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Blanding Boulevard Widening Project Set to Begin January 16

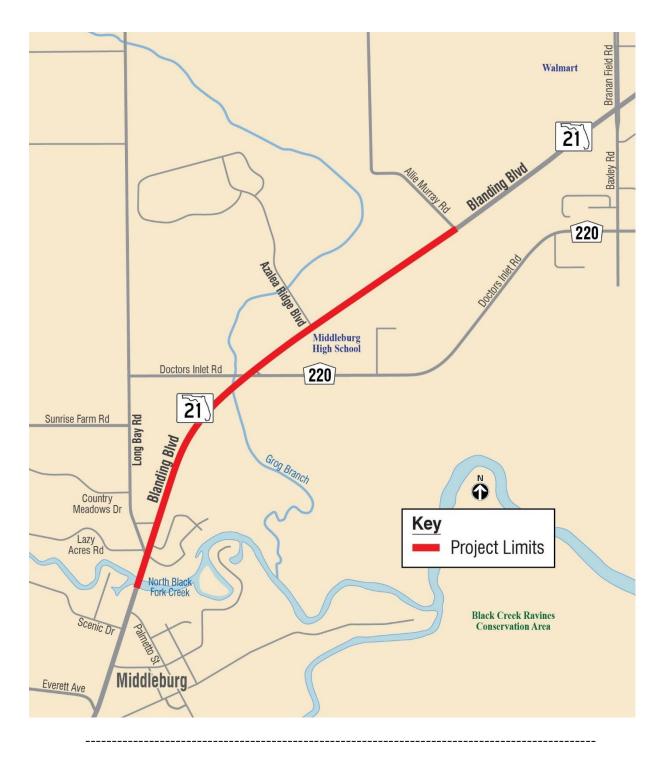
Clay County – Work is expected to begin January 16 on a project to add travel lanes, bicycle lanes and sidewalks to Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) between Long Bay Road and Allie Murray Road in Middleburg.

Project improvements include widening the road from four lanes to six lanes; full reconstruction of the roadway; adding four-foot wide bike lanes in both directions; adding six-foot wide sidewalks in both directions; replacement of traffic signals and street lights; construction of a new drainage system; and realignment of the intersections at Long Bay Road and County Road 220 Access Road.

Contractor R.B. Baker Construction Company is expected to complete the \$19.1 million project in spring 2021, weather and schedule permitting.

Traffic will be maintained in accordance with FDOT design standards throughout the project. When lane closures are needed, drivers will be alerted in advance via portable, changing message signs. Lane closure notices are available online at <u>www.nflroads.com</u>.

The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones. Call (904) 831-FDOT with any questions about this or other projects within FDOT District Two.



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