



HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING



Branford Highway (State Road 247) and Bascom Norris Drive Intersection Access Management Improvements

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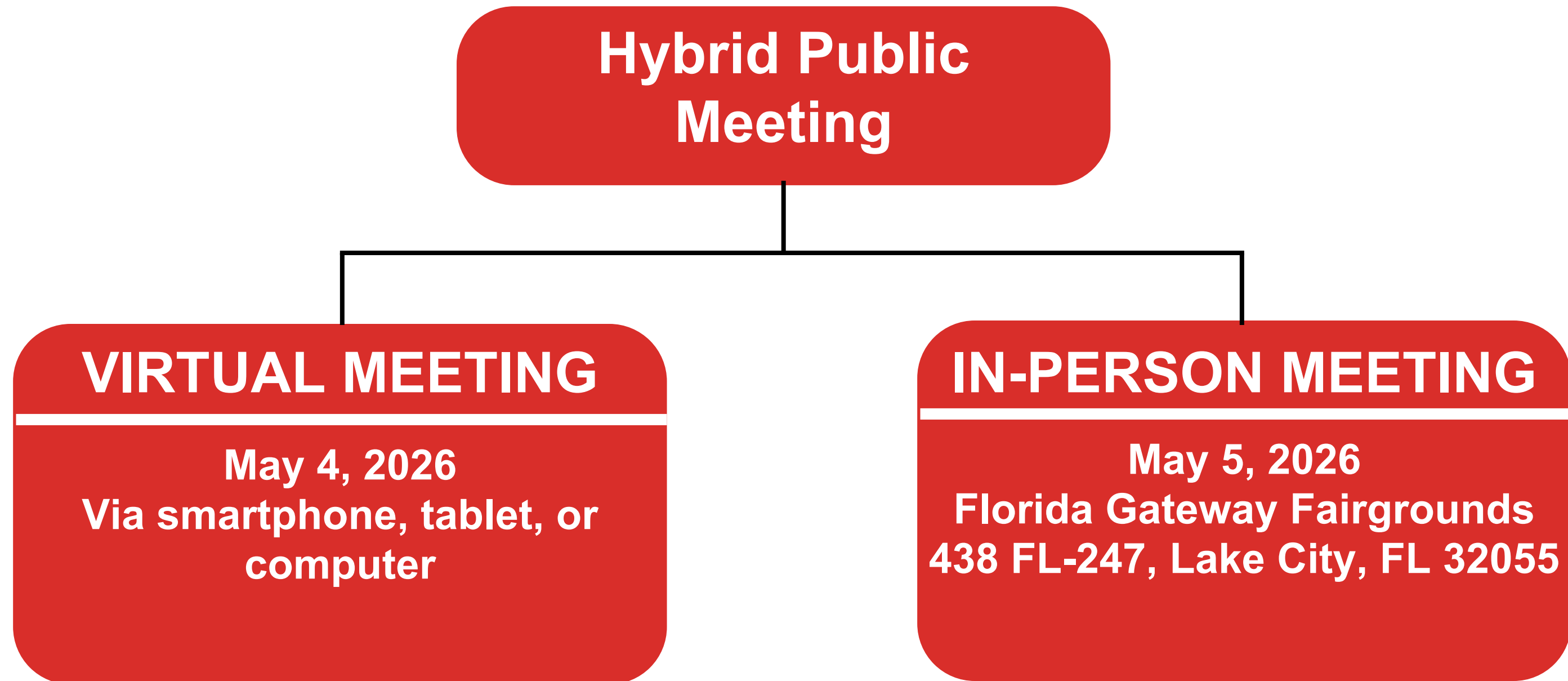
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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING	IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING
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Hybrid Public Meeting

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This public meeting is being conducted in a hybrid format



Purpose of Public Meetings

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Share information



Review proposed improvements



Receive public input



Public Meeting Components

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Open House



Presentation



**Public Comment
Period**



Public Notifications

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Newspaper



**Invitation
Emails**



Social Media



**Florida
Administrative
Register**



**Invitation
Letters**



**FDOT
Websites**

Civil Rights Act of 1964

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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

