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### **U.S. 17/State Road 100 (Reid Street) near North 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Close July 23 for Railroad Crossing Improvement**

**Palatka, Fla.** – U.S. 17/State Road 100 (Reid Street) will close in the immediate area of the railroad crossing located at North 11<sup>th</sup> Street as part of the Statewide Traffic and Railroad Initiative Using Dynamic Envelopes initiative, officially known as “Operation STRIDE.”

Improvements include raising the railroad track by half an inch, leveling the track with the roadway, replacing the median on the south side of the crossing, repaving the walkway to the train station, and installing sidewalk and ADA mats. This railroad crossing surface was last rebuilt in September 2011.

Construction is expected to begin Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 a.m. and is scheduled to be completed by Saturday, August 1 at 8 p.m. The roadway will reopen early if work is completed ahead of schedule or could be closed longer due to unforeseen weather and/ or other circumstances.

While construction is underway, the community’s patience is appreciated during this closure so that FDOT and CSX can maintain this important method of transportation. During the closure, traffic will be detoured via State Road 19, State Road 20 (Crill Avenue), and North 9<sup>th</sup> Street as seen in the map below.

In December 2019, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. established [Operation STRIDE](#), a statewide initiative to increase rail safety through the incorporation of dynamic envelopes (conspicuous pavement markings), enhanced signage, and rail safety education. The initiative has the explicit goal of preventing fatalities on or near rail crossings on state roads and state-owned land. In 2014 and 2017, FDOT conducted dynamic envelope pilot programs in south and central Florida, respectively. Following the installation of dynamic envelopes within the pilot programs, traffic data indicated that the number of vehicles that stopped on or too close to rail crossings was reduced by at least 15 percent.

Rail is an important component of a healthy economy. It is a cost-effective way to move people and goods efficiently, ultimately saving companies and people money. Rail is also a part of Florida’s Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

