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I-295 East Beltway Sees Additional Lane Open

Jacksonville – Ahead of schedule, the I-295 East Beltway Express Lanes construction project opened an additional lane from State Road 9B to J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202). The additional capacity was opened in phases to improve mobility and support the increased growth in the region.

The contractor was awarded a \$100,000 incentive for having the additional capacity opened ahead of schedule.

"Our goal at FDOT is to improve the lives of people through an improved transportation experience," said District 2 Secretary Greg Evans. "With the anticipated increase in traffic due to the Florida-Georgia football game, we're confident drivers will see improved traffic speeds and less congestion through the corridor," Evans continued. "These crews worked extremely hard to complete this work and our engineers and designers made sure the additional capacity could be added safely and efficiently to support mobility," Evans concluded.

The \$160 million project was awarded to the Archer-Western Contractors design-build team. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2020.

To learn more about the Express Lanes, visit: <u>www.NorthFloridaExpress.com</u>

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