

PUBLIC MEETING: Introduction

**US 98 at Lyle Parkway
Median Modification Project**

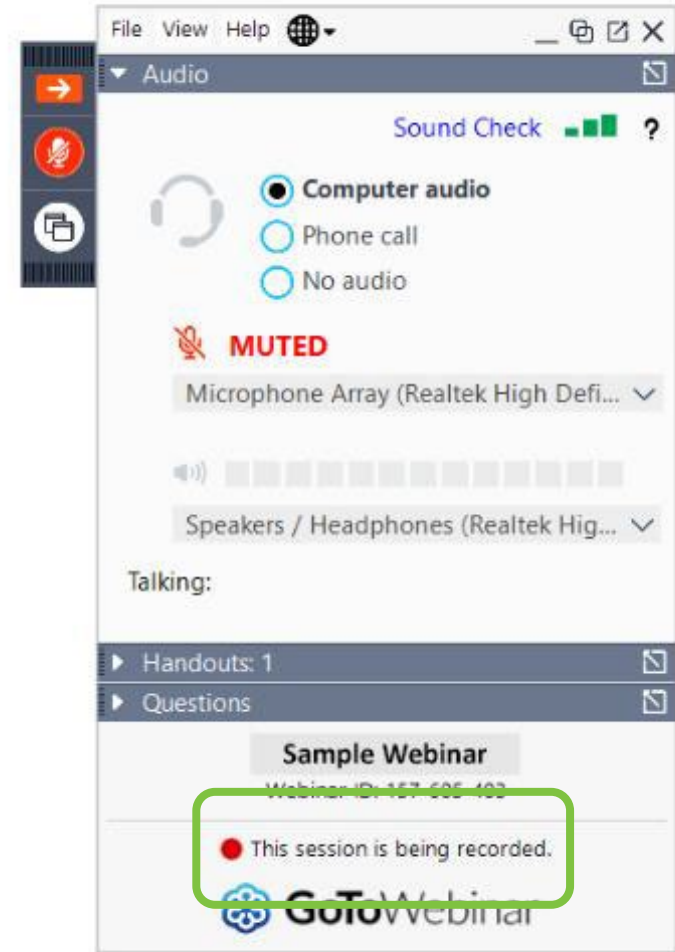
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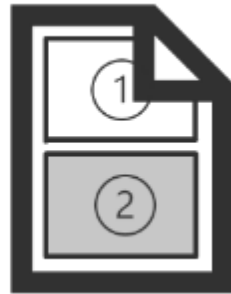


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Regulations Governing Tonight's Public Meeting



- Section 120.525, F.S. – Meetings, Hearings and Workshops
- Section 286.011, F.S. – Government in the Sunshine Law
- Section 335.199, F.S. – Transportation Projects Modifying Access to Adjacent Property
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other Nondiscrimination Laws

Title VI



Public Meetings hosted by the Florida Department of Transportation comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express concerns about Title VI may do so by contacting Florida Department of Transportation District One Title VI Coordinator Cynthia Sykes, or State Title VI Coordinator Stefan Kulakowski, at the contact information listed on the screen. This contact information is also included in the public notifications that were published for this project.

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Public Notices



FDOT
Florida Department of Transportation
801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

July 17, 2023

Subject: Public Meeting
US 98 at Lyle Parkway Safety Improvements
Polk County

Dear Property Owner:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public meeting for the proposed median modification improvements at the intersection of US 98 at Lyle Parkway in Polk County. These improvements are proposed to be completed in the interest of safety. You can participate in the public meeting virtually or in person. The virtual public meeting will be held on August 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. and will be open to the public and will have a live component beginning at 6:00 pm that will be open to comments from the public. The live event can be accessed online through the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/lyleparkway>.

ONLINE OPTION - Attend virtually from a computer, tablet or mobile device. You can register in advance by visiting <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2496207715021396572> or the project website. Those registered attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this live event.

