



Welcome U.S. 441 at Lake Park Court Median Improvements

Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 992400-1





INTRODUCTION

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Good evening and welcome to the U.S. 441 AT LAKE PARK COURT MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS public meeting.

My name is RICHARD SMITH and I am the project manager with the Florida Department of Transportation.

During the meeting, we will present information on the Department’s plans to improve safety and enhance operations through this project.

We encourage your feedback and during the presentation, we will provide multiple ways you can submit your questions and comments to us about this project.

All comments and questions will be responded to in writing and will become part of the public meeting record.

I will now turn it over to our project team to begin the presentation.

ABOUT THIS MEETING



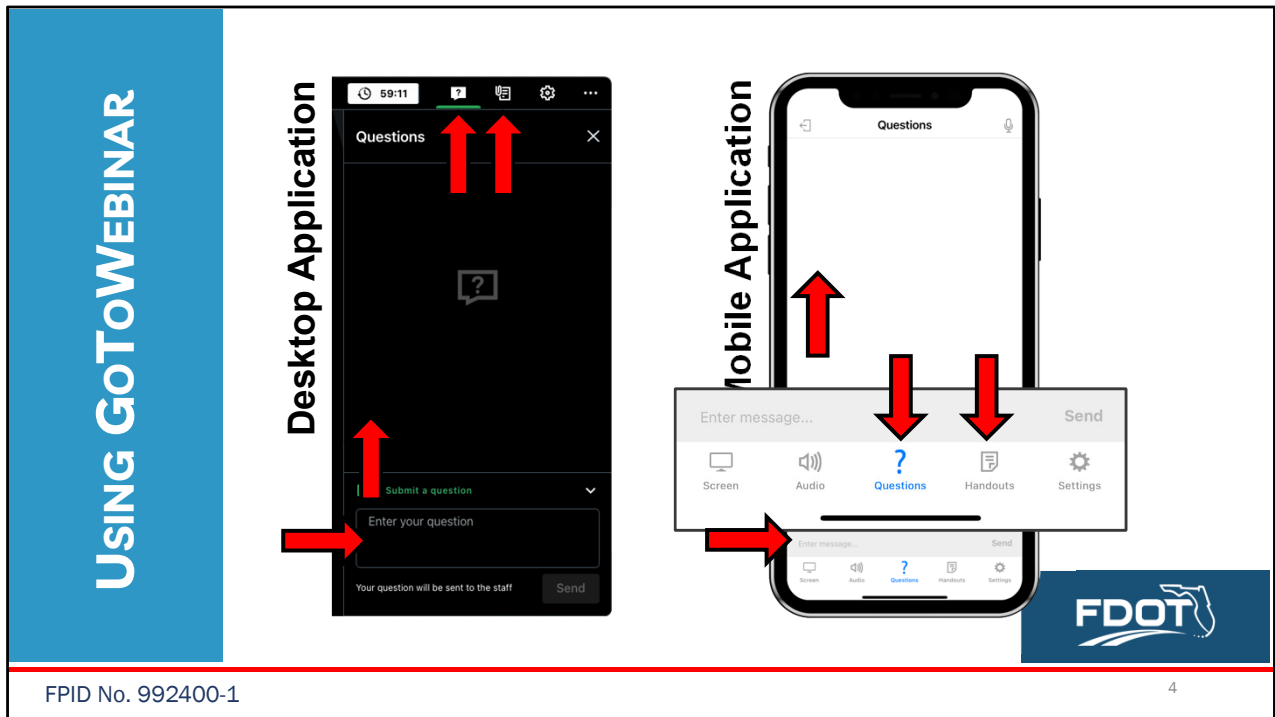
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This information is shown on a sign at the in-person location, on the project website, and in the meeting notifications.



AGENDA

- Explain the project goals
- Present recommendations
- Hear your feedback



The purpose of tonight's meeting is to explain the project goals, present the Department's recommended improvements to help achieve those goals, and hear from the community about the proposed changes.

PROJECT LOCATION



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[ANIMATION: LOCATION & CALLOUT]

This project is located in Lake County at the intersection of Lake Park Court and U.S. 441, also known as State Road 44 and State Road 500.

The Financial Project Identification Number, or F-P-I-D, for this project is 992400-1.

