

## **State Road 80 Safety Improvements from North of Captain Hendry Dr to West of Forrey Dr**

**FDOT District One**

**Financial Project Identification Number:**

**447878-1-52-01**

## **Public Meeting**

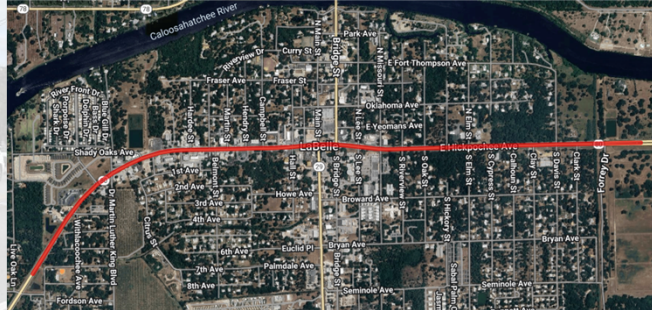
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Thank you for joining us to discuss the State Road 80 Safety Improvements from North of Captain Hendry Drive to West of Forrey Drive. This public meeting presentation is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation, or FDOT, District One in Hendry County.

## Meeting Purpose

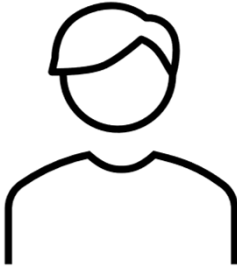
- Identify opportunities to improve the safety along the corridor
- Present the proposed safety improvement design plans
- Provide methods to share public feedback



This presentation is being conducted to identify opportunities to improve safety along the project corridor, present the proposed safety improvement design plans and provide methods for the public to provide feedback on the project.

## Project Team

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question about this project



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## Intersection & Median Safety Concerns

### Why are we doing this?

189 crashes between January 2018 and December 2022  
along the project corridor

30% of all traffic fatalities occur from  
intersection-related crashes

Source: Signal 4 Analytics, 2024

#### Crash Causes

Misjudgment of Gap  
or Others' Speed

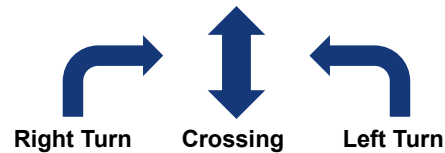
Increased Traffic  
Congestion

Distracted or  
Inattention

Line of Sight or  
Obstructed View

Right of Way  
Confusion

Illegal Maneuver



Between January 2018 and December of 2022, 189 crashes occurred along the project corridor. Of these crashes, four resulted in fatalities and nine resulted in serious incapacitating injuries. Crashes along the corridor happen for many different reasons including – but not limited to – distracted driving, obstructed views, and driver confusion. Of all crashes, 30% of traffic fatalities occur from intersection-related crashes. These crashes include vehicles making turns or crossing travel lanes and occur at both signalized and unsignalized intersections.

## Median Openings & Conflict Points

### Conflict Points:

*“Areas where paths legally cross within an intersection”*

- **Reducing the number of conflicts increases safety**
- **Changing crash types increases safety**

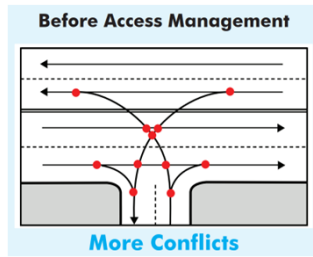
Restricting the number of conflict points reduces fatal and serious injury crashes by 54%

Source: Federal Highway Administration, Reduced Left-Turn Conflict Intersections

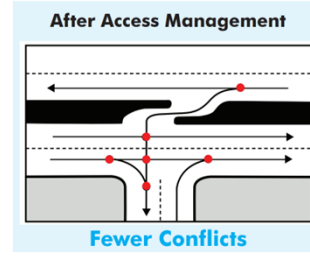
Crashes at intersections occur more frequently at locations with more conflict points. Conflict points are areas on a roadway where two vehicles' paths legally cross. By reducing the number of conflict points within an intersection, safety can be improved. Changing intersection geometry can also change the types of conflicts that occur, resulting in less severe crashes overall.

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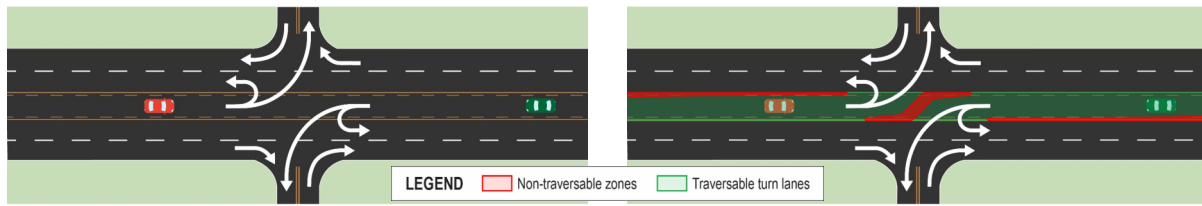
## Directional Median Opening using Raised Medians



Source: FDOT Access Management Brochure



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One way to reduce the number of conflict points along State Road 80 would be to install a “directional median opening.” This concept accomplishes multiple goals to improve overall operations and reduce crashes.