PHONE OPTION - Join the workshop in Bartow by dialing 1 (415) 505-5217 and entering the passcode 719-689-267 when prompted. Calls may incur charges. Dialing to the project manager by using the contact information listed on the back.

IN-PERSON - Attend in person at the public meeting will be held on August 15, 2023, at the Florida Department of Transportation District Office Conference Center at 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830. The in-person meeting will be an open house format from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and will allow registered attendees to view a display of the project, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions. The proposed median modification will remove crossing movements of US 98 from Lyle Parkway and require motorists to make right turns onto US 98 with U-turns at the adjacent median opening. Left turns onto Lyle Parkway will continue to be permitted. The public meeting is being held to present information about the proposed safety improvements.

The public meeting, the website, and the virtual meeting all provide opportunities for you to offer feedback. Comments received during the public meeting, or by email or regular mail before August 30, 2023 will become part of the official meeting record.

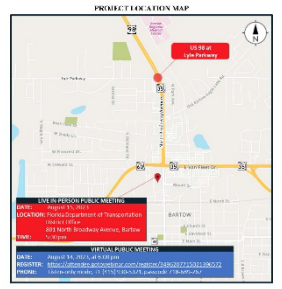
For more information on all options of the upcoming public meeting, visit the project website or contact the project manager (listed below).

FDOT is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project. If you

Walter Bruggeman, P.E.
Traffic Services Program Engineer
FDOT, District One

Mangum, Scott Leary by phone at (863)

If you may submit comments in person, contact Project Manager, Scott Leary at 11001 District One, P.O. Box 1346, Bartow, FL 33830. Please note, that the information in the enclosed notice, including the original origin, age, sex, religion, race, ethnicity, and the Association with the information will be included in the formal public meeting.



FDOT US 98 at Lyle Parkway Safety Improvements

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is hosting a **Public Meeting (online and live in-person)** for the proposed median modification improvements at the intersection of US 98 at Lyle Parkway in Polk County. The proposed safety improvement will remove crossing movements of US 98 from Lyle Parkway and require motorists to make right turns onto US 98 with U-turns at the adjacent median opening. Left turns onto Lyle Parkway will continue to be permitted. The public meeting is being held to present information about the proposed safety improvements.

There will be three options to attend the public meeting:

ONLINE: The live online event will be held on August 14, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and can be accessed online through the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/lyleparkway>.

PHONE: You can also join the online event via phone, listen-only mode, by dialing +1 (415) 930-5321 and entering the passcode 719-689-267 when prompted.

IN-PERSON: The in-person public meeting will be held on August 15, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Florida Department of Transportation District Office Conference Center, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830.

Project meeting materials will be available online for review and comment from August 11, 2023 through August 29, 2023. You can participate in the public meeting live online or in-person. The same materials will be displayed at both the online and in-person events.

We encourage you to participate and for you to submit any questions you may have through the project website or contact the FDOT Project Manager, Scott Leary by phone at (863) 519-2317, or visit the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/lyleparkway>.

FDOT is sending notices to adjacent property owners and individuals interested in the project, as well as additional surrounding areas. We encourage all interested people to participate and express their views regarding the project study and information presented.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2387, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

For more information about the US 98 at Lyle Parkway safety improvements, please contact Scott Leary by email at scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us by phone at (863) 519-2317, or visit the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/lyleparkway>. August 2, 2023 130686

Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DATA SOLUTIONS, INC.

The Florida Department of Transportation, District One announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: Monday, August 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. (online only); Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (in-person)

PLACE: Online: <https://www.swflroads.com/lyleparkway> or In-Person: Florida Department of Transportation District Office Conference Center, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

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Road: US 98

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Public Involvement
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All meeting materials will be available on the project website from August 11 through August 29, 2023. A copy of these materials will also be distributed at the public meeting. We encourage all interested people to participate and express their views regarding the project study and information presented.

