



Public Hearing on October 14, 2020

Access Management and Safety Improvements along U.S. 441 from Griffin Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Leesburg (Lake County)

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Public Hearing Format

- Getting settled
 - Log in
 - Call in
 - Be seated

- Project presentation

- Public testimony



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PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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Legal Requirements

Title VI

This public hearing is being conducted 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:

District Five

Florida Department of Transportation
District Five Title VI Coordinator
Jennifer Smith
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Deland, FL 32720-6834
(386) 943-5367
Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us

Tallahassee Office

Florida Department of Transportation
Statewide Title VI Coordinator
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All inquiries or complaints will be handled according to FDOT procedures and in a prompt and courteous manner.

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Legal Requirements

Additional Public Hearing Items

- Section 339.155, Florida Statutes (public hearings)
- Section 335.199, Florida Statutes (access management)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended



Legal Requirements

Public Notifications

- Letters emailed to elected officials on September 18, 2020
- Letters emailed to agency partners on September 18, 2020
- Letters mailed to property owners and businesses within at least 300 feet of the project's right of way on September 18, 2020
- Display ads published in *Lake Sentinel* on September 20, 2020 and October 4, 2020
- Notice posted on FDOT website (www.fdot.gov) on Public Notices Page for District Five on September 28, 2020
- Ad published in *Florida Administrative Register* on September 29, 2020
- Public hearing announcement on cflroads.com/project/443546-1 on September 30, 2020
- News release emailed to local media outlets on October 7, 2020

