



# VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WELCOME!

## US 98

7th Street South to 7th Street North and Polk  
County Line to US 301

Pasco County, Florida

Financial Project Numbers (FPN): 256423-3-52-01 and 443368-3-52-01

**Virtual Public Meeting:** November 29, 2022

Hello and welcome to the Virtual Public Meeting for the proposed modifications on US 98 from 7th Street South to 7th Street North, as well as US 98 from Polk County Line to US 301, Financial Project Numbers: 256423-3-52-01 and 443368-3-52-01. Today is November 29th, 2022.



## Virtual Public Meeting Format



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To allow for maximum participation, today's public meeting is being held in three formats including virtually, by phone, and at an in-person drive-thru location Dade City Heritage Museum, 14206 U.S. HWY 98 Bypass, Dade City, FL 33525

The information presented is identical in all formats. There is no cost to the public to participate, regardless of the format chosen.

The audio and onscreen components of this meeting are being recorded.

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### Purpose of the Meeting

- Learn more about proposed improvements to US 98.
- Opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding potential impacts of this median modification.
- Public comments received during this process will be taken into consideration of the final design.



### Median Modification Project Notification Requirement

Any project on the State Highway System that will divide a state highway or erect median barriers modifying currently available vehicle turning movements or have the effect of closing or modifying an existing access to an abutting property owner, requires a public notification.



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The purpose of this meeting is to learn more about the proposed improvements on US 98 and allow the public the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding the proposed widening of US 98 at the Dade City Bypass from 7th Street South to 7th Street and the proposed widening and realignment of US 98 from Polk County Line to US 301. Public comments received during this process will be taken into consideration of the final design.



## Project Description

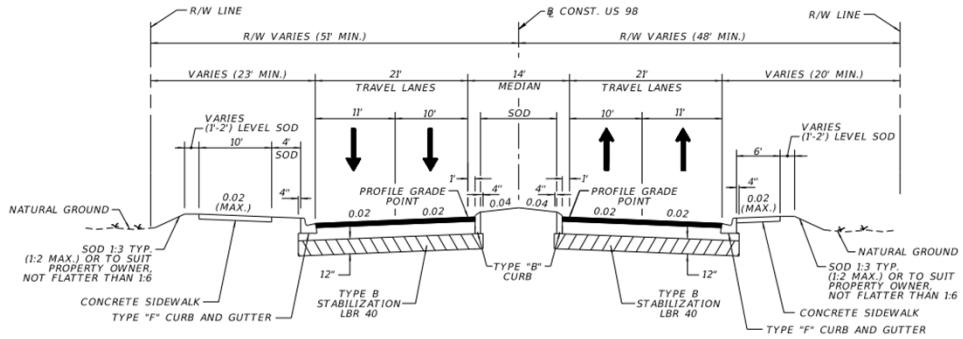


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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, is proposing first to widen US 98, also known as the Dade City Bypass, from two lanes to a four-lane divided roadway between 7th Street South and 7th Street North.



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Access to driveways and local streets will be maintained using similar connections to what exist in current conditions. The improvements necessitate converting the existing undivided typical section into a divided section, which includes incorporating new access management standards to promote safety and operations.

### Northbound/Eastbound Traffic Movements



### Southbound/Westbound Traffic Movements



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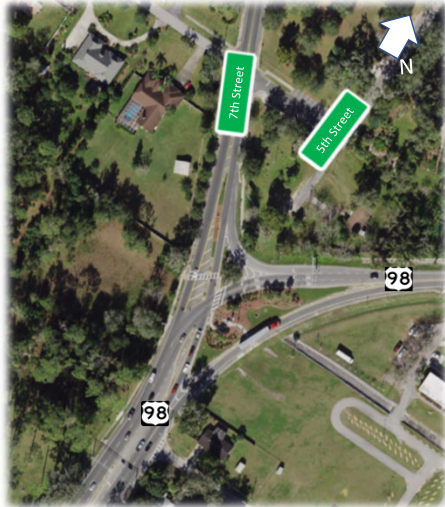
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Over the next few slides, we'll explain the proposed changes and demonstrate the traffic movements.

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The blue arrows will represent Southbound movements.

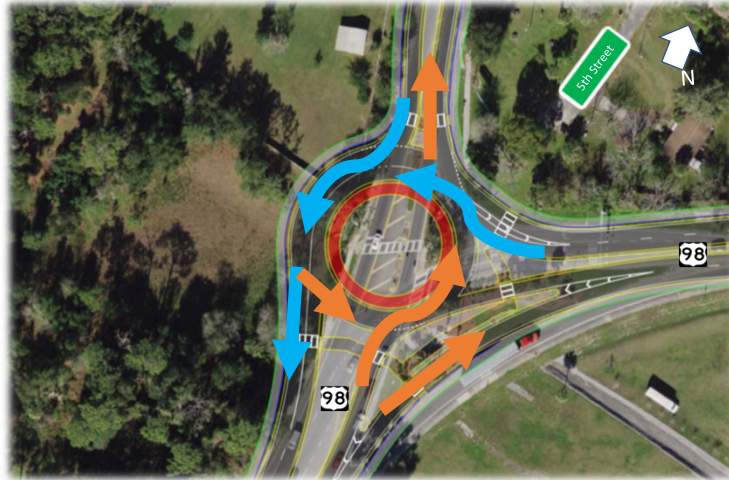


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At the southern terminus of the US 98 Bypass, the existing signalized intersection will be converted to a multilane modern roundabout. This configuration forces drivers to slow down and promotes safer operations for vehicles, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.





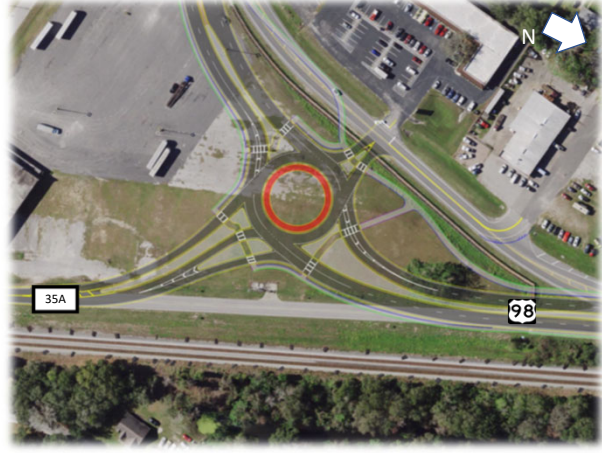
Northbound and Southbound traffic on US 301 will utilize the roundabout to continue north or south, and not be subjected to delays currently experienced with the traffic signal configuration. Similar to current conditions, traffic entering and existing the US 98 Bypass will either free flow heading east or yield to US 301 traffic traveling north or south within the roundabout. Unlike the existing conditions, traffic Southbound on US 301 will now be able to travel east on the US 98 Bypass by merging and utilizing the inside lane of the roundabout.



