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Overnight Lane Shift on Blanding Boulevard Project Signals Progress on Clay County Project

Excellent progress is being made on the Blanding Boulevard widening project in Clay County. Contractors are prepared to shift southbound traffic onto the newly paved southbound lanes early Thursday, April 20. Northbound Blanding Boulevard traffic will remain in the two lanes currently being used by northbound drivers. The shift means additional work will begin in the median and two inner lanes as this project nears completion. This lane shift will give drivers a better sense of what the final traffic pattern will be like once the project is completed.

In Middleburg, the section of Blanding Boulevard impacted by this widening and improvement project starts at Old Jennings Road and ends just south of the Branan Field Road intersection. The contractor will work late in the evening tonight and in the early morning hours Thursday to realign road striping and traffic signals, redirecting southbound traffic to the new outside lanes before morning rush hour.

This project in Clay County involves the six-laning of Blanding Boulevard from Old Jennings Road to Branan Field Road at a cost of approximately \$15 million. Additional improvements include bike lanes, sidewalks, new mast arm traffic signals at intersections and additional street lights. This project is now more than seventy-five percent complete and scheduled for full completion this summer.

Up-to-date lane closure and detour information is available at www.nflroads.com. The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones.

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