PROJECT PURPOSE

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CRASH DATA

Crash Statistics (1/1/20 to 12/31/22)

Collision Type	1/1/20 to 12/31/20	1/1/21 to 12/31/21	1/1/22 to 12/31/22	Total	Average per Year
Rear End	1	7	5	13	4.3
Angle	3	2	3	8	2.7
Backed Into	0	1	0	1	0.3
Fence	1	0	0	1	0.3
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	1	1	0.3
Totals	5	10	9	24	8.0
Severity					
Number of Fatalities	0	1	0	1	0.3
Number of Injuries	3	3	5	11	3.7

Crash Data from
January 1, 2020-
December 31, 2022

- 24 crashes
- 11 injuries
- 1 fatality
- Average 8 crashes per year



What makes this project necessary?

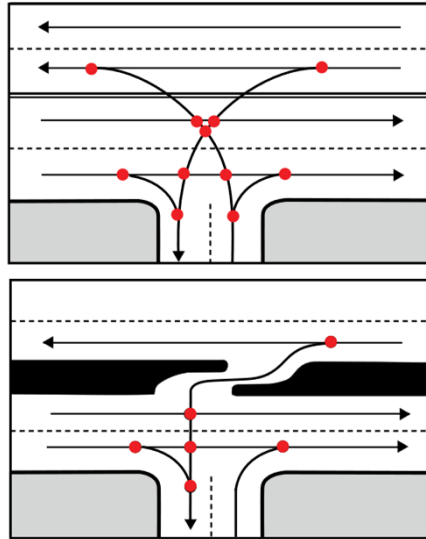
The Florida Department of Transportation gathered crash data at this intersection between 2020 and 2022.

Since January 2020 there have been 24 crashes, resulting in 11 injuries and 1 fatality. This is an average of 8 crashes per year.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT

The careful planning of the location, type and design of access.

Used to provide balance between access and mobility.



Before Access Management

More Conflicts

After Access Management

Fewer Conflicts



One of the most important responsibilities of the Florida Department of Transportation is to ensure that the design of each state road properly balances access and mobility. Access management, the regulation of intersections and median openings, is used to provide this very important balance.

A basic principle of access management is to limit the number of conflict points, or points along a roadway where the paths of two vehicles can legally cross just not at the same time. Each conflict point is a location where a crash can occur.

One way to limit conflict points is by minimizing the number of median openings and restricting certain movements at some median openings.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



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[TRANSITION TO NEXT SLIDE-FADE]

Currently, this section of U.S. 441 is a six-lane divided highway with an open median that allows U-turns and left turns onto Lake Park Court as well as left turns from Lake Park Court onto U.S. 441.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



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[ANIMATION-SHOWS BEFORE/AFTER]

The proposed improvements at this intersection include converting the existing full median opening to a westbound directional median and modifying the directional signage and pavement markings accordingly.

These proposed changes will continue to allow U-turns and left turns onto Lake Park Court from westbound U.S. 441.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



Street view from Lake Park Court



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[ANIMATION-SHOWS BEFORE/AFTER]

As seen on this artist rendering, vehicles will only be permitted to make a right turn from Lake Park Court onto eastbound U.S. 441.

Drivers wishing to travel west on U.S. 441 from Lake Park Court will be required to turn right and use one of the two next available U-turn locations.

This median improvement will reduce many potential conflict points, making the road safer for all users by increasing mobility and efficiency, reducing congestion and allowing more vehicles to safely navigate the roadway. In a survey of drivers across five Central Florida projects involving access management changes, 78% said they felt safer, and 84% felt that traffic moved better.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE & CONSTRUCTION COST

*subject to change



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[ANIMATION-TRACTOR]

If the Department proceeds with this concept, the design work is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2024 at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

The improvements on this project will be within the existing right of way.

Construction for this project is funded for 2025 at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

The graphic features the FDOT logo and the text "GET INVOLVED" on a dark blue background. To the right, four blue arrows point to the right, each containing an icon and a method of participation: "In Person" (document icon), "Virtually" (computer monitor icon), "Email or Mail" (envelope icon), and "Telephone" (mobile phone icon).

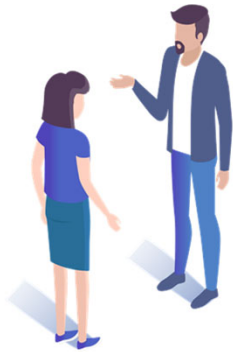
We encourage your input and feedback about this project and there are multiple ways for you to participate.

All public comments and questions are part of the public meeting record and every method for providing public comments and questions carries equal weight.

