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### **Gate Parkway at Butler Boulevard to See Increased Capacity, New Traffic Signals Next Week**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – A new traffic pattern controlled by new traffic signals will at Gate Parkway and J. Turner Butler Boulevard (State Road 202) will go into effect overnight Sunday, March 28. The new signals will improve operations at the intersection and promote safety.

Drivers exiting westbound Butler Boulevard to northbound Gate Parkway will see a new traffic signal, replacing a yield sign.

Motorists traveling on southbound Gate Parkway to eastbound Butler Boulevard will see three lanes with corresponding signals. The additional capacity is expected to improve congestion at the intersection when fully complete and all lanes are open.

Drivers exiting eastbound Butler Boulevard to southbound Gate Parkway will also encounter a new traffic signal at the bottom of the ramp, replacing a yield sign.

The intersection improvements are part of the I-295 express lanes project from State Road 9B to just north of J. Turner Butler Boulevard. The project consists of two new express lanes and three 12-foot general use travel lanes in each direction, construction of noise walls along I-295 in various locations and the installation of electronic tolling systems at various locations. Drivers will be offered a choice to use the two express lanes in each direction for a fee or remain on the non-tolled portion of I-295.

The \$187 million project was awarded to the Archer-Western Contractors design-build team and is expected to be completed in late-2021, weather and schedule permitting.

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