US 98 AT LYLE PARKWAY MEDIAN MODIFICATION VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

District: One
Meeting Type: Meeting
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Location Name: Virtual
Directions: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2496207715021396572>
Purpose: The project proposes median modifications to reduce conflict points and increase safety at the intersection of US 98 at Lyle Parkway. Changes include converting the full median opening to a two-way directional median opening. The proposed safety improvement will remove crossing movements of US 98 from Lyle Parkway and require motorists to make right turns onto US 98 with U-turns at the adjacent median opening. Left turns onto Lyle Parkway will continue to be permitted.
Project Web Site: <https://www.swflroads.com/lyleparkway>
Primary Contact: Walter Bruggeman
Primary Phone: (863) 519-2347
Primary E-Mail: walter.bruggeman@dot.state.fl.us
Expires: 8/31/2023

US 98 AT LYLE PARKWAY MEDIAN MODIFICATION PUBLIC MEETING

District: One
Meeting Type: Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location Name: The Florida Department of Transportation District Office Conference Center
Street Address: 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830
City: Bartow
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Submitting Comments During Tonight's Meeting

FDOT PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM

Project Name: US 98 at Lyle Parkway in Bartow, Polk County

Financial Project ID: _____
Public Meeting Date: August 14 (virtual) August 15, 2023 (in person)
Comments must be submitted or postmarked by August 29, 2023 to be included in the official public record.

Written comments can be submitted by turning in a completed form at the public meeting or sending comments by mail or email to the address listed below.

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NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY STATE ZIP _____
PHONE _____
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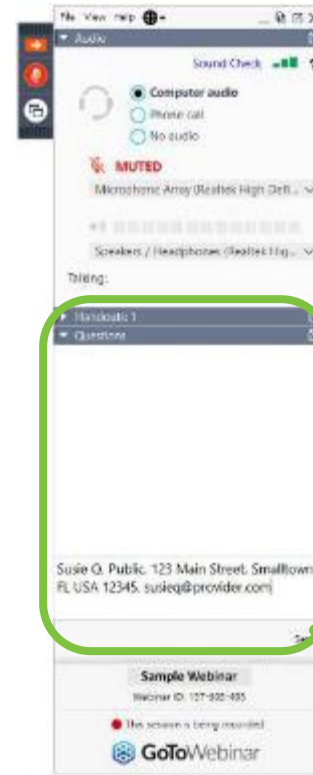
Mail or email comments to:
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Note: This is public record. All data provided on it is collected without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, or family status. Comments are not subject to FOIA requests. If you are unable to access this information, please contact the Freedom of Information Office at 850-487-6000.