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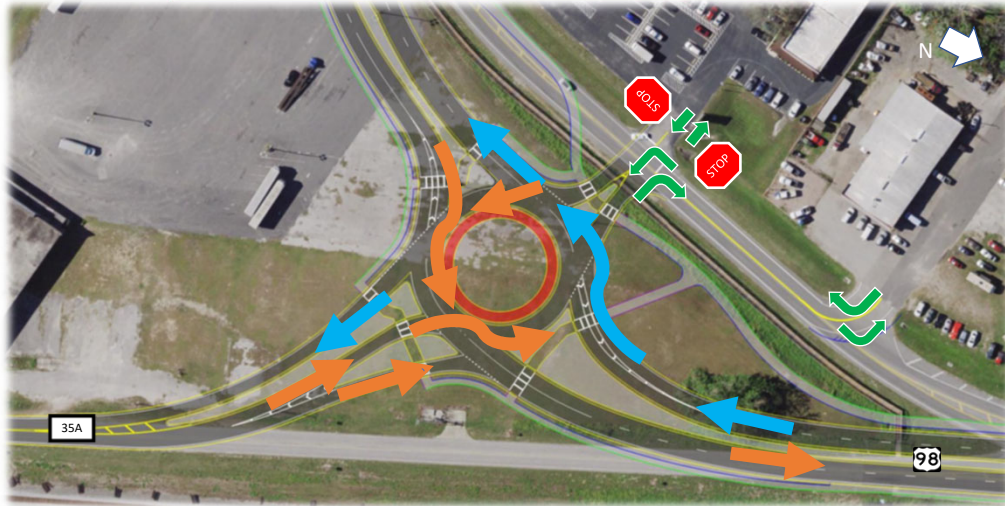
East of the new roundabout, the US 98 Bypass will be converted to a 4-lane divided typical section. A full access median opening with a Westbound Left Turn Lane will be provided at the eastern driveway of Calvary Assembly of God and a directional median opening with a Westbound Left Turn Lane will be provided at Dick Jarrett Way.



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At the junction of CR 35A (Old Lakeland Highway) and the US 98 Bypass, the existing unsignalized intersection will be converted to a multilane modern roundabout.

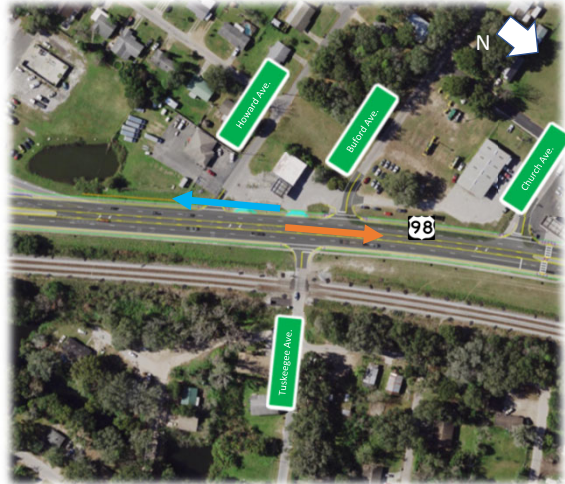


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All US 98 and CR 35A traffic will navigate the roundabout in the revised condition to make movements. Similarly, business access from the west will utilize a new driveway that connects to the roundabout so full access in all directions is maintained.





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North of the new roundabout, the US 98 Bypass will be converted to a 5 lane undivided typical section. All existing full access connections are preserved in the new condition.



## Church Avenue to North of Martin Luther King Blvd.



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North of Church Avenue, the US 98 Bypass will be converted to a 4-lane divided typical section through the Martin Luther King Blvd. intersections. Full access median openings with signals and left turn lanes will be provided at Meridian Avenue and Martin Luther King Blvd.



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North of Martin Luther King Blvd to San Francisco Avenue, the US 98 Bypass will be converted to a 5-undivided typical section. All existing full access connections are preserved in the new condition.

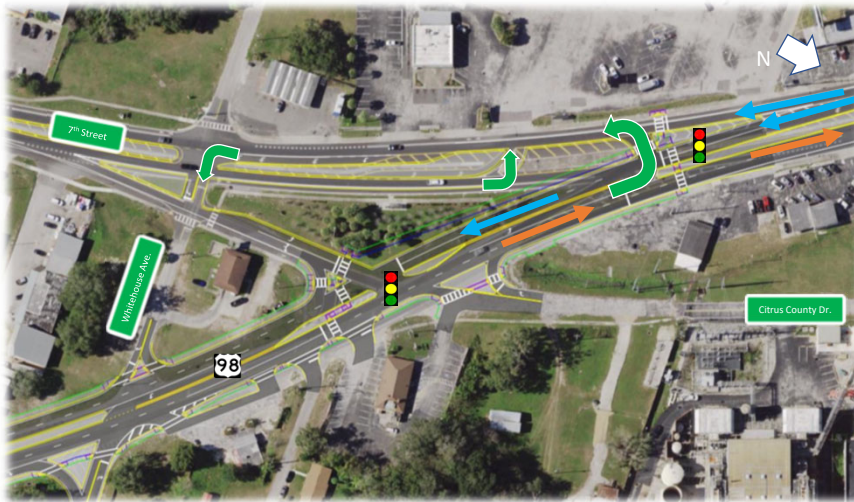


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North of San Francisco, the US 98 Bypass will be converted to a 4-lane divided typical section through the intersection with US 301. A directional median opening with a Southbound Left Turn Lane will be provided at River Road. Through traffic on River Road will be permissible but left turns will be prohibited. The existing US 98 Bypass/US 301/River Road/Whitehouse/Citrus County Drive /7th Street intersection will be expanded to accommodate additional capacity and new signals will be installed to facilitate implementation of a partial Restricted Crossing U-Turn (or RCUT) Intersection.