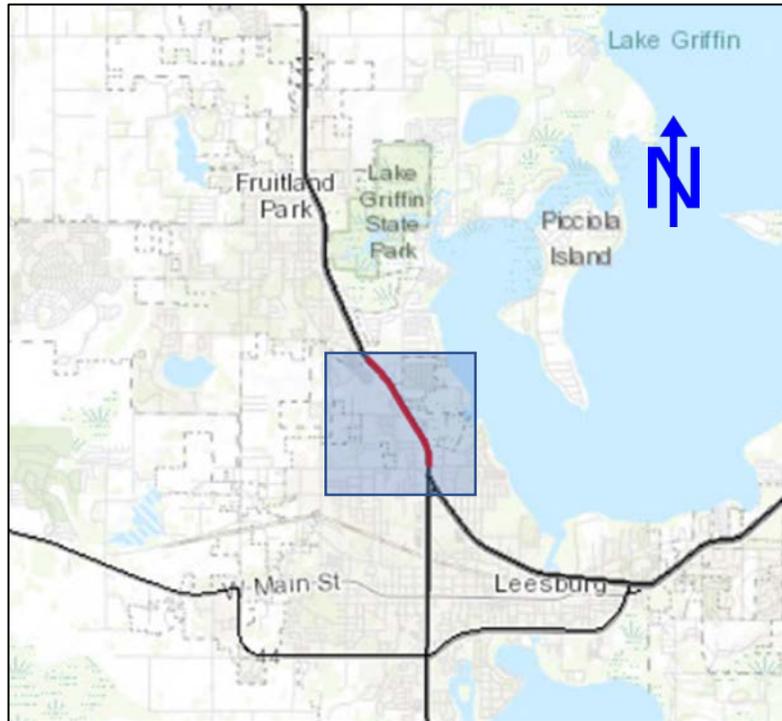


PROJECT BACKGROUND

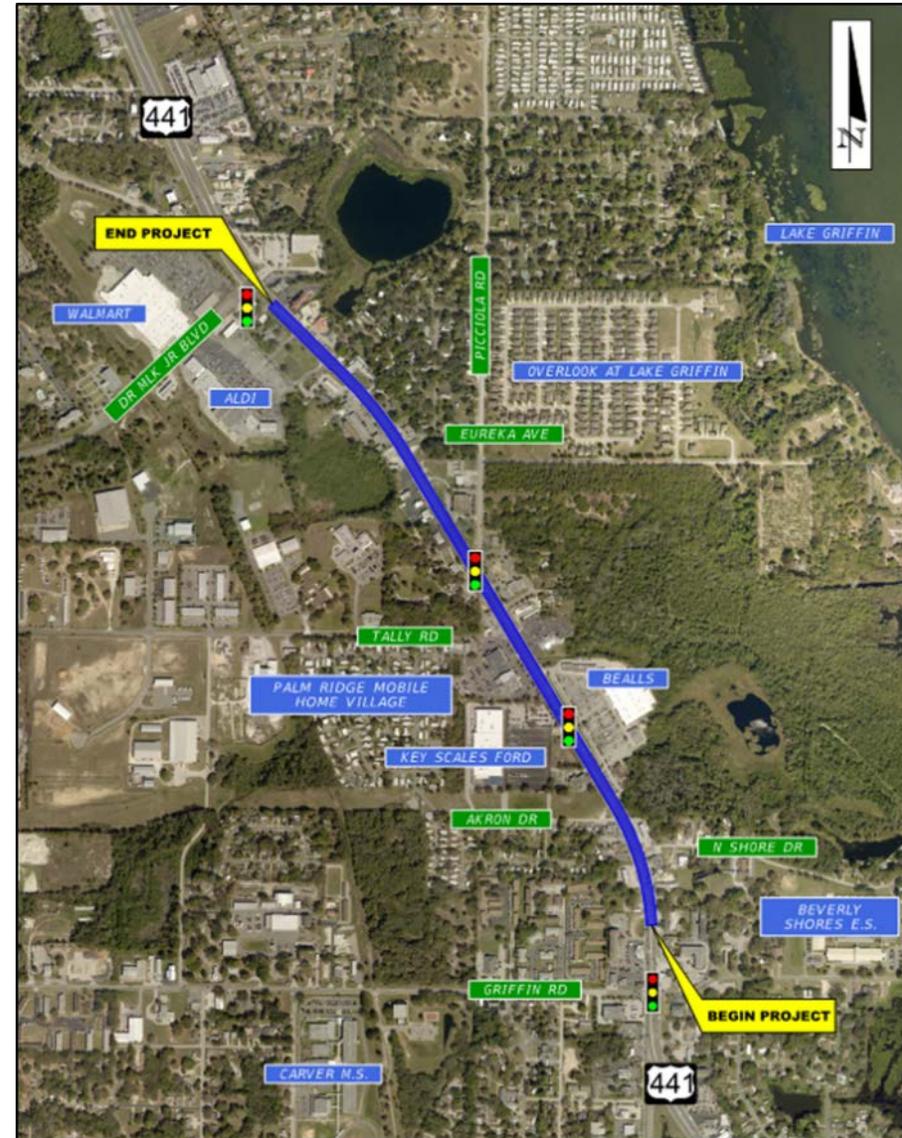
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Project Location



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Existing Conditions

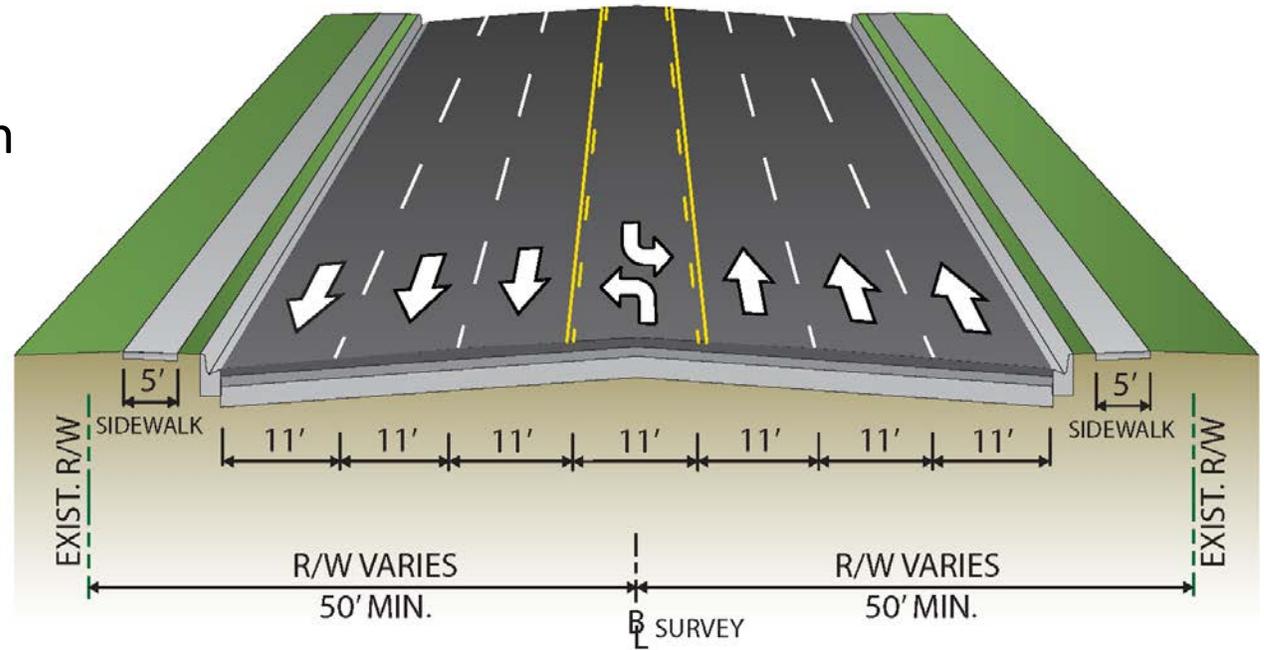
- **U.S. 441**
 - 7 lanes (six travel lanes plus two-way continuous left turn lane)
 - 4 traffic signals (Griffin Road, Bealls Shopping Center, Picciola Road, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard)
 - Evacuation route
- **Lake County Public Schools**
 - Crossing guards at Griffin Road
 - 1 bus stop on U.S. 441 (north of Key Scale Ford)
- **LakeXpress Bus Stops (Route 1A)**
 - 12 stops along U.S. 441 (six northbound & six southbound)

