

Blanding Boulevard (SR 21) Access Management Improvements from South of Wells Road to the Ortega River

Clay and Duval Counties, Florida | Financial Management No: 446808-1

INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Two invites you to the Hybrid Public Meeting for the Blanding Boulevard (SR 21) Access Management Project (Financial Management No. 446808-1) in Clay and Duval Counties, Florida. This meeting will inform the public of the proposed improvements and serves as an official forum providing an opportunity for the public to express their opinions and concerns regarding the project.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The intersection of Blanding Boulevard (SR 21) and Wells Road, located just south of the Duval/Clay County line, is experiencing significant congestion during peak hours. Blanding Boulevard (SR 21) is a major north-south road in Clay County connecting homes and businesses to I-295. Wells Road is a major east-west connector serving residential and commercial centers between US 17 and Blanding Boulevard (SR 21).

This access management project is being conducted to relieve congestion and enhance safety at the Blanding Boulevard (SR 21) and Wells Road intersection. The project will redesign the Blanding Boulevard (SR 21)/Wells Road intersection to improve the traffic flow and enhance safety for all users. As part of this redesign, the existing median opening in front of the Taco Bell/Orange Park Mall entrance will be closed.

WHAT IS ACCESS MANAGEMENT?

Access management is the careful planning of the location, design and type of access to properties, businesses, and homes. This also includes median openings and driveway opening guidelines. Access management serves to promote safe and efficient movement of people and goods by reducing traffic conflict.



ENGAGE WITH US!

For your convenience, there are several options to participate in the public meeting including an in-person option, a virtual/online option, and a "Listen Only" option. All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will receive the same information about the proposed project and all comments received in-person, virtually or electronically, will be given equal consideration.

For more information regarding the project, please visit the project website at www.nflroads.com/blanding. The materials can also be accessed by scanning the following QR code.



<u>VIRTUAL MEETING</u> MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023		<u>IN-PERSON MEETING</u> TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
<u>ONLINE OPTION</u> Open House: 5:30 pm -6:00 pm Presentation & Public Comment Period: 6:00 pm Register at: www.nflroads.com/vph	<u>"LISTEN ONLY" PHONE OPTION</u> Presentation: 6:00 pm Dial: (213) 929-4221 Audio Access Code: 630-958-358	<u>ORANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY</u> <u>MEETING ROOM A</u> 2054 Plainfield Ave Orange Park, Florida 32073 Open House: 4:30 pm-6:30 pm Presentation & Public Comment Period: 6:30 pm

After reviewing the meeting materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in the following ways:

- 1) During the virtual meeting, or in-person meeting
- 2) Project website at www.nflroads.com/blanding
- 3) Email the FDOT Project Manager Thomas Redding, at Thomas.Redding@dot.state.fl.us, or
- 4) Mail comments to the FDOT District 2 Office at 1109 S. Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32025

While comments about the project are accepted at any time, **please note that comments must be received by October 6, 2023 to be included in the formal meeting record.**

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Thomas Redding, Project Manager, at the information provided below at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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