Title VI - Nondiscrimination

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Persons may file a formal complaint(s) by writing to:

Dorothy Neal

District 2 Title VI Coordinator

Florida Department of Transportation
District 2

1109 S. Marion Avenue, MS 2006
Lake City, Florida 32025-5874
(386) 758-3767

Dorothy.Neal@dot.state.fl.us

Lisa Bethancourt

State Title VI Coordinator

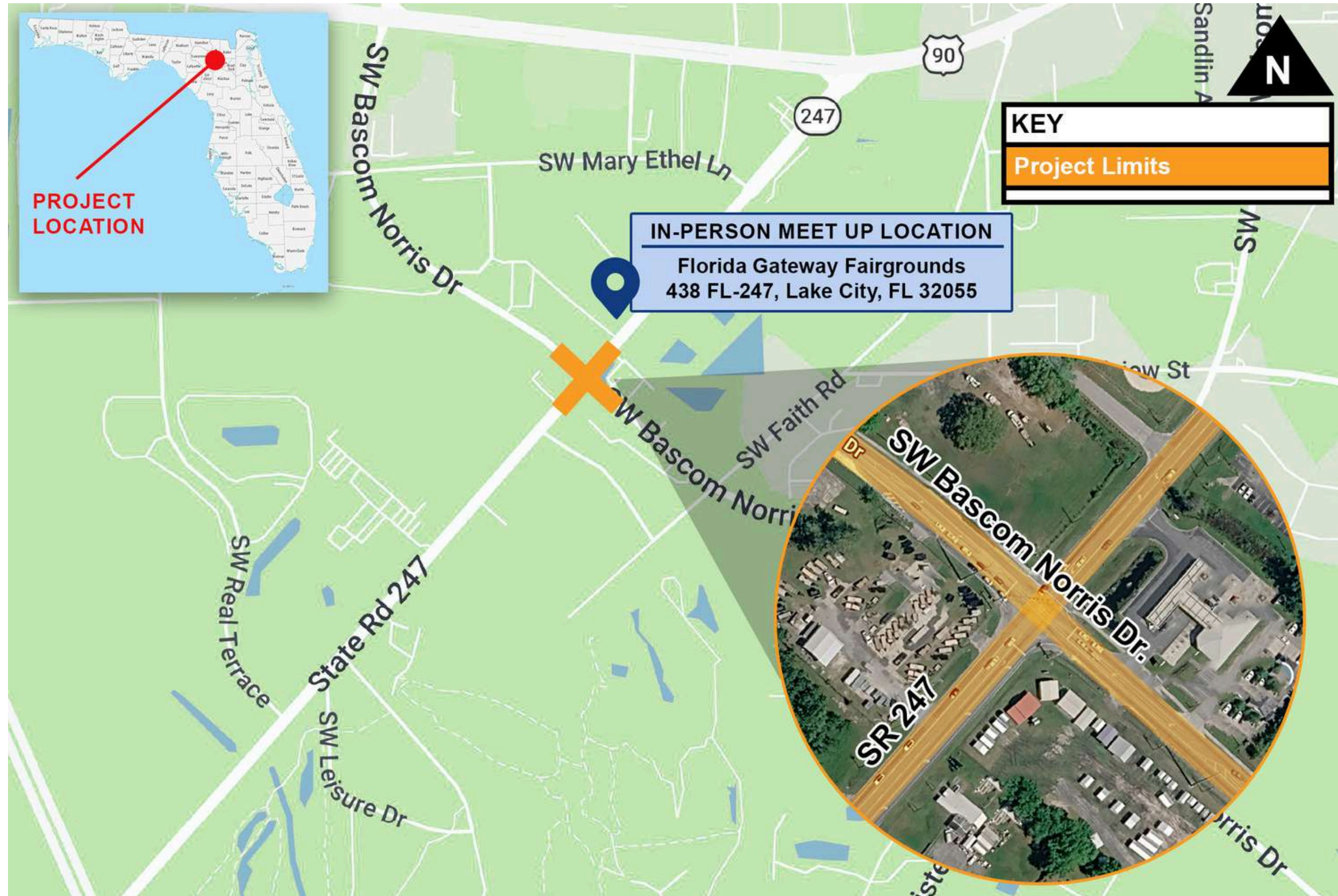
Florida Department of Transportation
Equal Opportunity Office

