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## FDOT to Host Oct. 25 Construction Open House for I-295 at U.S. 17 Interchange Improvements Project

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host an open house Tuesday, Oct. 25 to preview improvements at the I-295 and U.S. 17 interchange planned as part of a project that begins construction this month.

Interested parties are invited to drop by Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. Members of the project team will be available to answer questions and share information about project improvements, anticipated construction timeline and other details.

Interested parties may also participate virtually by visiting <a href="www.nflroads.com/VPH">www.nflroads.com/VPH</a>, where project information and virtual participation instructions are provided. Participants who are unable to attend the webinar virtually or in-person may listen to the meeting by calling (914) 614-3221 and entering access code 124-193-518. All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will be able to view project documents and ask questions.

Superior Construction Company Southeast was selected to complete the \$22.9 million project, which includes improvements at U.S. 17 and I-295 on- and off-ramps as well as improvements at the intersections of Eldridge Avenue, Old Orange Park Road and Wells Road. Superior Construction was also selected to complete a companion \$7.6 million resurfacing project on I-295 from the Buckman Bridge to U.S. 17. Both projects are estimated to be completed in fall 2024, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month, and all roadway users share the responsibility for keeping everyone safe. Pedestrians should always use designated crosswalks and avoid distractions like using cell phones while walking. Motorists must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and watch for pedestrians at all times. Together, we can reach the goal of ZERO pedestrian fatalities on Florida's roads.

Drivers seeking real-time traffic alerts are encouraged to visit <a href="www.FL511.com">www.FL511.com</a> or download the FL511 app prior to their journey.

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