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## **FDOT to host public workshop on I-95 Express Lanes between J. Turner Butler Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard**

**Jacksonville** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a public workshop ahead of a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study on I-95 Express Lanes from J. Turner Butler (JTB) to Atlantic Boulevard.

The workshop will be Wednesday, April 26 at the Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The workshop will be an “Open House” format and interested parties may drop in anytime from 4:00-6:30 p.m., no formal presentation will be provided.

This segment of I-95 experiences peak period congestion due to demand that exceeds the roadway’s capacity. With expectations of continued traffic congestion, the purpose of this PD&E study is to evaluate the addition of Express Lanes in order to provide capacity improvements and relieve congestion. Express Lanes are an innovative concept to manage traffic congestion and provide choices for motorists. These additional lanes will provide more capacity in areas where traffic congestion is a concern. The study will also examine all interchanges regarding safety and operational improvements.

Express Lanes are known as an “expressway within an expressway” where Express Lanes are separated from general use lanes. The toll rate for express lanes will vary depending on the amount of traffic within the express lanes. Generally, fewer cars using the lanes means a less expensive toll. Dynamic message signs show the current toll rate. Due to electronic tolling cars are not required to stop to pay the toll.

Two sets of Express Lanes are already under construction in Jacksonville. The first set, on I-295 between the Buckman Bridge and I-95 is scheduled to open by the end of this year. The second set, on I-295 between State Road 9B and JTB, is scheduled to open in mid-2019.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: [www.NorthFloridaExpress.com](http://www.NorthFloridaExpress.com)