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ICYMI: FDOT to Hold Open House Monday for S.R. 202/San Pablo Road Project

Jacksonville, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public open house to preview construction activities on the Butler Boulevard (State Road 202) and San Pablo Road interchange improvement project. The open house will take place Monday, January 6 in the Kinne Auditorium at Mayo Clinic's Cannaday Building, 4500 San Pablo Road, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Citizens are invited to stop by any time from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.to view displays and discuss traffic impacts and construction activities with members of the project team.

The existing interchange is being reconstructed as a diverging diamond interchange (DDI), in which the two directions of traffic on San Pablo Road below Butler Boulevard will briefly drive on the opposite side of the road. This intersection design creates significant improvements in safety, since long left turns crossing traffic lanes are eliminated and potential conflict points are reduced to 14 from the 26 found in traditional interchange designs. Additionally, the DDI promotes efficiency with only two clearance intervals (the time for traffic signals to change from green to yellow to red) instead of the six or more found in other interchange designs. FDOT District Two is currently constructing diverging diamond interchanges at I-95 and State Road A1A (State Road 200) in Nassau County, First Coast Expressway and Henley Road in Clay County and First Coast Expressway and State Road 16 in Clay County.

Watson Civil Construction, Inc. was selected to complete the \$12 million project. Construction is expected to begin in early January 2020 and be completed in spring 2022, weather and schedule permitting.



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