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FDOT to host public hearing on Diverging Diamond Interchange at Butler Boulevard and San Pablo Road

Jacksonville – The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing Thursday, January 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to receive comments on a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to convert the existing, standard diamond interchange at Butler Boulevard (State Road 202) and San Pablo Road to a Diverging Diamond Interchange and to modify existing access along this interchange, including modifications to the limited access right of way boundaries.

The hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites located at 4791 Windsor Commons Court, Jacksonville, Florida, 32224. Comments related to the study will be accepted during the hearing and may also be submitted in writing and electronically. These comments will be accepted until January 24, 2019.

Through its unique design, a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) improves mobility by eliminating conflict points for motorists seeking to turn left. In a DDI, drivers crossover to travel briefly on the left side of the road and then seamlessly return to the right side of the road just after the following intersection. The DDI design improves safety and increases traffic flow through the interchange. Additionally, the limited access right of way boundary limits at this interchange will be modified allowing motorists traveling along the westbound JTB on-ramp an additional access point leading to and from the Mayo Clinic.

Project documents on this PD&E Study have been available for review since December 19, 2018 at the Southeast Regional Public Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256 and the FDOT Jacksonville Urban Office, 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204.

Public participation is sought without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Chris Rhude at (386) 961-7475 or <u>chris.rhude@dot.state.fl.us</u> seven days before the hearing, reference FIN # 439467-1.

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