605 Suwannee Street, MS 65
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450
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Project Location Map

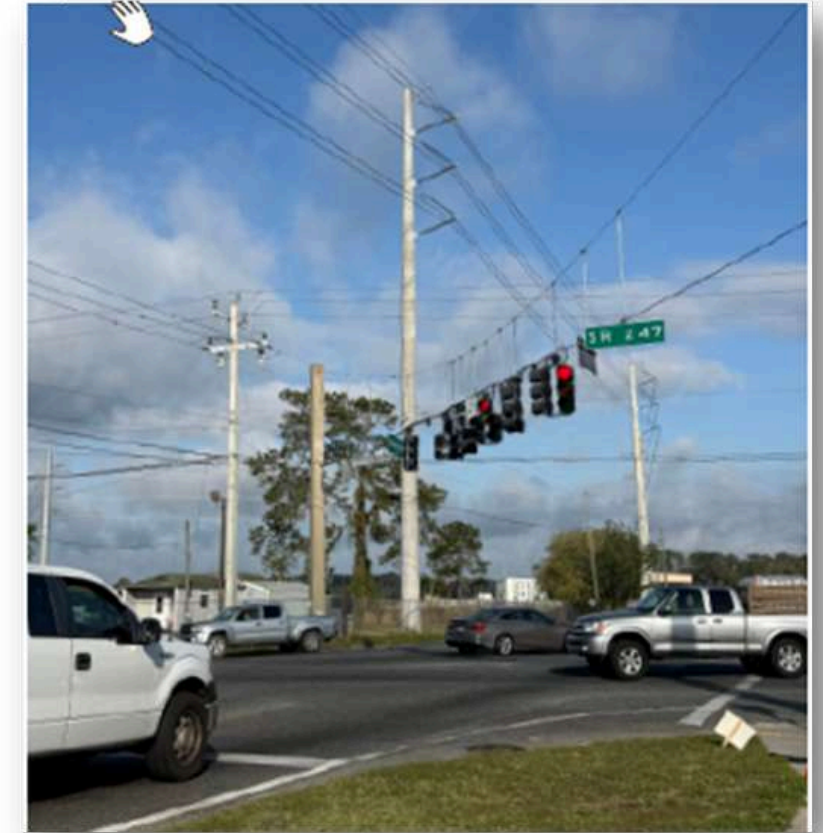
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Project Purpose

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- **Relieve Congestion**
- **Enhance Safety**
- **Improve Drainage**
- **Reduce Flooding**



Proposed Improvements

SCALE: 1"=60'



