

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