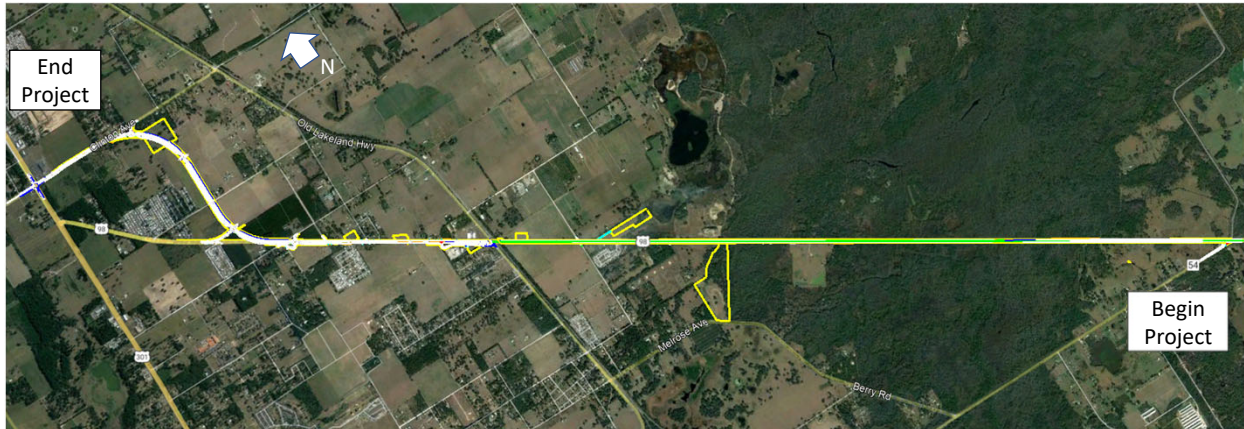




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An RCUT is an innovative intersection that re-routes left-turn and through vehicles from the side road to reduce overall signal phase timing and eliminating conflict points within the intersection, thus greatly reducing travel times and enhancing safety. Movements are highlighted for reference on the slide, but generally speaking the general layout of the intersection maintains its look and feel to what currently exists. Southbound US 301 traffic will follow the same general path as existing to continue south on US 301 but will now include a signal to ensure safe pedestrian crossing. Similarly, Southbound traffic entering the US 98 Bypass will be controlled by signals to proceed southbound. Northbound US 301 traffic will be rerouted along 7th Street and be controlled by a new signal approaching the US 98 Bypass. Northbound traffic on the US 98 Bypass will maintain its current alignment, but also be controlled by signals to ensure safety. Northbound US 98 Bypass traffic wishing to make a left turn on Whitehouse or US 301 will now U-turn at a signal, just south of Gaddis Street. Although these connections and signals appear to be separate entities, the technology allows for the infrastructure to act as one system, distributing traffic evenly across all movements based on demand and ensuring safe pedestrian crossings through the intersection.



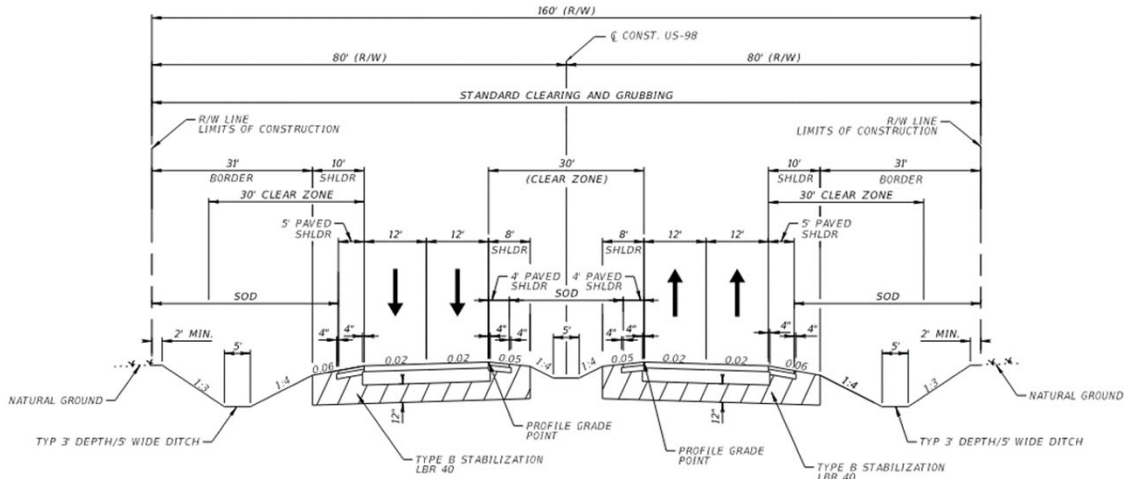
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, is proposing secondly to widen US 98 creating a 4-lane divided roadway from the Polk County line to north of Townsend Road and realign US 98 from north of Townsend Road to US 301. The realignment allows US 98 to align with the Clinton Avenue (New SR 52) intersection at US 301.

# Median Construction



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As part of the roadway reconstruction, a median will be constructed that will limit the ability of motorists to make left turns. To facilitate left turns and U-turns, median openings, signalized intersections, and roundabouts will be constructed along the corridor to provide access to driveways and side streets.

### Northbound/Westbound Traffic Movements

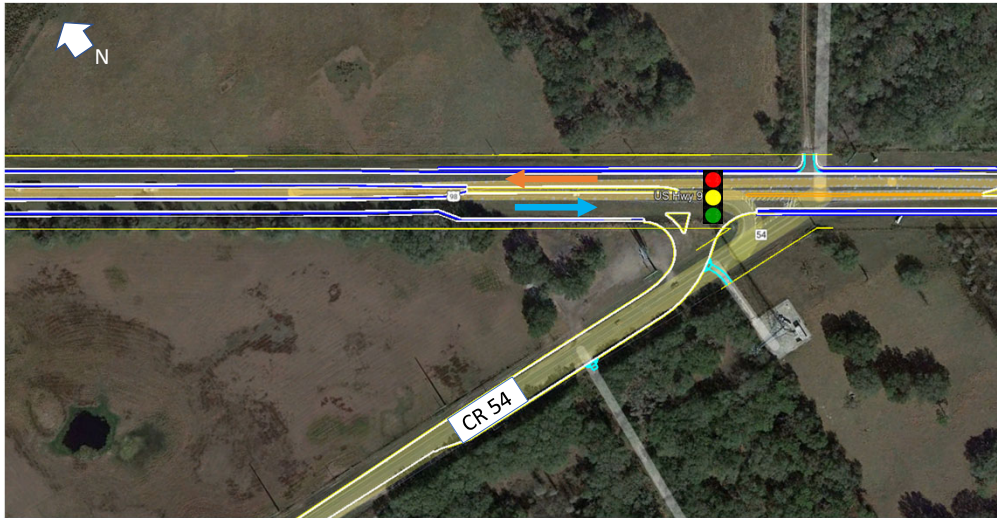


### Southbound/Eastbound Traffic Movements



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At the beginning of the project, a traffic signal is added at the existing unsignalized intersection of US 98 and CR 54 allowing traffic to safely make a left turn movements from northbound US 98 to westbound CR 54 and from eastbound CR 54 to northbound US 98, and U-turn movement along northbound and southbound US 98.



