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Interstate 95 ramp traffic shift in Yulee planned for 12/2 From I-95 NB and from A1A/SR 200 in Nassau County

Yulee – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to shift traffic onto newly constructed temporary pavement at the Interstate 95 northbound ramp to A1A/State Road 200 at exit 373, December 2, depending on weather. Traffic will also shift onto newly constructed temporary pavement from A1A/State Road 200 to the on-ramp to Interstate 95 southbound at exit 373. These traffic shifts will remain in place for approximately one year, subject to change, to allow the contractor to construct new diverging diamond interchange ramps.

This project in Yulee consists of reconstruction and widening of 2.2 miles of A1A from west of I-95 to west of Still Quarters Road, widening of ramps at Interstate 95/A1A exit 373 (to Yulee/Callahan/Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach), and the reconfiguration of the interchange under Interstate 95 into the region's first *diverging diamond interchange (DDI).

The widening project increases the roadway from four lanes to six lanes and includes raised medians, bicycle lanes, curbs and gutters, sidewalks and high mast lighting.

The project costs approximately \$40 million and is expected to be completed by summer 2020 depending on weather and unforeseen delays.

J.B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc. of Jacksonville has been hired to complete the work for FDOT.

*A **diverging diamond interchange (DDI)** is a type of interchange where the two directions of traffic below I-95 briefly drive on the opposite side of the road. This will be a significant improvement in safety, since long left turns crossing traffic lanes to enter or exit the Interstate will be eliminated. Additionally, the DDI promotes added 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. For more information about the DDI and to watch a video of how it will work for this project, visit: www.nflroads.com/DDI