

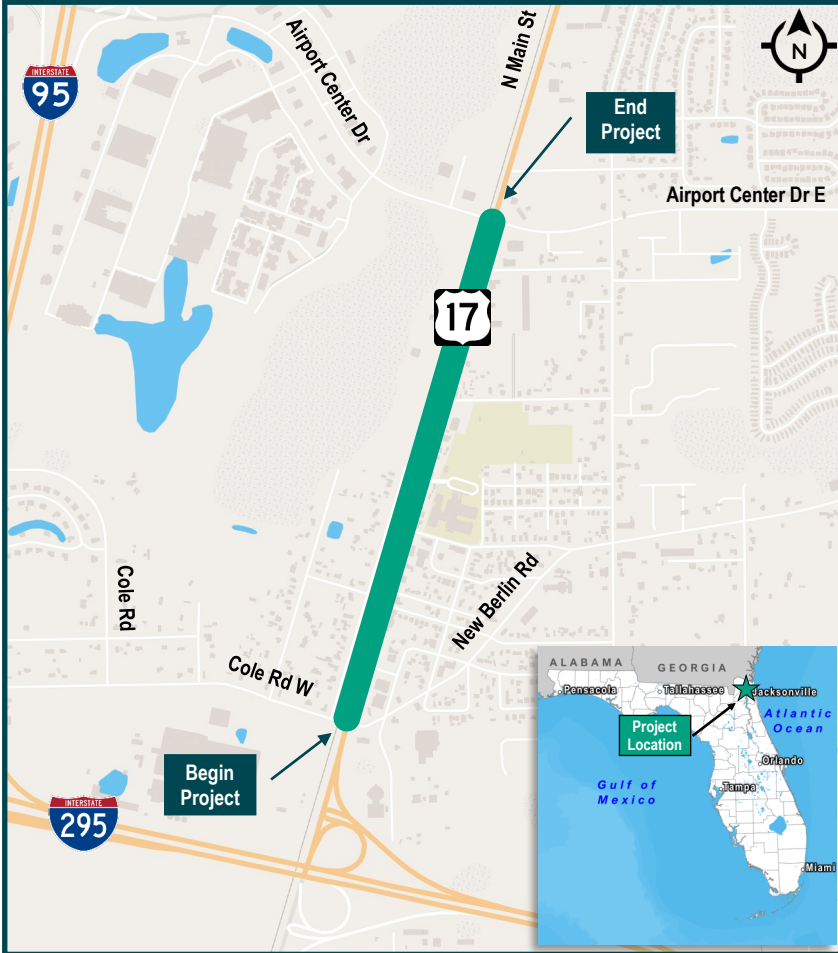
US 17 FROM NEW BERLIN ROAD TO AIRPORT CENTER DRIVE RESCHEDULED SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC HEARING



Duval County, Florida | Financial Management Number: 209411-8

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Two invites you to the rescheduled US 17 (SR 5/Main Street) In-Person Subsequent Public Hearing to discuss the proposed improvements for US 17 from south of New Berlin Road to Airport Center Drive in Duval County, Florida. **This Subsequent In-Person Public Hearing was rescheduled from September 26, 2024 to November 4, 2024 due to inclement weather associated with Hurricane Helene.** The purpose of the Subsequent Public Hearing is to discuss the changes that have taken place to US 17 during the Design Phase and provide an opportunity for the public to express their opinions and concerns regarding the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



PROJECT BACKGROUND

US 17, within the project limits, is a two-lane undivided roadway running parallel to the CSX railroad, with intermittent sidewalks and no bicycle facilities.

In 2005, FDOT initiated a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study to evaluate widening US 17.

The purpose of the project was to accommodate current and anticipated traffic demand, enhance safety, and serve existing and future land uses along the US 17 corridor.

In 2007, a Public Hearing was held to present the preferred alternative and gather public feedback. The PD&E was approved in 2008 and the project is now in the Design phase.



HOW TO ATTEND THIS SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC HEARING

FDOT offers several options to participate in the Hearing. A Virtual Public Hearing was held on September 24, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. whereby participants attended from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Due to inclement weather related to Hurricane Helene, the In-Person Public Hearing was rescheduled from September 26, 2024 to the following date:

In-Person Hearing – November 4, 2024

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville Airport, Meeting Room: Concourse A & B

Address: 13503 Ranch Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Open House: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Presentation & Public Comment Period: 6:30 pm

Draft documents have been available since **September 3, 2024** for review online at the project website (www.nflroads.com/US17) and in-person, during normal business hours, at the following locations:

