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I-295 West Beltway Landscaping Improvements Begin Next Week

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will begin a landscaping project on the I-295 West Beltway from west of the Buckman Bridge to west of Old St. Augustine Road Monday, May 16, weather and schedule permitting.

Various species of Florida-friendly vegetation will be planted along the interstate rights-of-way, ramps, interchanges, ponds and other areas including Cathedral Live Oak, Bald Cypress, Slash Pine, Magnolia, Crape Myrtle, Sweet Gum, Holly, Saw Palmetto and Ornamental Grasses. The project also includes installation of temporary irrigation systems to support the new plantings.
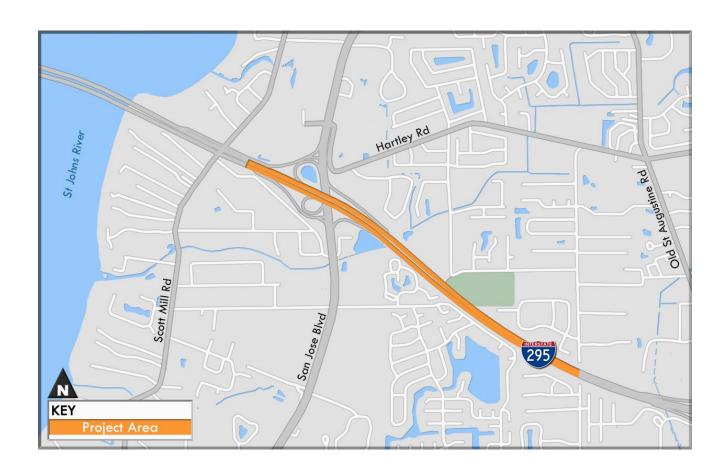
Arazoza Brothers Corporation is the contractor for the $1.5 million landscaping improvement project. Plantings are expected to be complete in six to nine months. As part of the contract, the new landscaping will be monitored through spring 2024, during its two-year establishment period.

The landscaping project has been developed as a concept in conjunction with District Two's FDOTree program, an initiative created to educate the public about FDOT's Northeast Florida landscaping programs. For more information, visit FDOTree.org.

Drivers should expect daytime shoulder closures throughout the duration of the construction project. No closures will be scheduled during peak driving times or on holidays or special events.

May is motorcycle and bicycle safety awareness month. Motorcyclists and bicyclists are vulnerable road users. Look twice before pulling into an intersection, changing lanes, or making a turn. Be a cautious driver and let's get everyone home safely!

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