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Existing Conditions

- Six Travel Lanes – each 11 feet wide
- Two-way, continuous left turn lane in middle (11 feet wide)
- Sidewalks – 5 feet wide on each side
- No designated bicycle lanes



U.S. 441 Features (Typical Section)



Project Need

- ***Access Management Study (June 2018)***
 - 384 crashes on U.S. 441, from 2011 through 2015
 - 151 injuries and 5 fatalities
- **Study Recommendations**
 - Replace the continuous two-way left turn lane with a raised median
 - Include auxiliary left turn lanes at directions or full median openings
 - Design and then construct

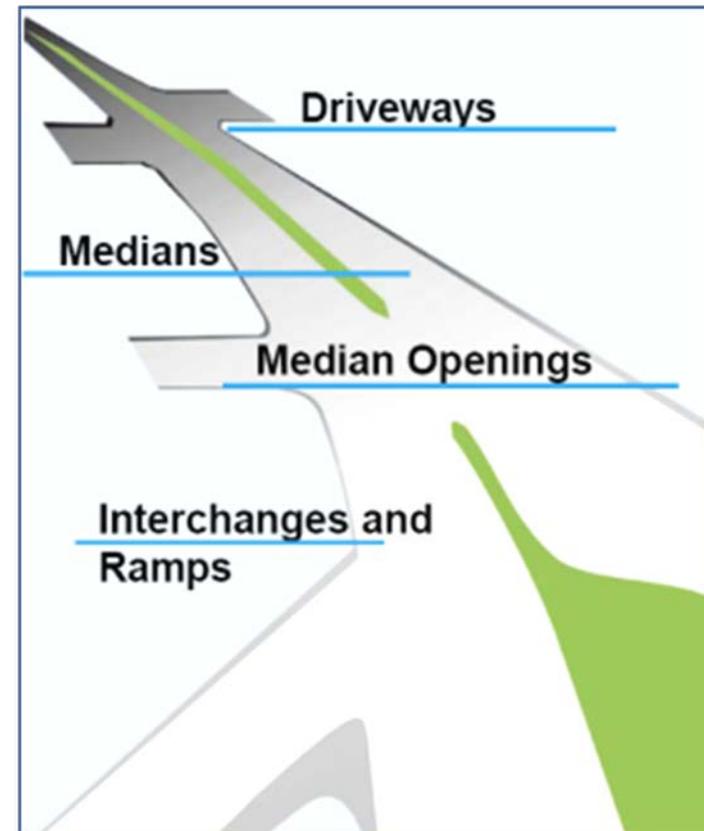




Access Management

What is Access Management

- Location, design, and operation of
 - Driveways
 - Median openings
 - Interchanges
 - Street connections
- Purpose of access management
 - Access to development
 - Preserve the safety and efficiency of the transportation system
- Separate conflict points
 - Distance between driveways and between median openings