Tellus Self Storage

S.R. 247

Florida Trailer

Proposed RW & Drainage Easement

Lake City Flea Market

Winsupply

47 Liquor

Appliance-Smarts

Buildings & More

Shell/SunStop

Lake City Bo

Bascom Norris Drive

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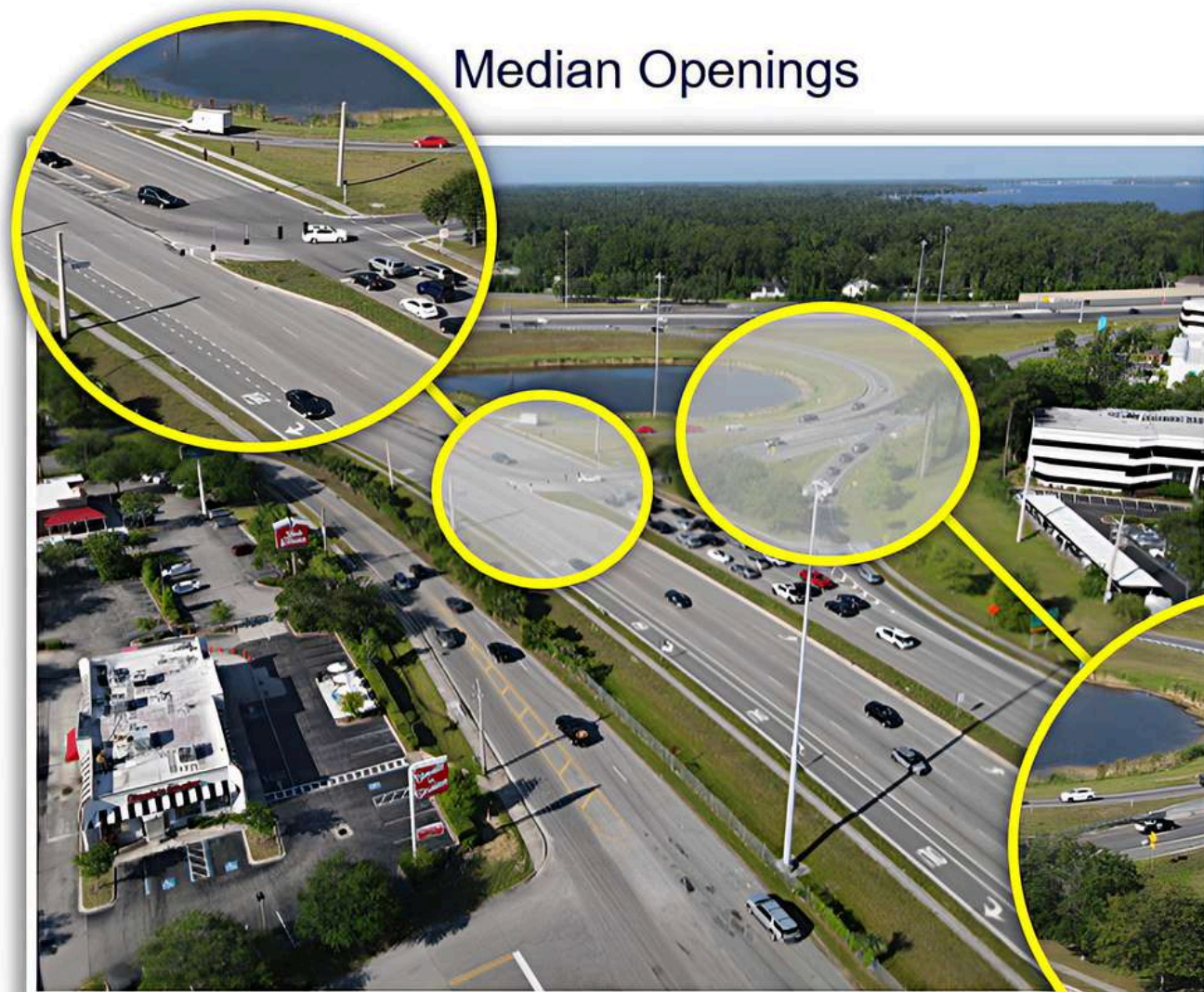
- EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY
- PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY
- TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT
- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED CONCRETE
- PROPOSED GRASSED AREAS
- PROPOSED POND



What is Access Management?

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Access management is the careful planning of the location, type and design of access to properties, businesses and homes.