## Between CR 54 and Hillsborough River Bridge



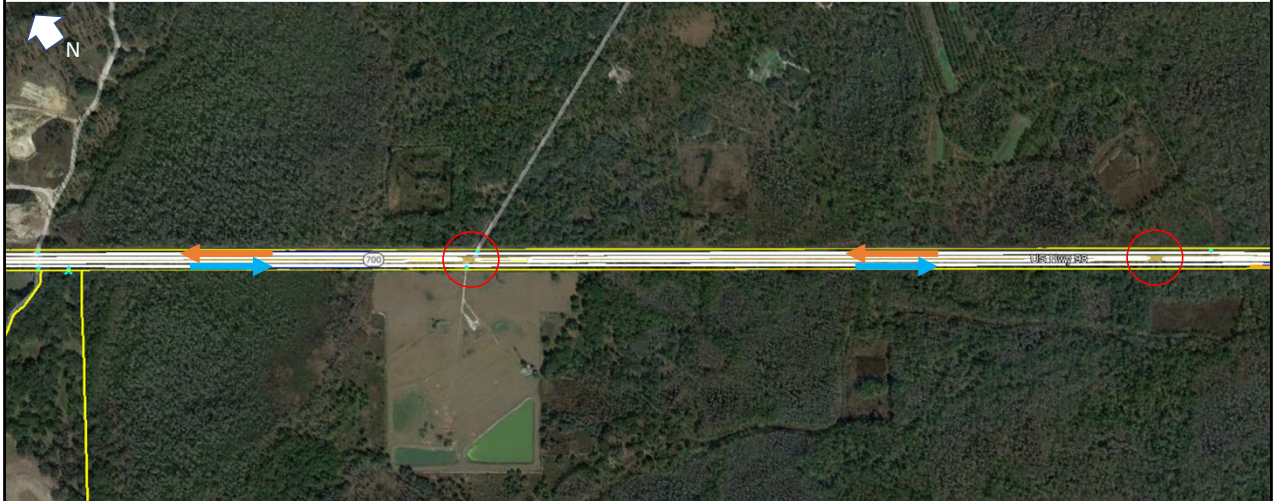
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North of CR 54, as drivers approach the new Bridge over the Hillsborough River, two full median openings are constructed at approximately ½ mile spacings to allow U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road.





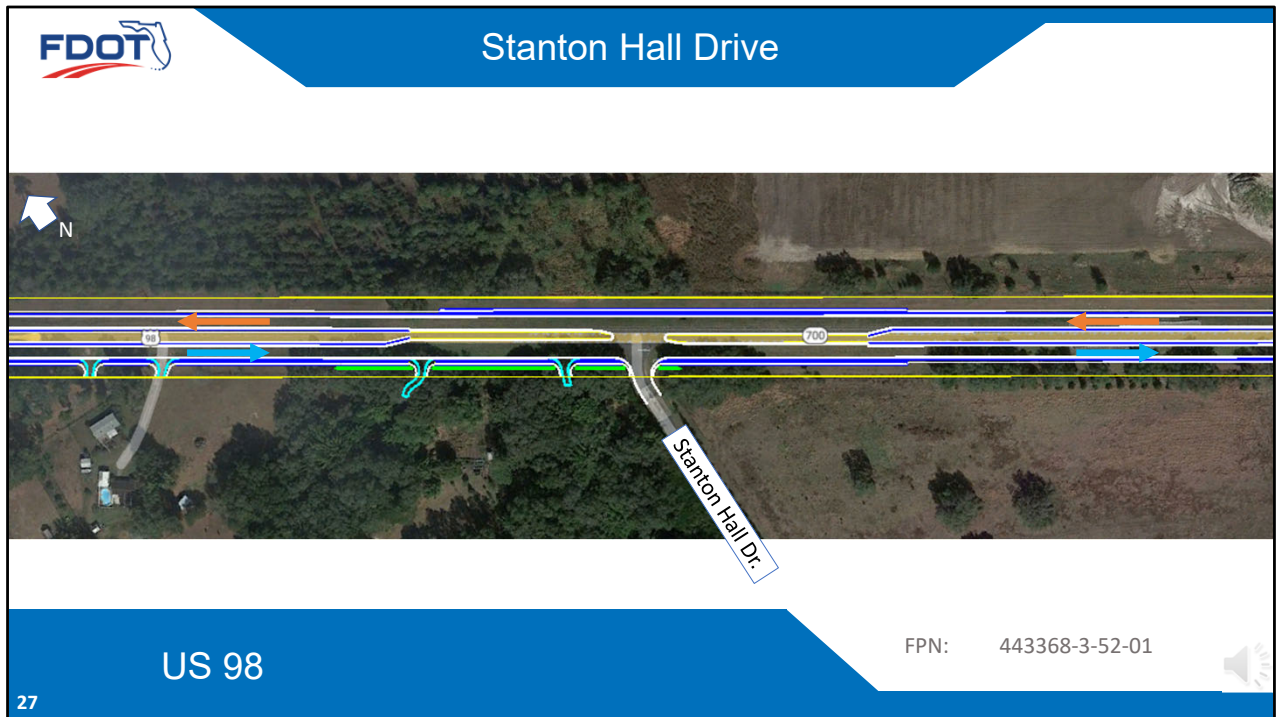
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Continuing north of the Hillsborough River, two full median openings are constructed at approximately 1 mile spacings to allow U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road.



At Stanton Hall Drive, a full median opening is constructed to allow Northbound US 98 traffic to turn left onto Stanton Hall Drive and traffic exiting Stanton Hall Drive to turn left onto Northbound US 98. Accommodations for U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road are also provided.