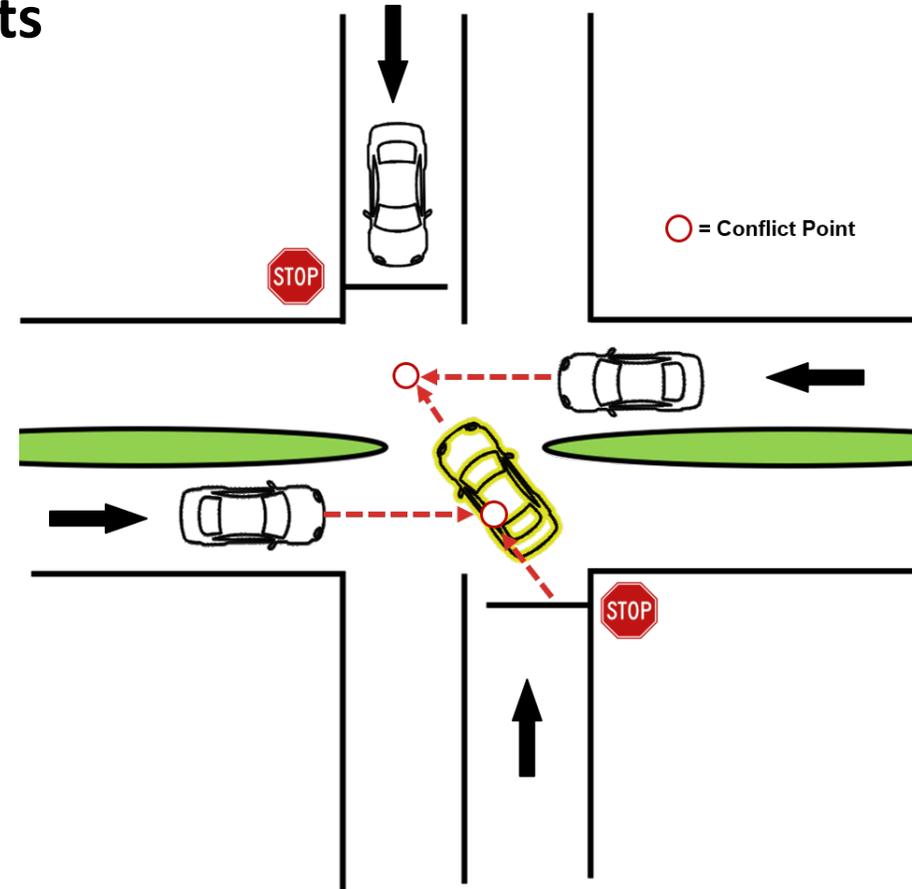


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Conflict Points

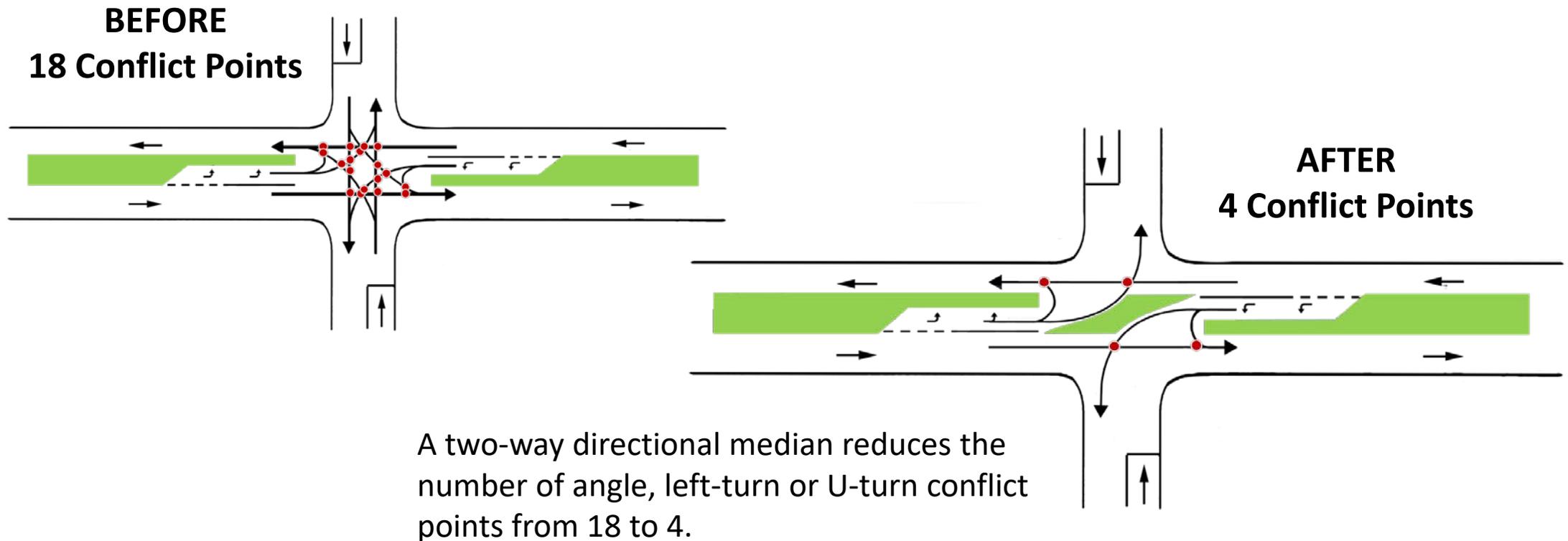
- Conflict points are places where two vehicles could cross paths and potentially collide





