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ICYMI: FDOT to Host Nov. 18 Hybrid Public Meeting for I-75 at U.S. 441/U.S. 41 Interchange Improvements

Including Access Management Improvements at SW Howell Street

LAKE CITY, Fla. – Columbia County, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a hybrid public meeting to discuss proposed Interchange Improvements to the I-75 at U.S. 441/U.S. 41 intersection, including access management improvements at SW Howell Street.

The hybrid public meeting for the I-75 at U.S. 441/U.S. 41 Interchange Improvements project will be held Monday, Nov. 18 at the Mason City Community Center, 11110 South U.S. Highway 441 Lake City, Florida 32025. An open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. where interested citizens may view project information, ask questions and discuss proposed changes with members of the project team. A formal presentation and public comment period will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public meeting will also be held virtually at www.nflroads.com/EllisvilleInterchange.

The project is proposing operational improvements to the I-75 at U.S. 441/U.S. 41 interchange (commonly referred to as Ellisville interchange) by signalizing the ramp intersections, adding turn lanes, extending existing storage lanes and accommodating U-turn movements.

South of the Ellisville Interchange, the project is proposing enhanced safety by converting the existing full median opening at SW Howell Street and U.S. 441/U.S. 41 to a directional median opening and providing a new signalized intersection 1,500 feet south of SW Howell Street. The movements removed from the SW Howell Street and U.S. 441/U.S. 41 intersection will be accommodated through a new roadway called Ellisville Access Road.

All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will receive the same information on the proposed project and all comments received in-person, virtually, or electronically will be given equal consideration.

Public comments may be submitted online at <u>www.nflroads.com/EllisvilleInterchange</u>, via phone to Chad Williams at (386) 758-1019, by email at <u>chad_williams@columbiacountyfla.com</u> or by traditional mail sent to 607 NW Quinten

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Street, Lake City, FL 32055. All written comments must be received by Dec. 2nd, 2024 to be included in the formal meeting record.

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