

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 KEVIN J. THIBAULT, P.E. SECRETARY

For Immediate Release

September 17, 2020

**Contact: Lauren Pinchouck** 

(386) 961-7837

Lauren.Pinchouck@dot.state.fl.us

## Overnight Lane Closures Planned Next Week on U.S. 17 for Railroad Crossing Improvement

**Yulee, Fla.** – Drivers should expect overnight lane closures September 23 on U.S. 17 (State Road 5) near the railroad crossing north of State Road A1A (State Road 200) in Nassau County as part of the Statewide Traffic and Railroad Initiative Using Dynamic Envelopes initiative, officially known as "Operation STRIDE."

Through Operation STRIDE, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is implementing rail crossing safety measures on state roadways with the goal of eliminating crashes at state road rail crossings. The work includes installation of Rail Dynamic Envelopes (conspicuous pavement markings), enhanced signage and rail safety education.

Construction is expected to begin Wednesday, September 23 at 9 p.m. and is scheduled to be completed by Thursday, September 24 at 8 a.m. The lane closures will be removed early if work is completed ahead of schedule or could be in place longer due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

While construction is underway, the community's patience is appreciated so that FDOT and First Coast Railroad can install this important safety feature.

###

