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ICYMI: Baldwin Bypass Open to Traffic

Jacksonville, Fla. – The newly constructed Baldwin Bypass (State Road 201) is now open to traffic. All northbound lanes of U.S. 301 from the I-10 overpass to Brandy Branch Road were shifted into their final configuration Friday, September 11.

Drivers traveling north from the I-10 bridge will now stop at the new signalized intersection at Brandy Branch Road and continue north to the old U.S. 301 lanes through the Town of Baldwin or continue north on the Baldwin Bypass to existing U.S. 301. The new south connector of State Road 201 is also open to traffic (map 1).

The Baldwin Bypass project includes constructing a new four-mile, four-lane divided highway beginning north of the I-10 westbound on-ramp and two new signalized intersections at Beaver Street (U.S. 90) and Brandy Branch Road. The new bypass includes an overpass across two CSX railroad crossings and an additional overpass over the Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail to alleviate traffic congestion and improve operational efficiency of U.S. 301, which is part of the National Highway System and Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

Click <u>here</u> for a bird's-eye view of the new bypass. The project is estimated to be completed by early 2021. Construction completion estimates are fluid and subject to change, weather and schedule permitting.



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Map 1

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