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Two-Way Directional Median Example



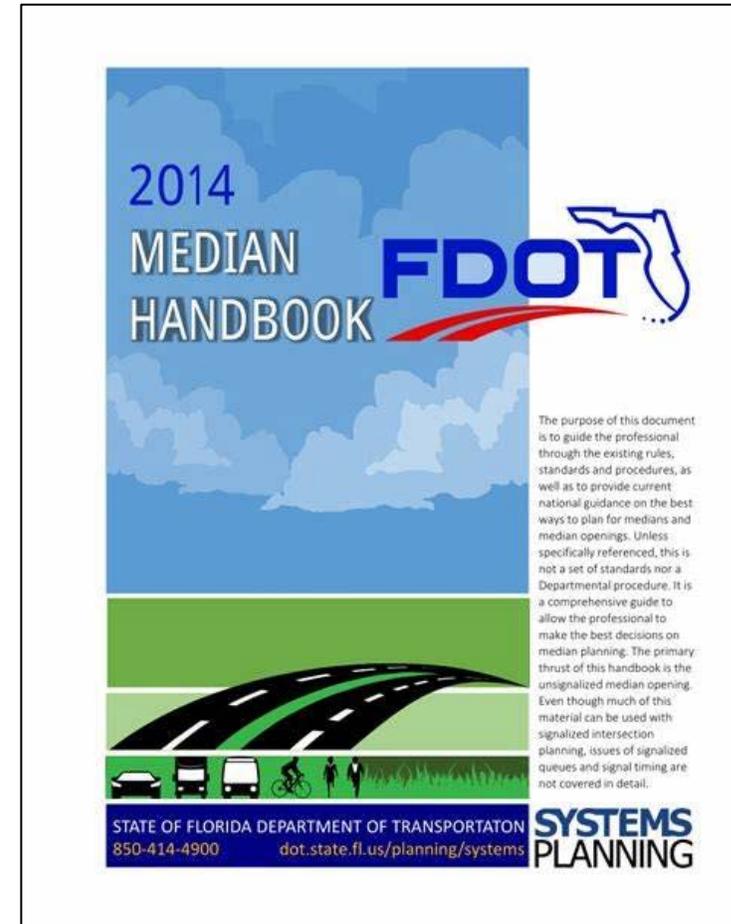
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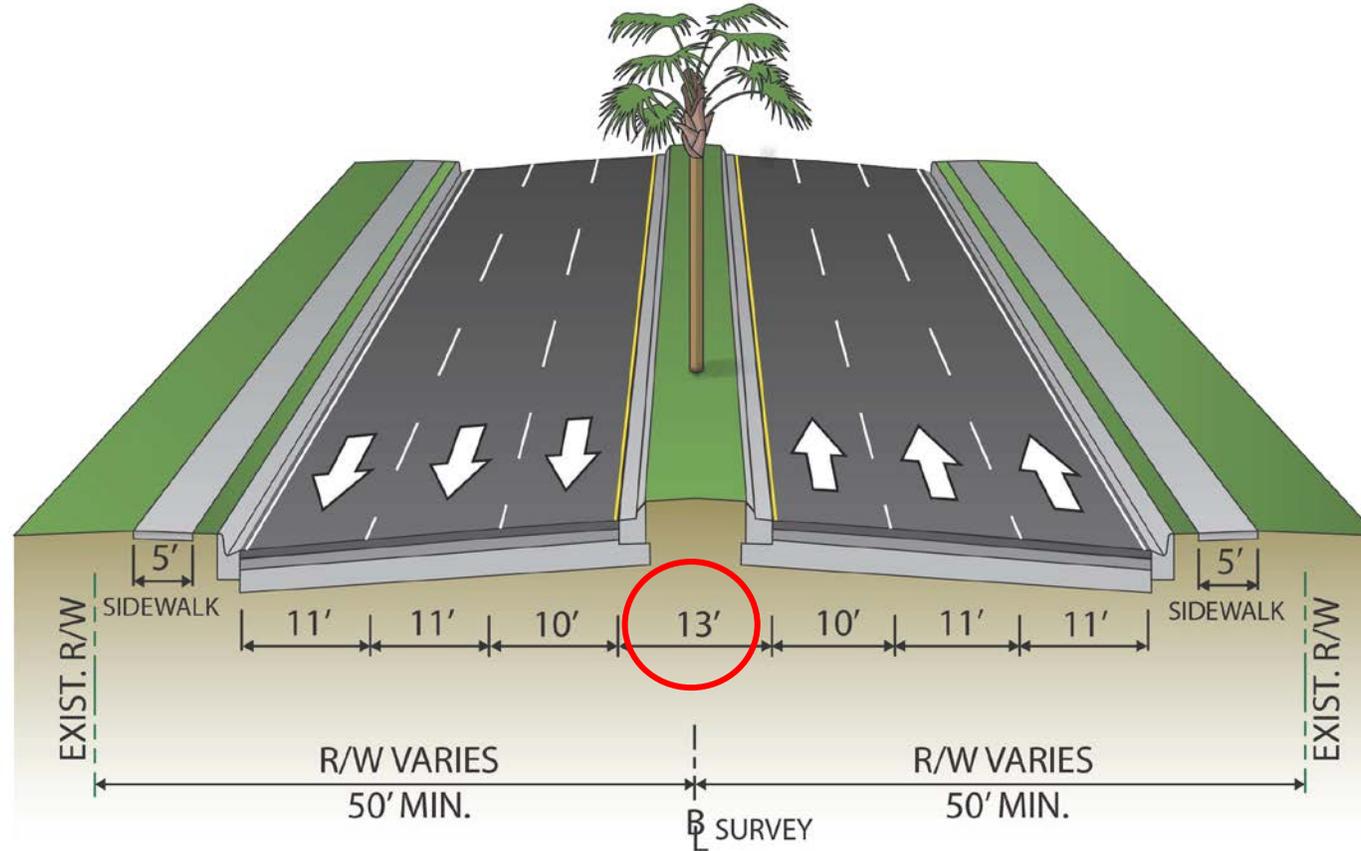
- Spacing of median openings based on roadway characteristics
- Full median openings for this project will be 1,320 feet apart (1/4 mile)
- Directional median openings are proposed to be 660 feet apart on this project