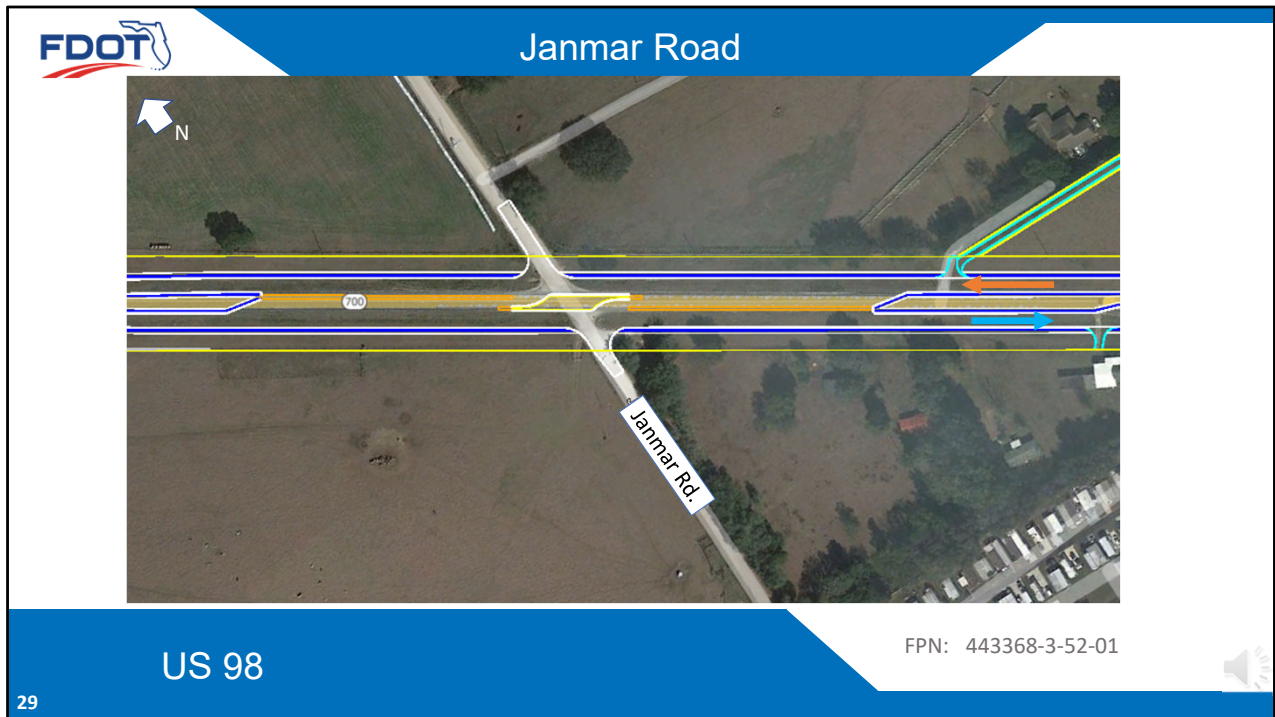




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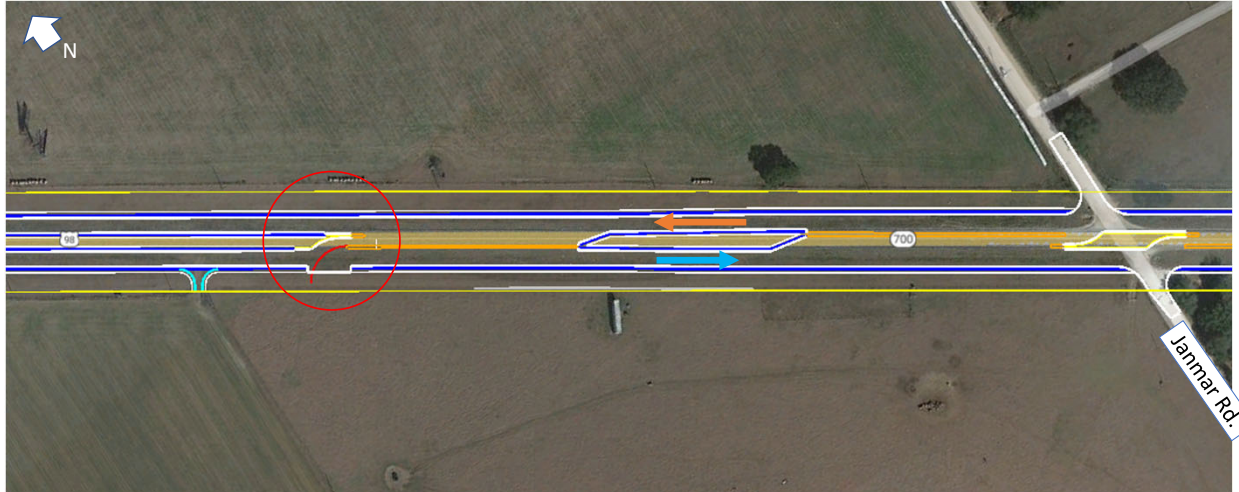
At Citrus Hill RV Resort, a full median opening is constructed to allow Northbound US 98 traffic to turn left into Citrus Hill RV Resort and traffic exiting Citrus Hill RV Resort to turn left onto Northbound US 98. Accommodations for U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road are also provided.



At Janmar Road, a directional median opening is constructed allowing left turns from US 98 onto Janmar Road. Accommodations for U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road are also provided. Traffic entering US 98 from Janmar Road will be able to turn right onto US 98.



## Median Opening North of Janmar Road

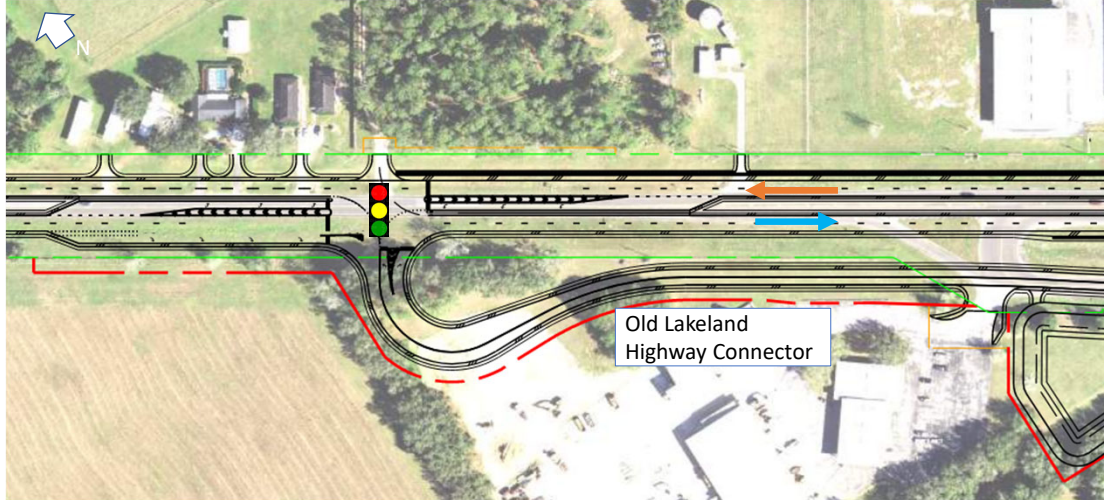


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Approximately ¼ mile north of Janmar Road, a directional median opening is constructed to allow northbound traffic on US 98 to make a U-turn.



