

Good evening, and welcome to the public hearing for the median modification project on East Colonial Drive (State Road 50) at the intersection with Sherman Street. The project manager for the Florida Department of Transportation is Mr. Dave Mixon. Also here this evening are various members of the Florida Department of Transportation staff.



A transcript is being made of all oral proceedings and will be part of the public record of this project. At the conclusion of the presentation, attendees who completed a "Speaker Request" card, will be given an opportunity to speak into a microphone to make comments. Any questions will be answered after the public hearing portion of this meeting. If you did not pick up a card at the registration desk, project staff will distribute cards to anyone wishing to give a verbal statement. If you do not wish to speak publicly, you may also make a comment directly to the court reporter after the presentation.

## **Public Hearing**

- Pursuant to Florida Statute 339.155, 335.199, and 120.525 the Florida Department of Transportation is conducting this public hearing concerning the proposed median modification project on E. Colonial Drive
- To provide the public with the opportunity to express their views relative to this project
- Hearing advertised in Orlando Sentinel on March 14 and March 21, 2019, and in the El Sentinel on March 23, 2019

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This public hearing is being held in accordance with Florida Statute Section 339.155, Section 335.199, and Section 120.525. This public hearing was advertised consistent with federal and state requirements and is being conducted consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This hearing is being held to give all interested persons the opportunity to express their views relative to this project.

Notice of this public hearing was published in the Orlando Sentinel on March  $14^{th}$  and March  $21^{st}$ , 2019, and in the El Sentinel on March  $23^{rd}$ , 2019.

## Title VI

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting:

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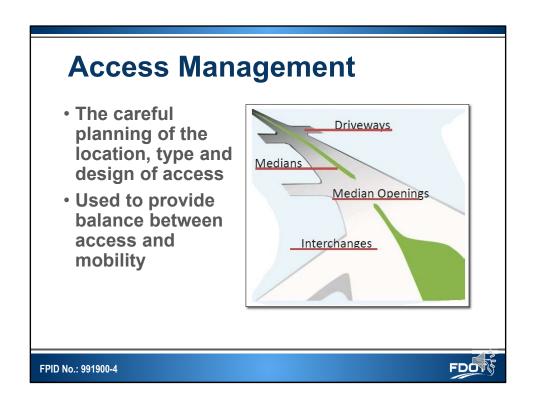
As mentioned, the project location is on East Colonial Drive at the intersection with Sherman Street as shown on this location map.



The proposed improvements at East Colonial Drive and Sherman Street consist of converting the full median opening to a directional opening. This means westbound traffic on East Colonial drive will still be able to turn left onto Sherman Street, but traffic leaving Sherman Street will be converted to right turn only.

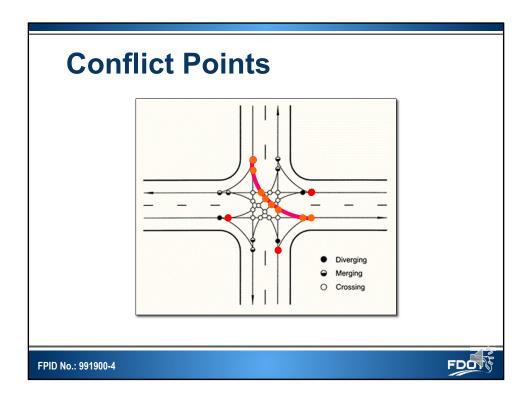


A Signal Warrant Study was conducted at this location in November of 2018. It was determined that a signal was not warranted, but it was recommended that the full median opening be converted to a directional opening to reduce the number of conflict points, which improves safety in the area.



One of the most important responsibilities of the Florida Department of Transportation is to ensure that the design of each state road properly balances access and mobility. Access management is used to provide this very important balance.

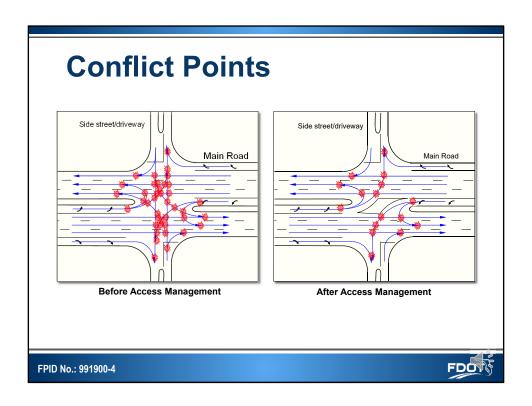
A basic principle of access management is to limit the number of conflict points along a roadway by minimizing the number of driveways and median openings and restricting certain movements at some median openings.



