

Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) Intersection Improvements from South of Wells Road to the Ortega River

Orange Park, Clay County, Florida

PROJECT INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND

The intersection of Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) and Wells Road, located just south of the Duval/Clay County line, is experiencing significant congestion during peak hours. Blanding Boulevard is a major north-south road in Clay County connecting residential homes and businesses to I-295. Wells Road is a major east-west connector serving residential and commercial centers between U.S. 17 and Blanding Boulevard. This project is being conducted to relieve congestion and enhance safety at the Blanding Boulevard and Wells Road intersection.

Work for the project consists of milling and resurfacing, base work, shoulder treatment, drainage improvements, curb and gutters, traffic signals, lighting, highway signing, bridges, sidewalks/bicycle path and other incidental construction.

The project is scheduled to begin in August 2025. J.B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc. was awarded the \$8 million contract. The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2026, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

BLANDING BOULEVARD AND WELLS ROAD INTERSECTION REDESIGN

- The project will close median openings in front of the properties to the west of Blanding Boulevard, south
 of the intersection. Northbound travelers seeking to access these properties will make a U-turn on
 Blanding Boulevard, slightly north of Wells Road at the newly constructed traffic signal, to make a righthand turn into the properties.
- Southbound Blanding Boulevard travelers seeking to go east on Wells Road will enter the channelized intersection and continue to their destinations after exiting the displaced left turn lane.
- Westbound Wells Road travelers seeking to go north on Blanding Boulevard will experience minimal changes.

Westbound Wells Road travelers seeking to go south on Blanding Boulevard will have two options:

- Westbound Wells Road travelers to the west of the displaced left turn lane will access southbound Blanding Boulevard via the U-turn at the newly constructed traffic signal.
- Westbound Wells Road travelers east of the displaced left turn lane will use the traffic signal at the intersection and continue south on Blanding Boulevard toward their destination.
- Westbound travelers on Wells Road seeking to continue west will turn north onto Blanding Boulevard, make a U-turn at the newly constructed traffic signal, then make a right-hand turn onto westbound Wells Road.
- Eastbound Wells Road travelers seeking to continue east on Wells Road, north on Blanding Boulevard or south on Blanding Boulevard will experience minimal changes.