1. Limiting the number of potential turning locations along the roadway will reduce the overall number of conflict points.
2. Turning vehicles become much more predictable, reducing driver confusion overall.
3. Vehicles are still able to make U-turns to access businesses that are not directly accessed by the directional median opening. Crashes causing injuries are reduced by more than 25% by encouraging right-turns followed by U-turns, compared to direct left-turns.

For more information, please visit the FDOT Access Management Guidebook and Resources shared under the F-A-Qs on the project website.

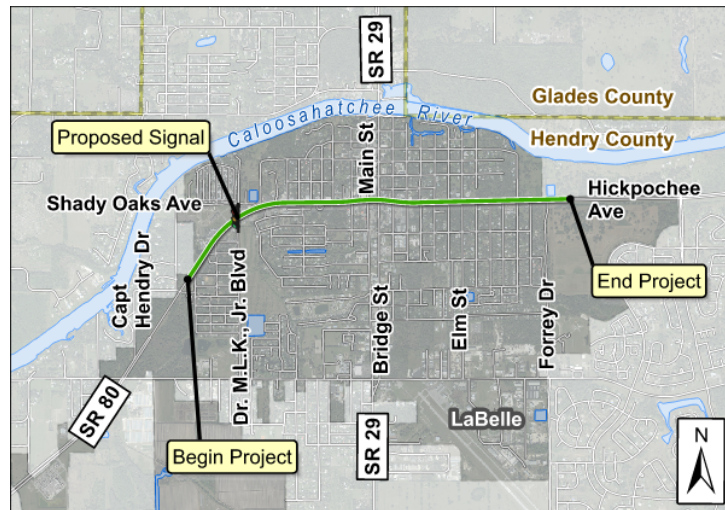
## Design Overview

### ■ Purpose:

- Provide traffic calming
- Access management
- Reduce crashes

### ■ Project Activities

- Replace existing two-way left-turn lanes with raised medians
- Provide directional median openings at strategic locations along corridor
- Proposed signal at intersection with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd with improved lighting



The proposed design plans include intersection reconfigurations, the addition of raised medians to the existing two-way left-turn lanes, and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Additional project elements include addressing any needed structural or drainage deficiencies. All project elements are anticipated to occur within the existing public right-of-way.

## Previous Coordination

**May 2023:** Kick-off meeting with City Commission

**March 2024:** Access Management Study

- Understand existing conditions, vehicle volumes and crash types to develop preliminary safety improvement concepts

**March 2024 through** Meetings with local stakeholder agencies

- September 2024:**
- Rotary Club
  - Downtown Revitalization Group
  - Hendry County Commissioners

**February 2025:** Public Workshop

**April 2025:** Public Meeting ← We are here

To ensure that the proposed improvements meet the needs of the surrounding community, FDOT has used multiple avenues to understand the project corridor. Design of these improvements was initially guided by an Access Management Study finalized in March of 2024. This study explored the corridor's existing conditions, traffic patterns, and crash history and identified targeted preliminary design concepts that would improve safety.

Throughout 2024, the design team met with various stakeholder groups within the corridor to discuss potential design solutions. In early 2025, a public workshop was held to discuss these preliminary design concepts and other items of interest to the community. The design plans that emerged from this coordination are the focus of this presentation. The design team will continue to consider feedback received at this stage of the project.

## Proposed Design



## Collision Diagram

COLLISION SEVERITY		TOTAL COLLISIONS
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	0	0
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	0	0
FATALITY	0	0
FATALITY	0	0
TOTAL COLLISIONS		0



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The proposed design plans are available for review on the project website. They have been placed above a map summarizing the collisions identified in the 2024 Access Management Study to compare crash locations and the placement of the proposed median.



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The proposed raised medians have been strategically placed to reduce the greatest number of preventable crashes within the corridor while preserving access to nearby businesses. Several of these median locations have been shifted as a direct result of the ongoing coordination over the life of this project.



## Tentative Schedule

	2023				2024				2025				2026
	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr.	4 <sup>th</sup> qtr.	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr.	4 <sup>th</sup> qtr.	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr.	4 <sup>th</sup> qtr.	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr.
<b>Project Start</b>		★											
<b>Phase II Plans Development</b>													
<b>Phase II Revisions</b>										★			
<b>Phase IV Plans Development</b>													
<b>Production Date</b>												★	
<b>Public Workshop/Meeting</b>									★	★			
<b>Final Plans Submittal</b>													★
<b>Project Letting</b>													★

The project team anticipates submitting final plans in the first quarter of 2026. This will provide ample time to review the design and incorporate comments received from this public meeting.

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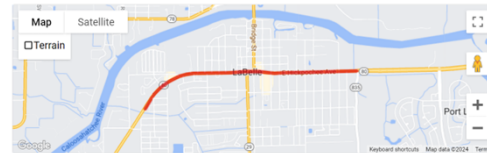


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