While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, those submitted by MAY 6, 2024, ELEVEN days after the public meeting, will become part of the project’s public meeting record.

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IN PERSON



Speak with project team members

Submit a written comment for the meeting record

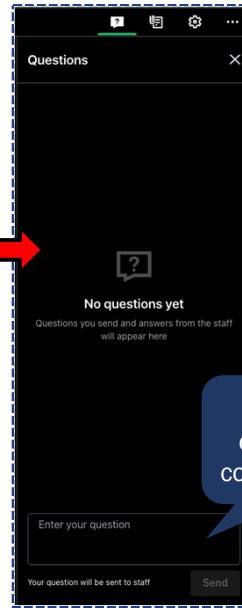


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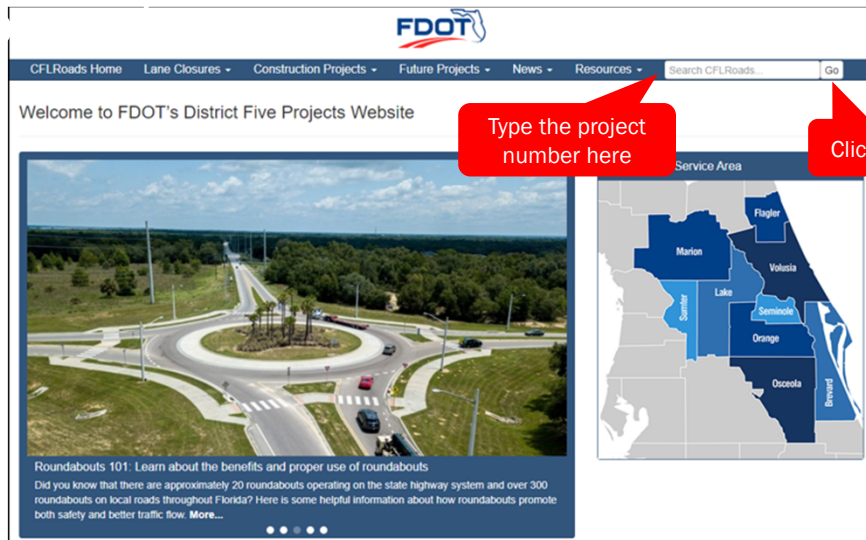


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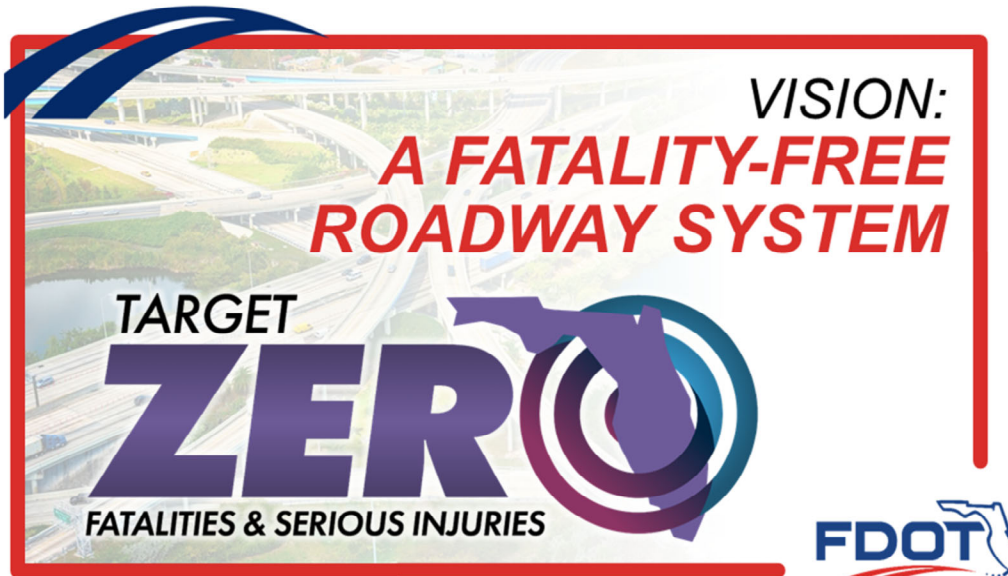
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

Please submit any questions or comment by May 6, 2024.

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation thank you for attending this public meeting and providing your input on this project.
If you have comments or questions after the meeting, please submit them by May 6, 2024.
Have a good evening.