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Aug. 20, 2024

Subject: I-95 Widening Open House and I-95/Emerson Street Interchange Modifications

Public Meeting

Financial Project Number 432259-2 Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida

Dear Government Partner,

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), I would like to invite you to the construction open house for the I-95 widening project from south of Emerson Street to Atlantic Boulevard (Financial Project Number 432259-2) along with a public meeting to discuss proposed modifications to the I-95 and Emerson Street (SR 126) interchange.

At a January 2022 public meeting, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) concept at I-95 and Emerson Street. The project team now proposes a median U-turn (MUT) concept as the build alternative at this interchange, shown in the attached notification that is being sent to all property owners within 300 feet of either side of the proposed alignment. Public meetings provide the public with an opportunity to express their views on the project, its potential for impact and other related matters.

A virtual construction open house and public meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 16, 2024. Staff and consultants will be available from 5 to 6 p.m. to answer questions and accept comments related to the proposed interchange improvements as well as the I-95 widening project as a whole. A formal presentation and public comment period regarding proposed changes to the interchange will begin at 6 p.m. Registration information and project documents are available at NFLroads.com/VPH.

An in-person construction open house and public meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024 at the FDOT Jacksonville Urban Office, 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Staff and consultants will be available from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to answer questions and accept comments related to the proposed interchange improvements as well as the I-95 widening project as a whole. A formal presentation and public comment period regarding proposed changes to the interchange will begin at 6 p.m.

Both virtual and in-person participants will be given equal opportunity to ask questions and make oral statements for the project record. Written statements or other exhibits may be submitted in the comments section at nflroads.com/VPH or by directing them to Will Lyons, Project Manager, at Will.Lyons@dot.state.fl.us or 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204. All exhibits or statements postmarked by Sept. 27, 2024 will become part of the public hearing record.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Sara Pleasants at (904) 831-3368 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Tracy Hisler-Pace Public Information Director FDOT District Two