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Southside Boulevard at Beach Boulevard Intersection Improvements to Begin This Week

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Construction is expected to begin this week on an intersection improvements project at Southside Boulevard (State Road 115) and Beach Boulevard (State Road 212). FDOT designed the project to reduce congestion and improve safety through the implementation of a Median U-Turn (MUT) concept.

Project improvements include construction of a signal-controlled Median U-Turn (MUT) on both eastbound Beach Boulevard to northbound Southside Boulevard and westbound Beach Boulevard to southbound Southside Boulevard; construction of a stop-controlled median directional crossover on Beach Boulevard to Newell Boulevard; construction of a signal-controlled median directional crossover on Beach Boulevard to W. Eve Drive; and construction of traffic signals, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, driveway modifications and various other improvements. For more information on the project, including a 3D animation of how the intersection will function once complete, please visit the project web page at nflroads.com.

Watson Civil Construction Inc. was selected to construct this \$7.4 million project, which is expected to be complete in spring 2023, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Safe travels during the holidays will help ensure a happy holiday for you and your loved ones. Be sure to buckle up, don't drive distracted, and designate a sober driver.

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