



Access Management Public Hearing I-295 at US17

Financial Project ID: 435575-1

**From Collins Road to
South of Wells Road**

November 30, 2017

4:30 – 6:30 P.M.

**Public Comment Period
begins at 6:30 P.M**

Hearing Location:

**Orange Park Town Hall
2041 Park Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073**

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The Florida Department of Transportation invites you to attend a public hearing to discuss the proposed plans for I-295 at US 17 (SR 15). The Department is evaluating access management alternatives for proposed widening and reconstruction of US 17 from Collins Road in Duval County to South of Wells Road in Clay County.

Traffic operations within the project study area show excessive delay and heavy queuing at intersections along US 17 during peak hours as well as at the I-295 on and off-ramps. To meet study area traffic operation and safety concerns, access management alternatives in the form of intersection operational improvements were developed along US 17 near the Wells Road, Old Orange Park Road, Eldridge Avenue, and the I-295 eastbound and westbound off-ramp intersections. One or more of the following improvements are proposed: the addition of or modification to turn lanes and medians, restriping to accommodate bicycle lanes, improved sidewalk facilities, and I-295 ramp intersection improvements including realignment of the I-295 off-ramps, additional turn lanes, and signal changes.

Two previous public meetings were held on February 29, 2016 and February 23, 2017 to seek public feedback regarding the proposed alternative improvements. This public hearing is being held to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Persons wishing to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, by mail, or via email to Eric Shimer, Project Manager at the address information provided. **All exhibits or statements postmarked on or before December 11, 2017 will become part of the public hearing record.**

If you would like to review the project information prior to the Public Hearing, it will be available to the public beginning Thursday, **November 9, 2017**, at the Orange Park Public Library, 2068 Plainfield Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 and the FDOT Urban Office, 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Project information will also be available on the project website at www.nflroads.com/295@17.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Eric Shimer, Project Manager by phone at the number provided above at least 7 days prior to the hearing.