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### **Resurfacing, Other Improvements Planned for County Road 218**

**CLAY COUNTY** – Work is expected to begin soon on a project to enhance about 21 miles of County Road 218 in Clay County between U.S. 301 and State Road 16 in Penney Farms.

Planned improvements include the milling and resurfacing of travel lanes, shoulder milling and resurfacing, guardrail removal and replacement, pipe culvert installation, improved signage and roadway striping, and mailbox removal and replacement due to shoulder widening. At an approximate cost of \$8 million, construction should be completed in Summer 2018, barring any weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances.

This route impacts Clay County neighborhoods and businesses in Clay Hill, Middleburg, the Lake Asbury area of Green Cove Springs and Penney Farms. The intersection of State Road 21 (Blanding Boulevard) and County Road 218 will not be included in this resurfacing project, as intersection improvements at that location are part of a future project on State Road 21.

The project contractor, Florida-based Anderson Columbia Company, Inc., will begin the first phase of construction within the next few weeks near Middleburg's Ravines community on County Road 218.

Traffic will be maintained in accordance with FDOT design standards throughout the project. When lane closures are needed, drivers will be alerted in advance via portable, changing message signs. These closure rules are put in place for the traveling safety of families and staff of the schools nearby, which include Clay Hill Elementary, Wilkinson Elementary, Wilkinson Junior High and Shadowlawn Elementary. Lane closure notices are available online at [www.nflroads.com](http://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. Call (904) 813-FDOT with any questions about this or other projects within FDOT District II.

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