Jacksonville Urban Office

2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32204
(904) 360-5400

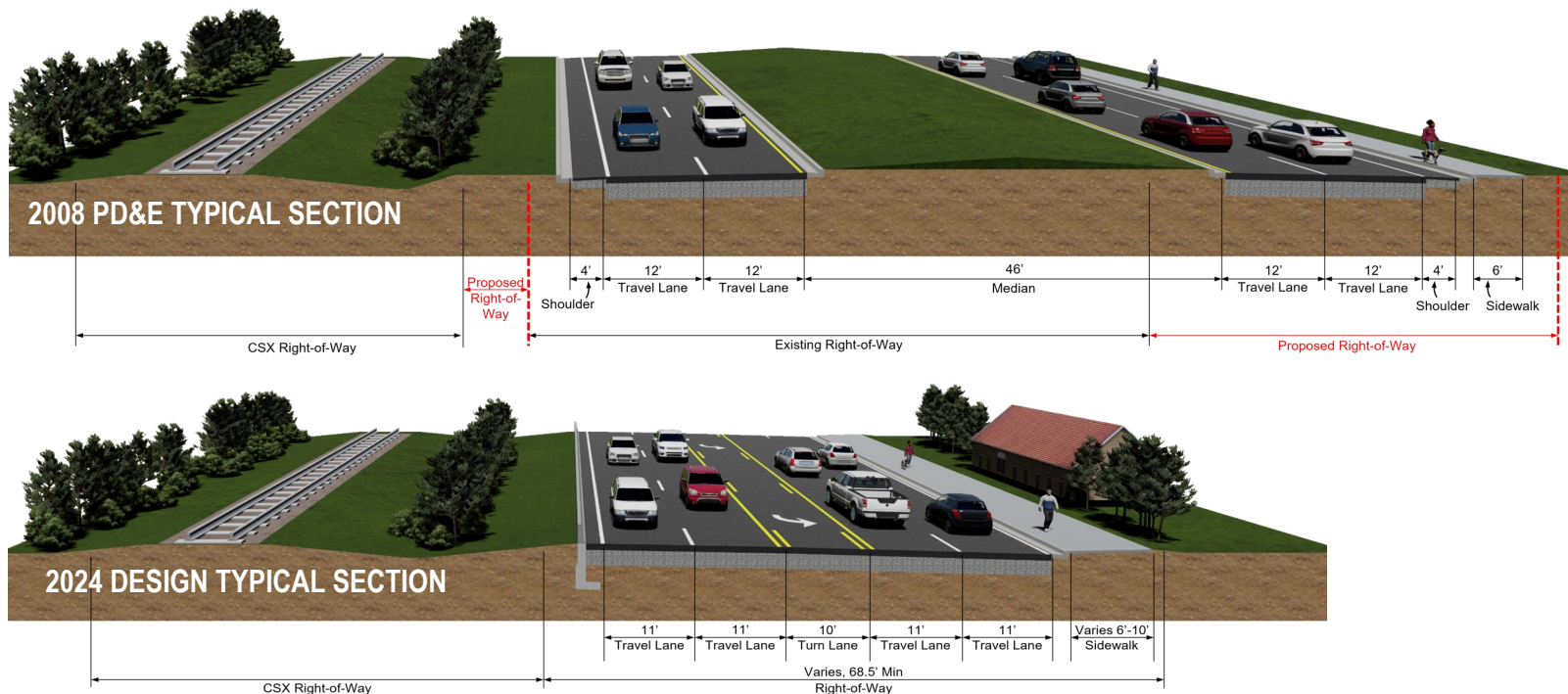
Highlands Regional Library

1826 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218
(904) 255-2665

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

Both the 2008 PD&E Concept and 2024 Design Concept propose widening US 17 to four lanes. However, the 2024 Design Concept will replace the 46-foot median with a 10-foot turn lane and reduce the lane width from 12 feet to 11 feet. These modifications will allow US 17 to be widened within the existing right-of-way. Additional modifications include:

- Increasing the sidewalk width from south of New Berlin Road to Airport Center Drive
- Converting the intersection of US 17 and New Berlin Road to a Median U-Turn Intersection
- Enhancing side street connections to US 17



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For more information, please visit project website at www.nflroads.com/US17. The project materials can also be accessed by scanning the following QR code.



After reviewing the hearing materials, and/or participating in the hearing, you may submit comments in the following ways:

- During the virtual hearing or in-person hearing
- Through the project website at www.nflroads.com/US17
- By emailing the FDOT Project Manager Michael Brock, at Michael.Brock@dot.state.fl.us, or
- By mailing comments to the FDOT District Two Office at 1109 S. Marion Avenue, MS 2007 Lake City, Florida 32025

While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received by **November 14, 2024** to be included in the official hearing record.

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PROJECT SCHEDULE & COST

Project Phase	Year*	Cost*
Design	On-Going	-
Construction	Fall 2026	\$41.42 Million

*Schedule and Cost are preliminary and subject to change

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more details about the proposed improvements or the project in general, please contact the project manager using the information below:

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www.nflroads.com/US17



Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Michael Brock, Project Manager, at the information provided, at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.