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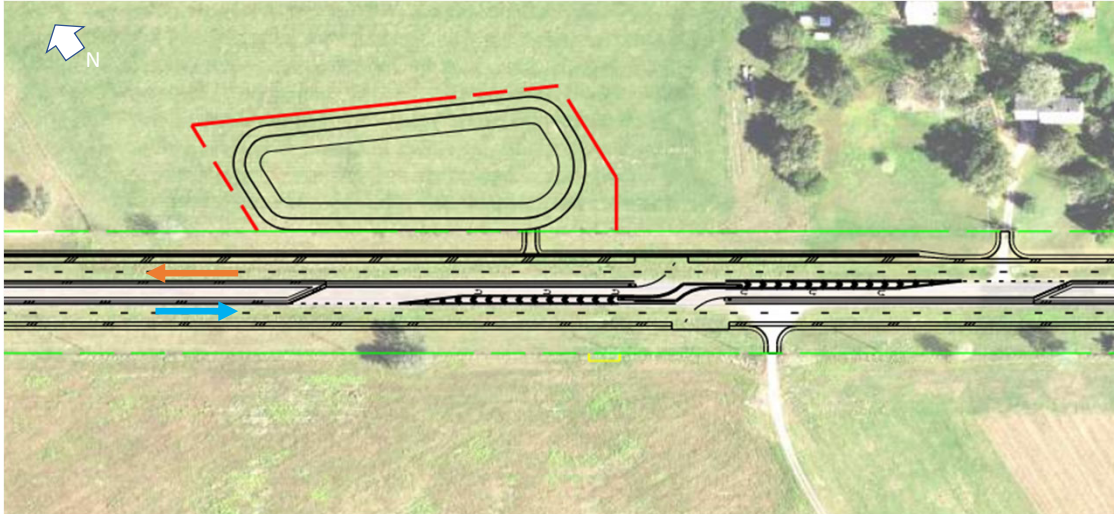
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The existing unsignalized intersection with the Old Lakeland Highway Connector is shifted north and converted to a signalized intersection.





## Median Opening North of Old Lakeland Highway Connector

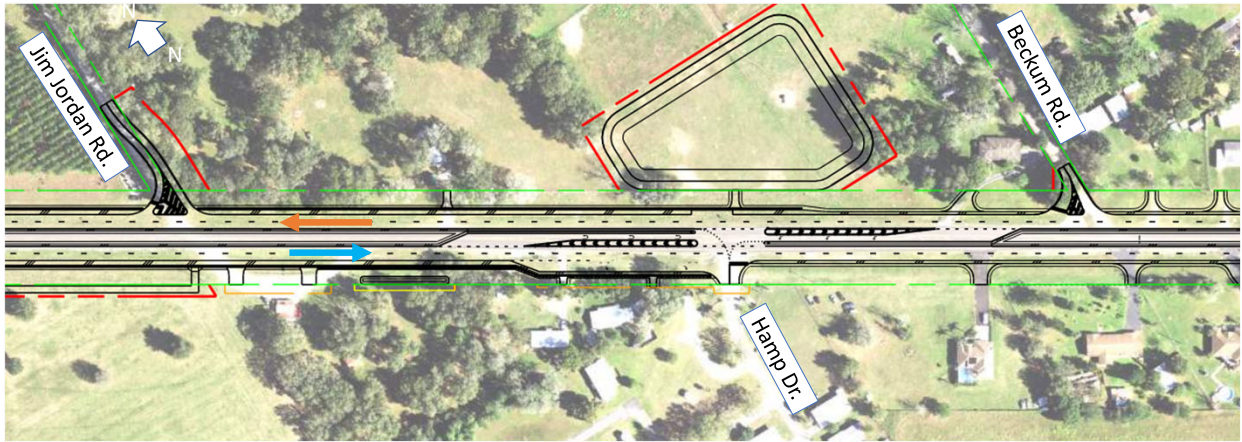


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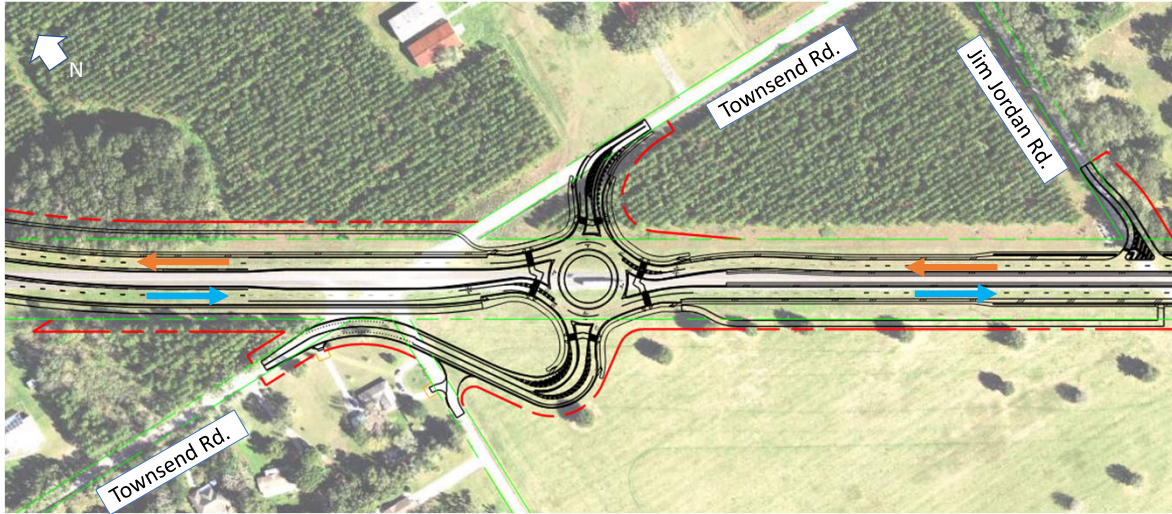
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Approximately ¼ mile north of Old Lakeland Highway Connector, a directional median opening is constructed to allow U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road.



At Hamp Drive, a full median opening is constructed to allow Northbound US 98 traffic to turn left onto Hamp Drive and traffic exiting Hamp Drive to turn left onto Northbound US 98. Accommodations for U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road are also provided.