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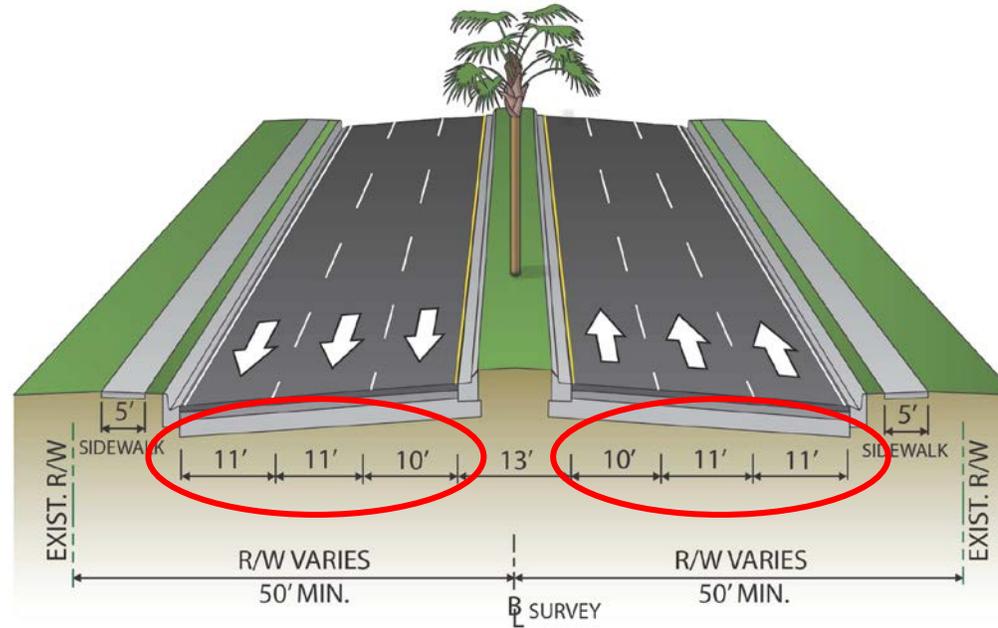
Proposed Typical Section



