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ICYMI: FDOT to host public hearing on I-95 Express Lanes between J. Turner Butler Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard

Jacksonville – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a public hearing regarding a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study on I-95 Express Lanes from J. Turner Butler (JTB) to Atlantic Boulevard.

The public hearing will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 at the Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The hearing includes a presentation and time for public comments. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide information on the study's findings, discuss the recommended alternative, and seek the public's input.

Project information is available for review at the FDOT Urban Office (2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204) or at the Jacksonville Southeast Public Library (10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32256). Those wishing to submit written comments may do so at the hearing or via mail or email them to Michael Brock (<u>Michael.Brock@dot.state.fl.us</u> or 1109 S Marion Avenue, MS 2007, Lake City, FL 32025-5874) no later than April 14, 2018.

This segment of I-95 that has been studied experiences peak period congestion due to demand that exceeds the roadway's capacity. With expectations of continued traffic congestion, the purpose of this PD&E study is to evaluate the addition of Express Lanes in order to provide capacity improvements and relieve congestion. Express Lanes are an innovative concept to manage traffic congestion and provide choices for motorists. These additional lanes will provide more capacity in areas where traffic congestion is a concern. The study will also examine all interchanges regarding safety and operational improvements.

Two sets of Express Lanes are already under construction in Jacksonville. The first set, on I-295 between the Buckman Bridge and I-95 is scheduled to open in summer 2018. The second set, on I-295 between State Road 9B and JTB, is scheduled to open in mid-2019.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: <u>www.NorthFloridaExpress.com</u>

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