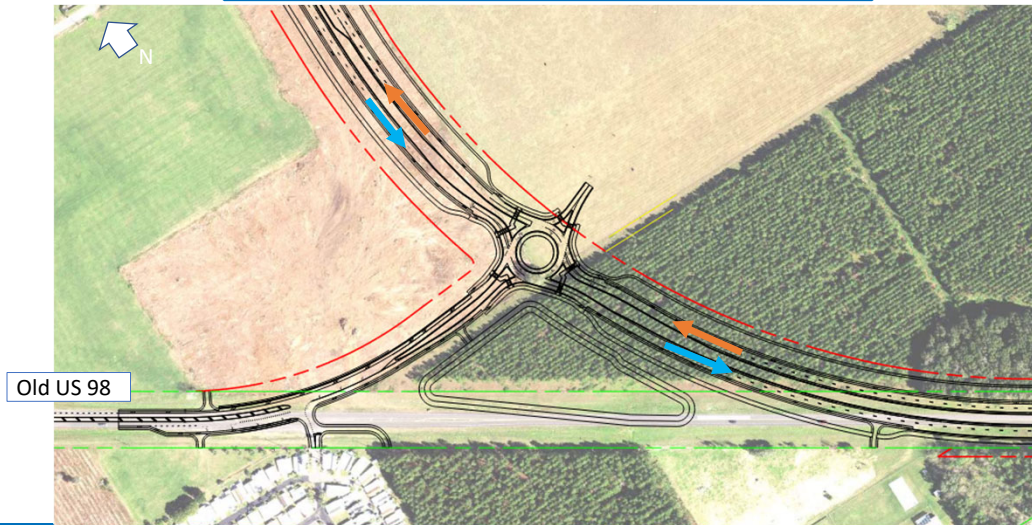


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The existing Townsend Road and Us 98 intersections will be reconstructed as a modern multi-lane roundabout.





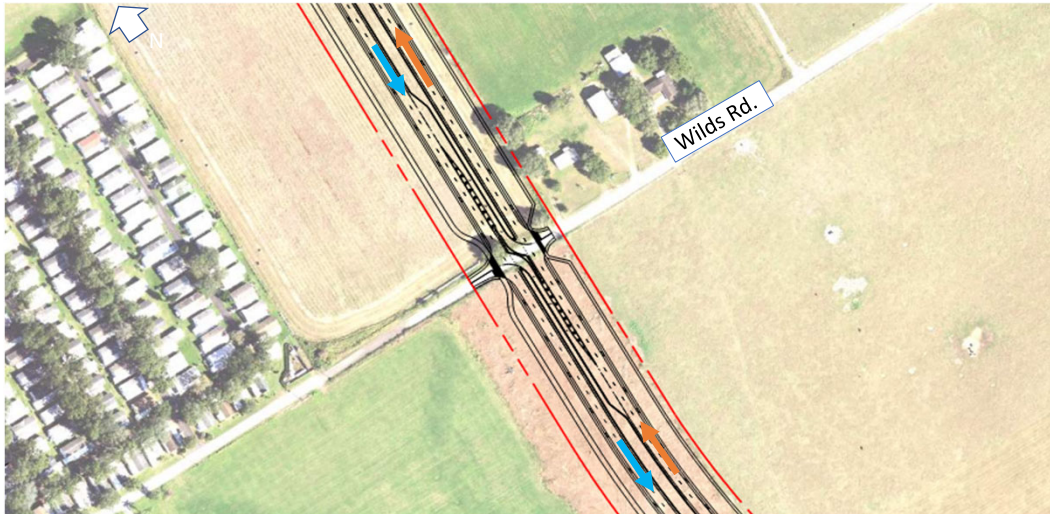
Old US 98

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North of Townsend Road, US 98 is realigned into a new 4 lane divided road in a more northern direction. The connection to the Old US 98 is reconstructed as a modern multi-lane roundabout. The roundabout is designed to accommodate a future connection to new development (Crosswinds) on the east side of US 98.

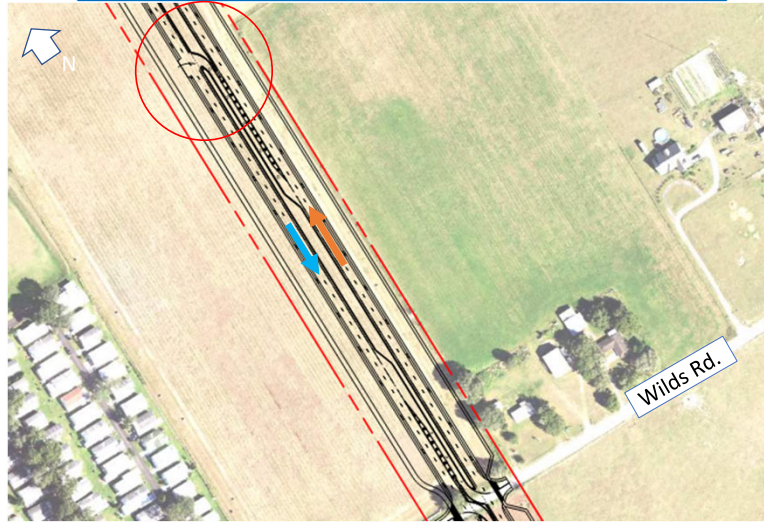




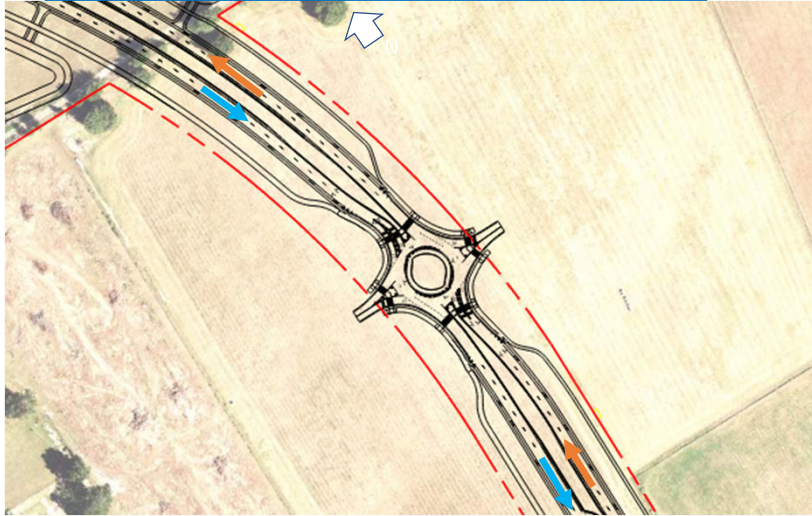
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At Wilds Road, a directional median opening is constructed allowing left turns from US 98 onto Wilds Road. Accommodations for U-turn movements for northbound and southbound vehicles to access driveways on the opposite side of the road are also provided. Traffic entering US 98 from Wilds Road will be able to turn right onto US 98.