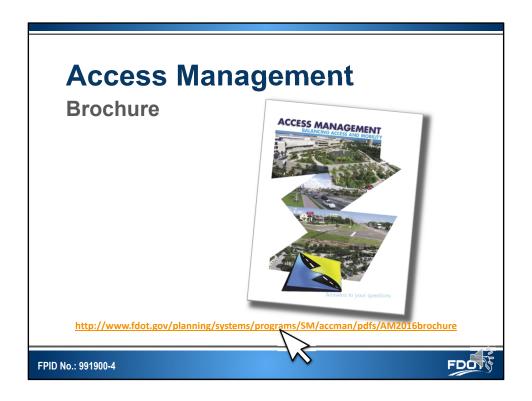
## So, what are conflict points?

Conflict points are locations along a roadway where the paths of two vehicles can legally cross...just not at the same time. Each conflict point is a location where a crash can occur.

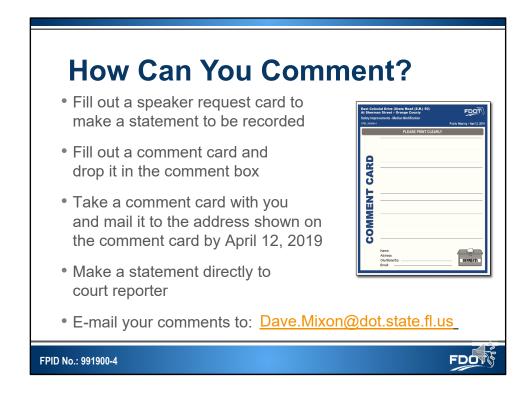
- For example, at a 2-lane 4-way intersection there are as many as 32 conflict points as shown on this slide.
- In this scenario, if a vehicle is attempting to make a left-turn from the side street, it can cross paths with vehicles going through on the main street, making a left turn from the main street or with a vehicle going through or turning right in the opposing direction.



This graphic illustrates the reduction in conflict points at a four way intersection with the placement of a directional median opening.



If you have more questions about Access Management, the Florida Department of Transportation has produced an Access Management Brochure. It is written in a question and answer format where commonly asked questions are answered in a way that is easily understood. Copies of this brochure are available here this evening, or you can download a PDF file of the brochure from FDOT's access management website.



The Department of Transportation values your opinion. A court reporter is present to record a statement from anyone wishing to do so. Please give us your comments by submitting a "speaker request" card found at the registration table, or by filling out a comment card and either dropping it in the comment box, or returning it by mail to the address on the card by April 12, 2019.

If you do not feel comfortable speaking in front of an audience you may make a statement directly to the court reporter after the presentation. You can also give us your input by e-mailing Dave.Mixon@dot.state.fl.us. All comments, whether written or oral, will become part of the project's public record.

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After this presentation, we will collect speaker request cards from anyone wishing to make a statement. We ask that you limit your comments to 3 minutes. Again, your public comments will become a part of the official record. And, because it is very important for us, to hear from you, the presenters will not be responding to questions during public comment time, but we will be listening to your comments very carefully, during this formal setting. Once the official comment period is finished, project staff will be available at the displays to answer any questions you may have.



- State your name
- State your address
- Give your statement





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When we collect the speaker request cards, we will call out the names of individuals who have filled out a card in the order we have received them. When you come to the microphone, please state your full name, your street address, and then give your statement for the court reporter to record.

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Project updates can be found at www.cflroads.com

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If you have any questions or would like more information about the Colonial Drive at Sherman Street project, please contact Mr. Dave Mixon at the address or email shown on this slide, or you may call him at 386-943-5178 You can also keep up to date with this project as well as others in the area by checking the CFLRoads website, and searching with the FPID number.



We appreciate you taking the time to attend this meeting, and we look forward to hearing your comments on this project.