Median Openings



Driveway Openings

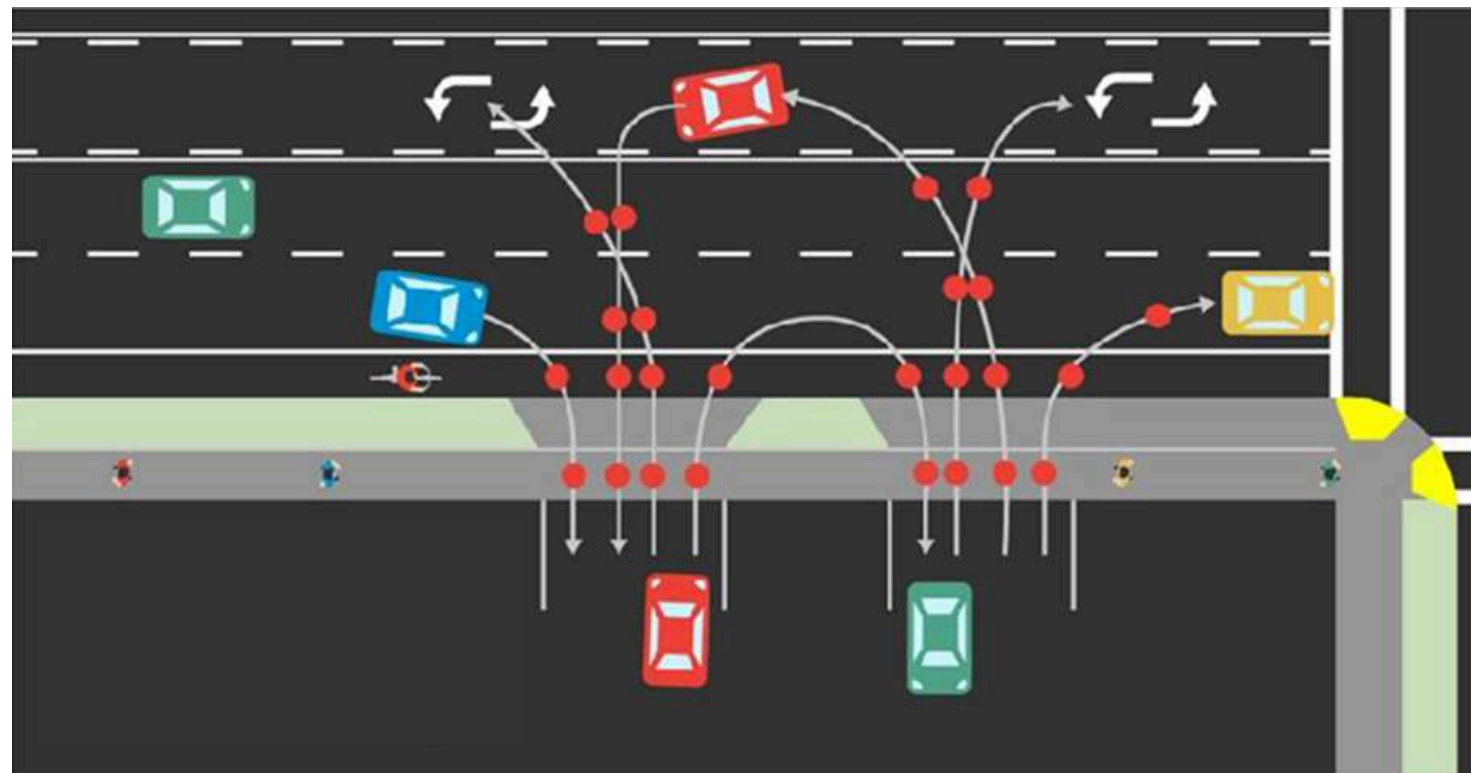
Interchanges

Traffic Signals

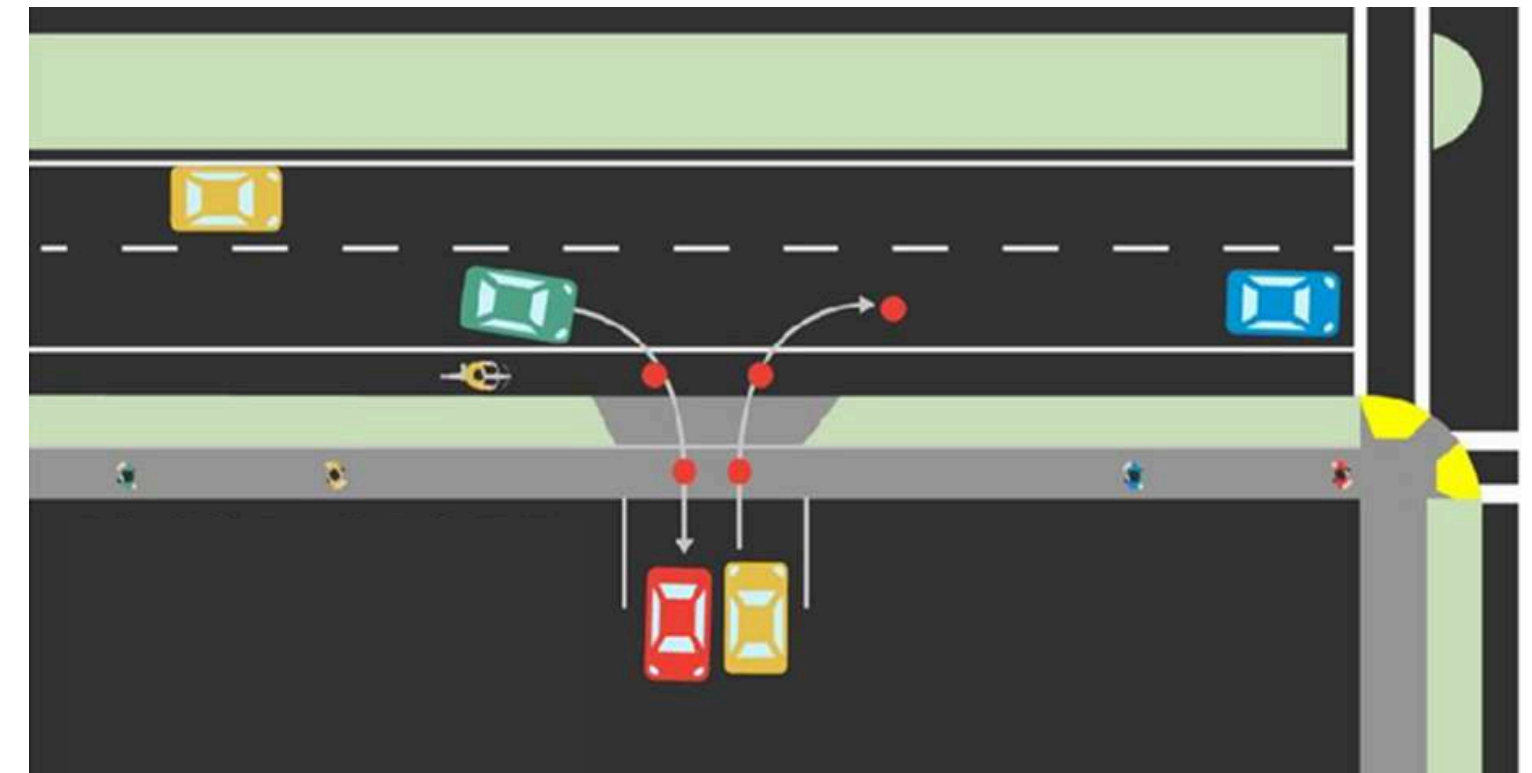
How Does Access Management Improve Safety?

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More Conflicts



Fewer Conflicts



LEGEND

● Conflict Points

Access Management Contact Information

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ACCESS MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Attention: Jeffrey Scott, P.E.

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Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Phone: (904) 360-5644