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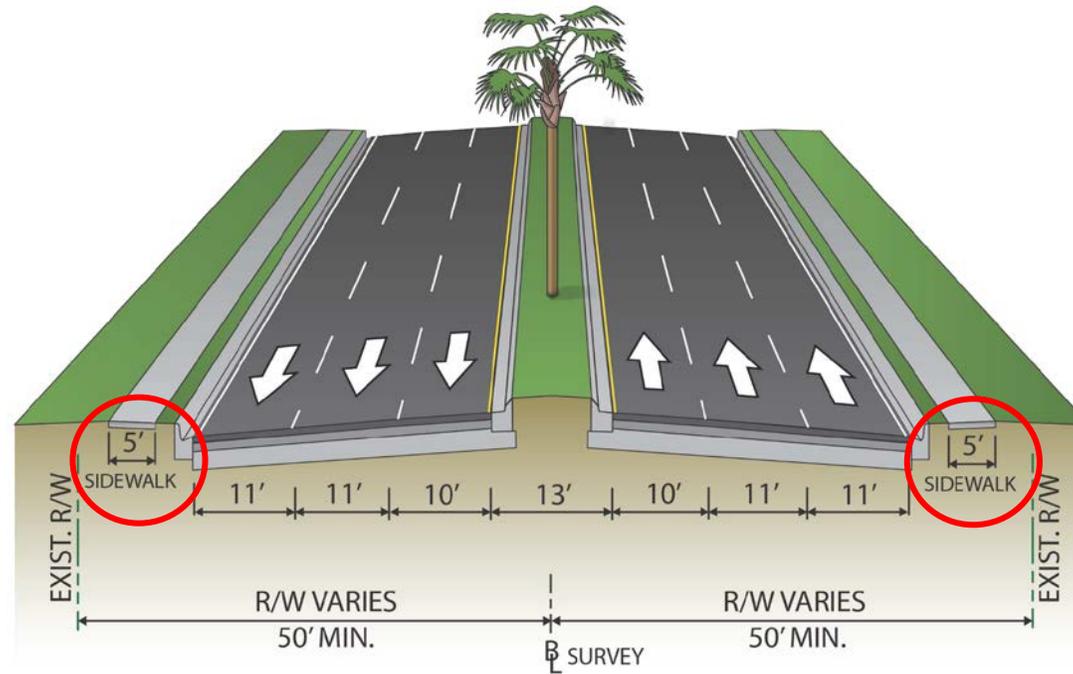
Proposed Typical Section



- Six travel lanes remain (three in each direction).
- In each direction, middle and outside lanes will be 11 feet wide.
- In each direction, inside lanes will be 10 feet wide.

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Proposed Typical Section



Sidewalks remain on both sides; each being 5 feet wide



Griffin Road to Akron Road

- Full median and traffic signal at Griffin Road
- Raised median begins at Ramshackle Cafe
- Directional medians at Chevron driveway and N. Shore Drive



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Design Solutions



Akron Road to Tally Road



- Full median at Rural King/Bealls Shopping Center
- At traffic signal, all turns can be made (including U-turns)
- Right turns in/out at Lake County Tax Collector's Office and at Georgia Avenue



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Design Solutions



U.S 441 at Picciola Road



- Reconfigure right turn lane from U.S. 441 onto Picciola Road
- Crosswalk added (southern leg of intersection)
- Replace all four strain poles and new pedestrian signals added



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Design Solutions



Picciola Road to Dr. MLK Boulevard



- Directional median at Eureka Avenue
- Directional median at Indian Trail
- Full median opening at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. with traffic signal
- Driveways for businesses in the area will be “right in” and “right out” only



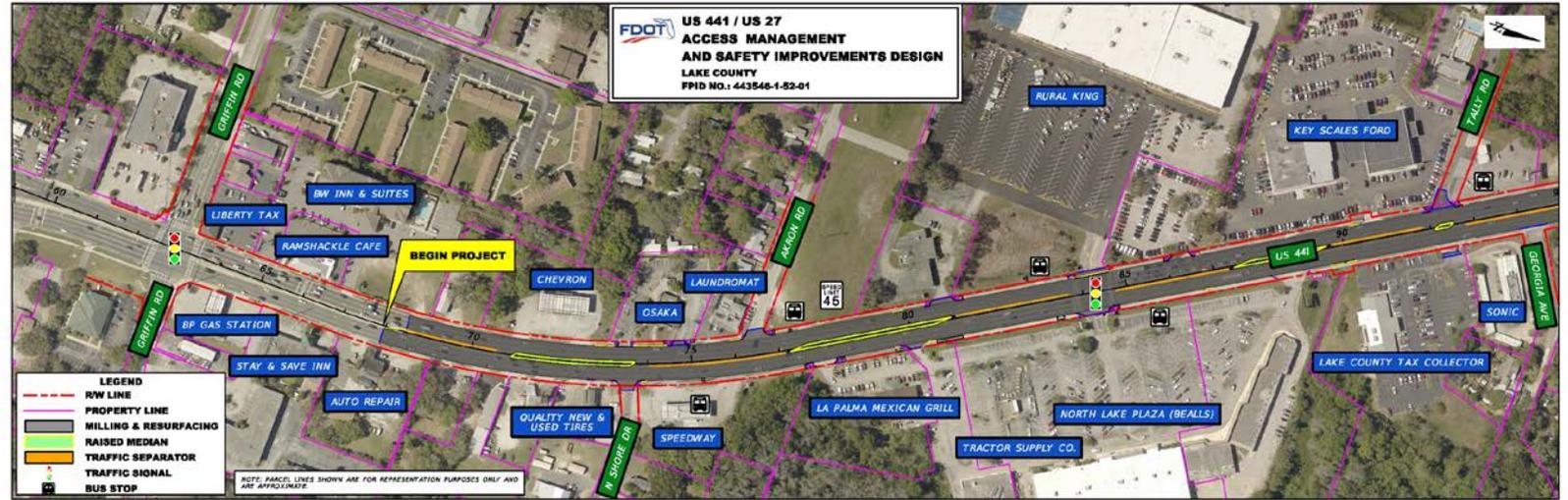
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Local Coordination

