



# I-75 at NW 49th Street Interchange Marion County

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to construct a new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at Interstate 75 (I-75) and NW 49th Street in Ocala, providing a new connection to and from I-75. This interchange will improve interstate and regional mobility within Marion County by connecting several major distribution centers, the World Equestrian Center, and Ocala International Airport; accommodate future traffic growth; and provide relief to existing surrounding interchanges.

DDIs enhance efficiency and increase safety by reducing the number of conflict points for traffic. Unlike a conventional interchange, the lanes in a DDI cross over to the left side of the roadway. This design limits the number of traffic-signal phases from four to two and allows drivers to make left-turn movements without crossing in front of oncoming traffic, reducing the number and severity of crashes. The lanes then change back to the right side of the road.

The DDI for this project will have two lanes in each direction and will connect to NW 49th Street in the northwest corner. Marion County is building a connection from the DDI to NW 35th Street in the southeast corner. The interchange will include shared-use paths/on-street bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and crosswalks.

This interchange will also provide access to a future Buc-ee's travel-center location.

During construction, motorists can expect work activities during the day and at night. Lane closures and temporary mainline and/or ramp detours are restricted to overnight hours. Motorists should anticipate areas of uneven pavement, a common condition during construction when the contractor applies multiple asphalt layers in phases. These roadway conditions are temporary and will improve gradually as the project progresses.

When workers are present, motorists are strongly encouraged to exercise caution and reduce their speed to help ensure the safety of everyone on the roadway. The project schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. For the most current project details and lane-closure information, please visit the Moving I-75 Forward website at [www.movingI75forward.com](http://www.movingI75forward.com).

## Project Status