Email: Jeffrey.Scott@dot.state.fl.us

Project Schedule and Cost

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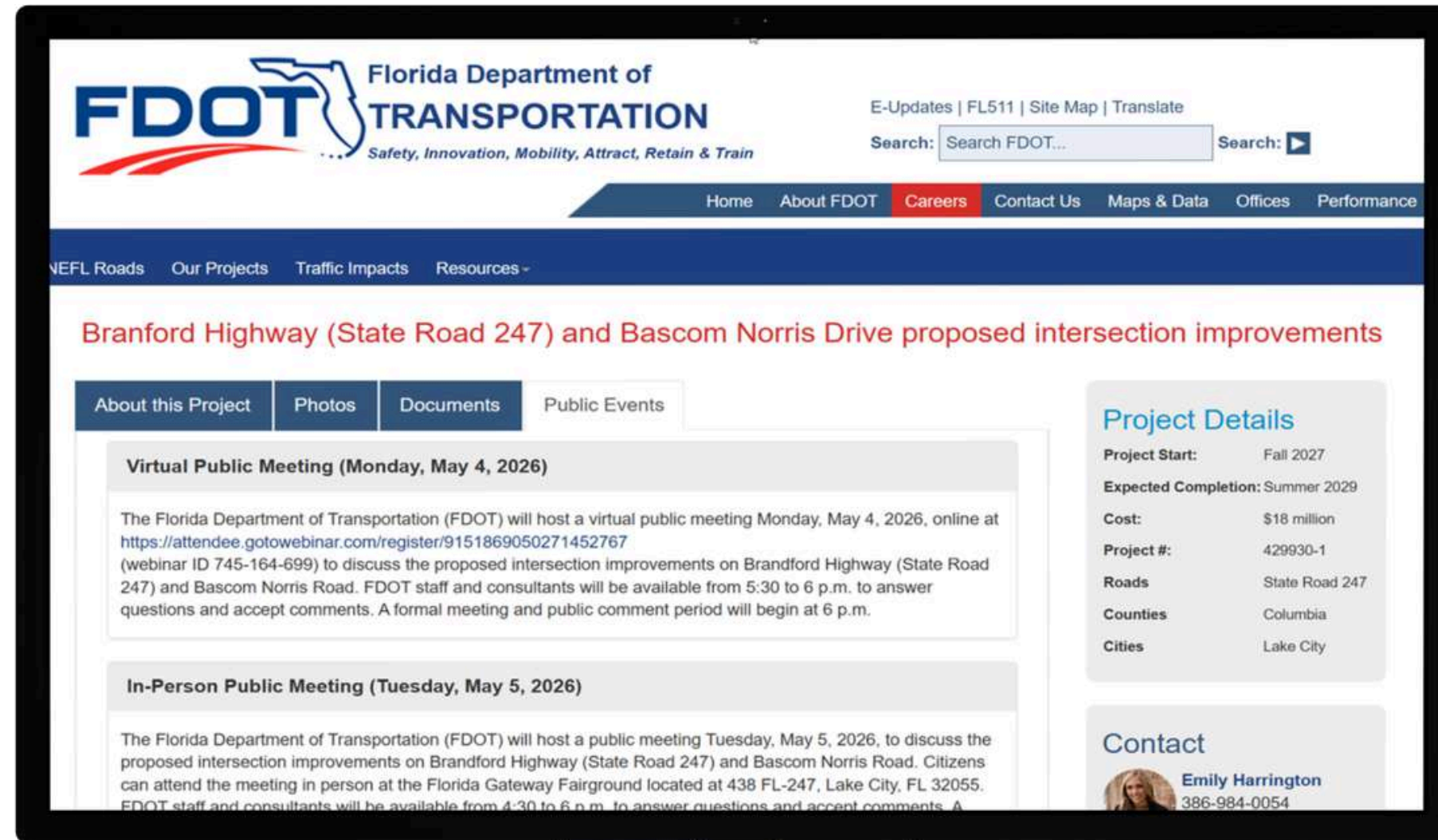
Project Start: Summer 2027

Expected Completion: Summer 2029

Project Cost: \$18 million

Project Website

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For more information regarding this project, please visit the project website at www.nflroads.com/virtualmeetings

We Welcome Your Comments

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Postmarked Comments

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Please submit
comments by
May 18, 2026

FDOT Compass

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The image displays the FDOT Compass, a central circular diagram with six colored segments: Safety (orange), Resiliency (green), Supply Chain (blue), Technology (purple), Workforce Development (dark blue), and Communities (dark blue). The center of the compass features a handshake icon and the word 'COMMUNITIES'. The word 'COMPASS' is written at the bottom of the circle. The FDOT logo is at the top. Surrounding the compass are six photographs: 1. A road intersection with a pedestrian crossing sign and palm trees, labeled 'SAFETY'. 2. A bus interior with passengers, labeled 'COMMUNITIES'. 3. A construction site with a crane lifting a large concrete structure, labeled 'RESILIENCY'. 4. A construction site with a large ship or barge, labeled 'ROBUST SUPPLY CHAIN'. 5. A construction site with a large concrete structure, labeled 'TECHNOLOGY'. 6. A construction site with a large concrete structure, labeled 'WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT'.

Target Zero

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THANK YOU!



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