- Agency Meetings
 - February 13, 2020
 - October 8, 2020



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NEXT STEPS

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Project Schedule

Design

Spring 2021

Construction

Fall 2021

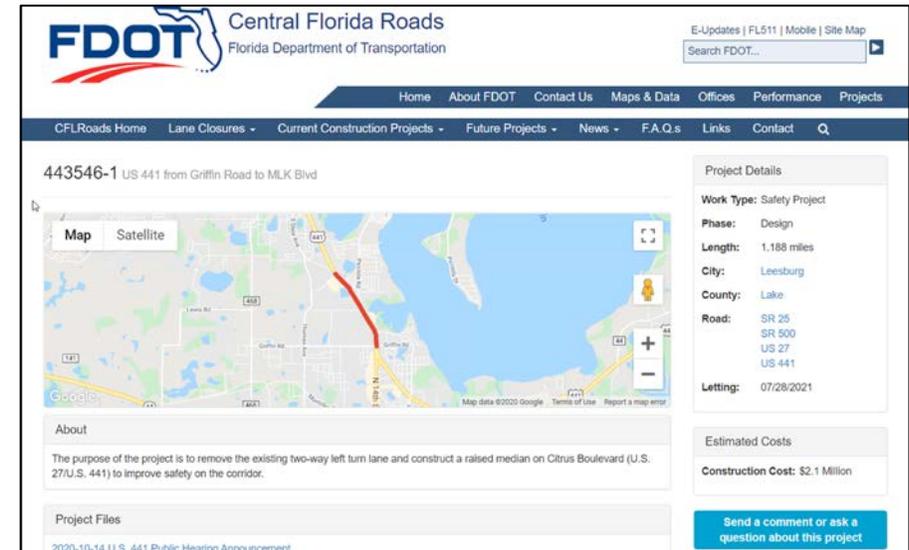
No additional right of way will be needed.





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- Type project number 443546-1 in the search box
- Click "Go"



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Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact.

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Ways to Share Your Comments

Tonight at the Public Hearing – Online

Go to the Control Panel

- Written Comments
 - Click on “Questions” tab and type in comments or questions
- Verbal Comments
 - Click on “Questions” tab and type in you name, followed by “I want to speak”





Ways to Share Your Comments

Tonight at the Public Hearing – In Person

- Verbally during the Public Testimony



SIGN-IN CARD

PUBLIC HEARING on October 14, 2020

**U.S. 441 Access Management and Safety Improvements
Design Project in Leesburg, Florida**
Financial Project ID Number: 443546-1

Please sign in below so you may be added to the project mailing list. We also need this information for the public hearing records if you would like to speak at tonight's hearing.

Name: _____

Group (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email (optional): _____

Speaker at Public Hearing

Yes, I would like to speak at tonight's public hearing.

No, I do not want to speak at tonight's public hearing.

The information you provide here becomes part of the official public record for the U.S. 441 public hearing. This information may be provided to other individuals who may make a request for project information.

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All comments matter, regardless of submittal format.



Ways to Share Your Comments

After Public Hearing

- Complete a comment form and mail it to Sam Jumber by October 27, 2020, to the address shown on the form
- Send an email to Sam Jumber by October 27, 2020, at Samuel.Jumber@dot.state.fl.us
- While visiting the project website page (www.cflroads.com/project/443546-1)

FDOT welcomes comments throughout the project. All comments postmarked or emailed by October 27, 2020 will become a part of the public hearing record.

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**SHORT BREAK
Before
Public Testimony**



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Public Testimony

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