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Dear Stakeholder.

Please be advised that the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) on Viera Boulevard at the Interstate 95 (I-95) overpass is scheduled to start transferring traffic to the new design in the upcoming weeks. Beginning this week, traffic will use a modified version of the DDI configuration while construction on the project works toward completion. Traffic will be limited to a single lane only, with no access to the interstate during the modified period. This will allow travelers to experience the new pattern before adding additional traffic.

Once complete and in its final configuration, the DDI will allow drivers a safer transition through the intersection at the I-95 overpass. In addition, the added access to the interstate will give drivers an alternate route to and from I-95, helping to reduce congestion and improve safety north and south of the new interchange.

A DDI interchange design is sometimes called a crisscross interchange because it eliminates the need to turn left across traffic. Instead, vehicles trade sides with a slight curve as interstate traffic enters or exits. Since the number of potential conflicts between drivers is reduced, safety for the traveling public is increased. This new design is also as safe as a traditional interchange for pedestrians and bicyclists. Please see the attached diagram for a better understanding of how a DDI works.

The project is anticipated to be complete this summer when the interchange should be in its final configuration and fully operational.

Electronic message boards and other signage will be used to direct motorists. Updates and other project information are available on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Central Florida website, www.cflroads.com. Search by the financial project ID number: 428238-1.

For more information, please contact Melanie Hand, public information coordinator, at 321-634-6111.

Sincerely,

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