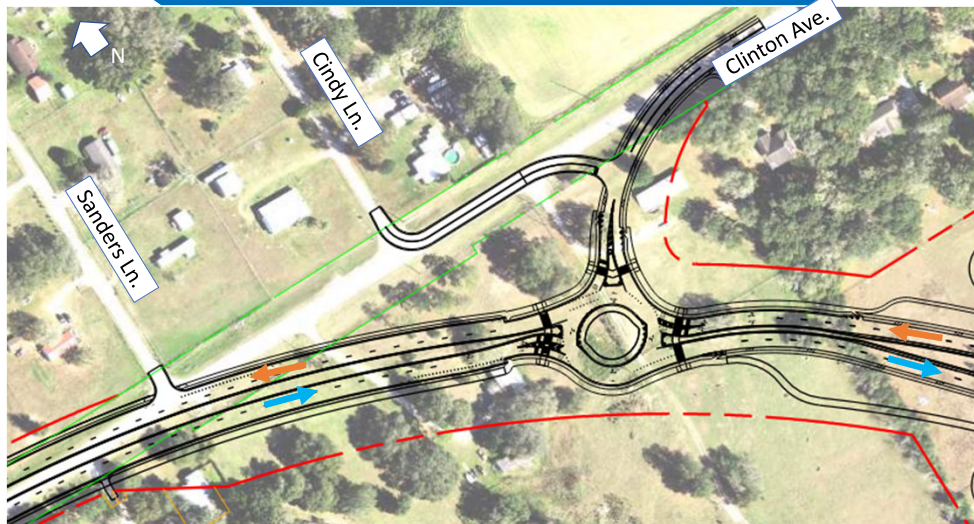
Approximately ¼ mile north of Wilds Road, a directional median opening is constructed to allow northbound US 98 vehicles to make a U-turn movement.



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Further north, a modern multi-lane roundabout is constructed to provide connections to a new development (Cross Roads) on the east and west side of US 98.



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As the new alignment of US 98 approaches Clinton Avenue, US 98 curves to the west and a new modern multi-lane roundabout is constructed. The roundabout connects US 98 to Clinton Avenue and is designed to accommodate a future connection to new development (Cross Roads) on the west side of US 98.





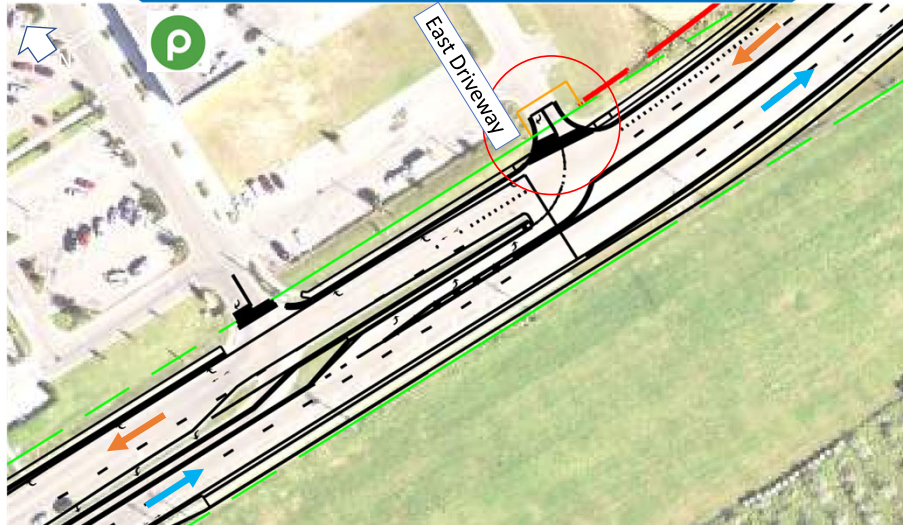
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As US 98 turns west and realigns on existing Clinton Avenue, the existing 2 lane roadway is reconstructed as a 4 lane divided roadway. A directional median opening is constructed at the Clinton Corners/Hilltop Point developments to allow left turns from US 98 into the developments. Traffic leaving Clinton Corners and Hilltop Point will be able to turn right onto US 98.



## Shops of Dade City Eastern Median Opening



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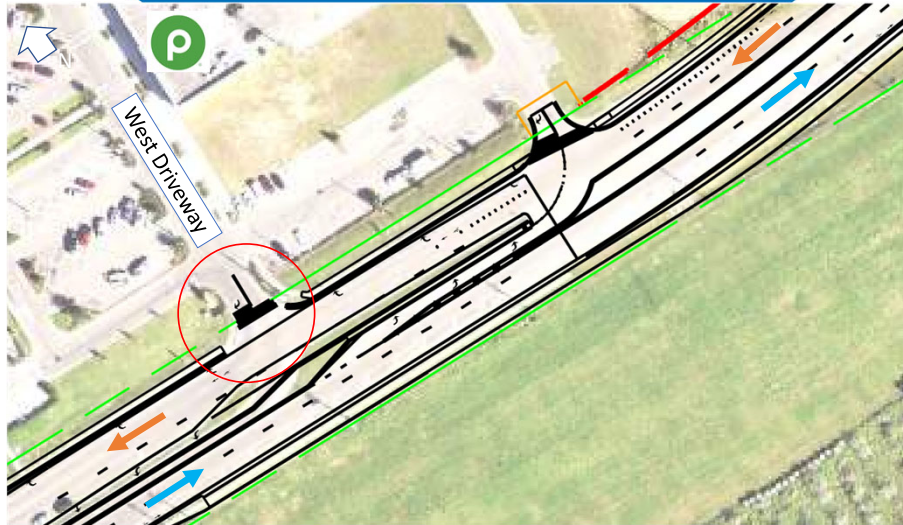
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The existing eastern full median opening at the Shops at Dade City will be reconfigured to only allow eastbound left turns from US 98 into the Shops of Dade City. Traffic Entering US 98 from the Shops of Dade City will be able to turn right onto US 98.



## Shops of Dade City Western Median Opening



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The existing western directional median opening at the Shops at Dade City will be closed. Traffic Entering US 98 from the Shops of Dade City will be able to turn right onto US 98. Eastbound US 98 traffic entering the Shops of Dade City can still access the Shops of Dade City via the eastern median opening.



## US 98 (Clinton Avenue) and US 301 Intersection



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The existing intersection of US 301 and US 98 will be modified to complete the realignment of US 98 to US 301. No access will be changed, but US 301 will be widening to the median to provide dual left turns lanes from both northbound and southbound US 301 onto US 98 (Clinton Avenue).





## Submitting Comments After the Meeting



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You may also submit comments after today's meeting. Comments may be submitted to FDOT Project Manager Kevin Lee via mail, email, telephone, or through the website.

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