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### **Construction to Begin on U.S. 17/State Road 16 Intersection Improvements**

**Clay County, Florida** – Construction is scheduled to begin this month on a project to improve safety and accessibility at the intersection of U.S. 17 (State Road 15) and State Road 16 in Clay County.

Planned improvements include:

- Replacement of the traffic signal
- Installation of a new traffic separator on State Road 16
- Construction of dual southbound left turn lanes on U.S. 17
- Widening State Road 16 to four lanes
- Construction of a westbound left turn lane on State Road 16
- Construction of a northbound left turn lane on U.S. 17 at the median opening north of State Road 16
- Extending the westbound right turn lane on State Road 16
- Adjusting drainage to accommodate the proposed improvements

The project contractor, SEMA Construction, Inc., is expected to begin work on Monday, April 16. Construction on the \$2.7 million project should be completed in spring 2019, barring any weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances.

Traffic will be maintained in accordance with FDOT design standards throughout the project. The posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour will remain in place on both U.S. 17 and State Road 16. When lane closures are needed, drivers will be alerted in advance via portable, changing message signs. No lane closures will be permitted from 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lane closure notices are available online at [www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com).

The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones. Call (904) 831-FDOT with any questions about this or other projects within FDOT District 2.



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