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In-person Participants

- Turn in a Comment Form to submit a written statement

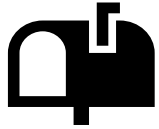


Online Participants

- Type contact information + written comment



Submitting Comments After Tonight's Public Meeting



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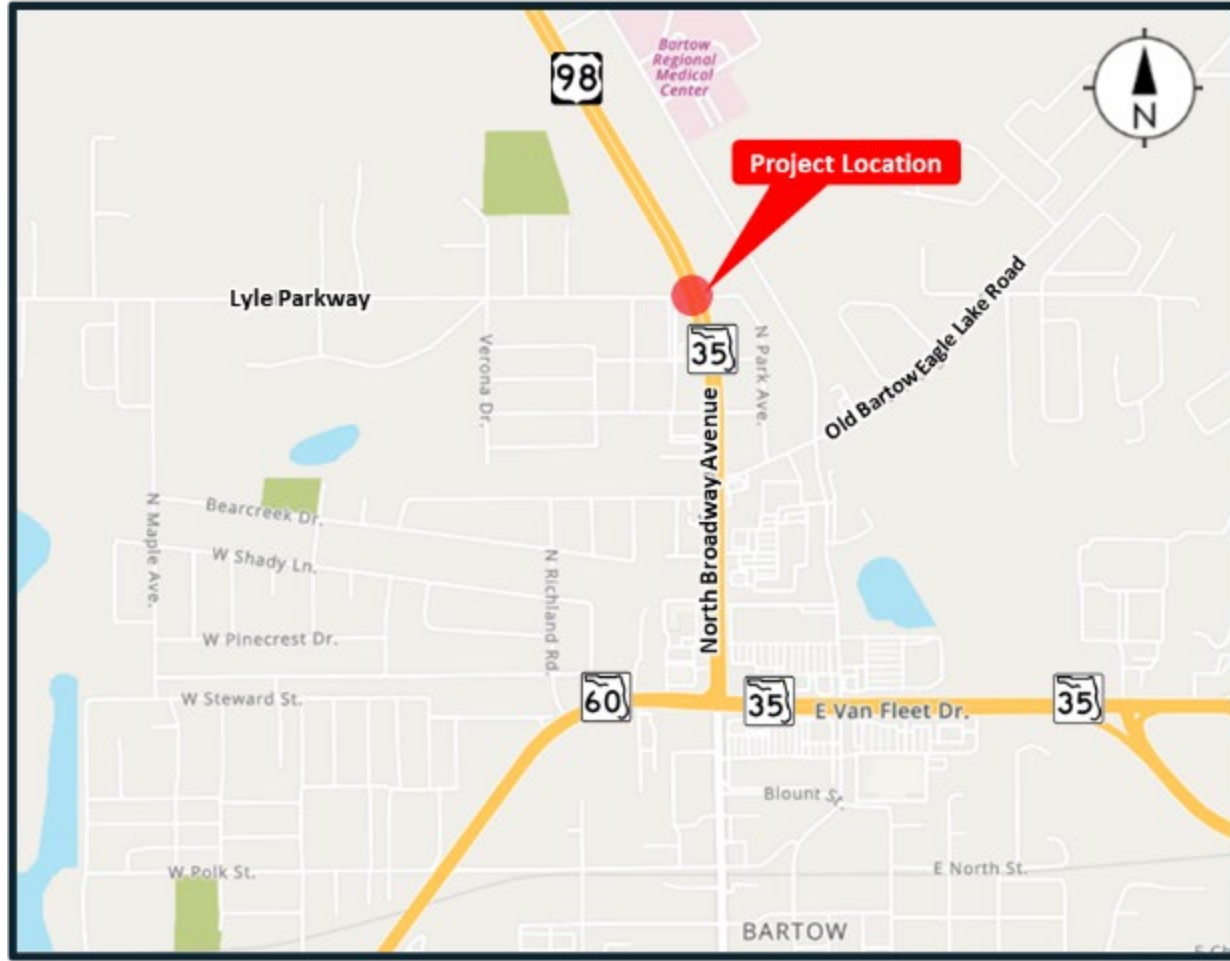
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PUBLIC MEETING: Project Presentation

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Project Area



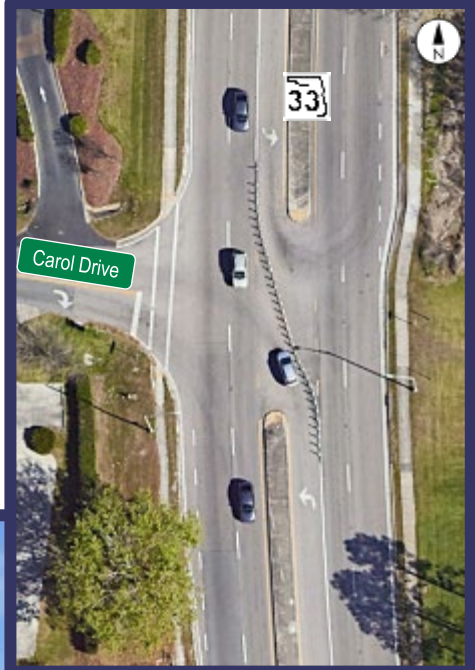
Proposed Activities to Improve Safety

- Interim Median Modifications

Existing Full Median Opening
US 98 at Lyle Parkway

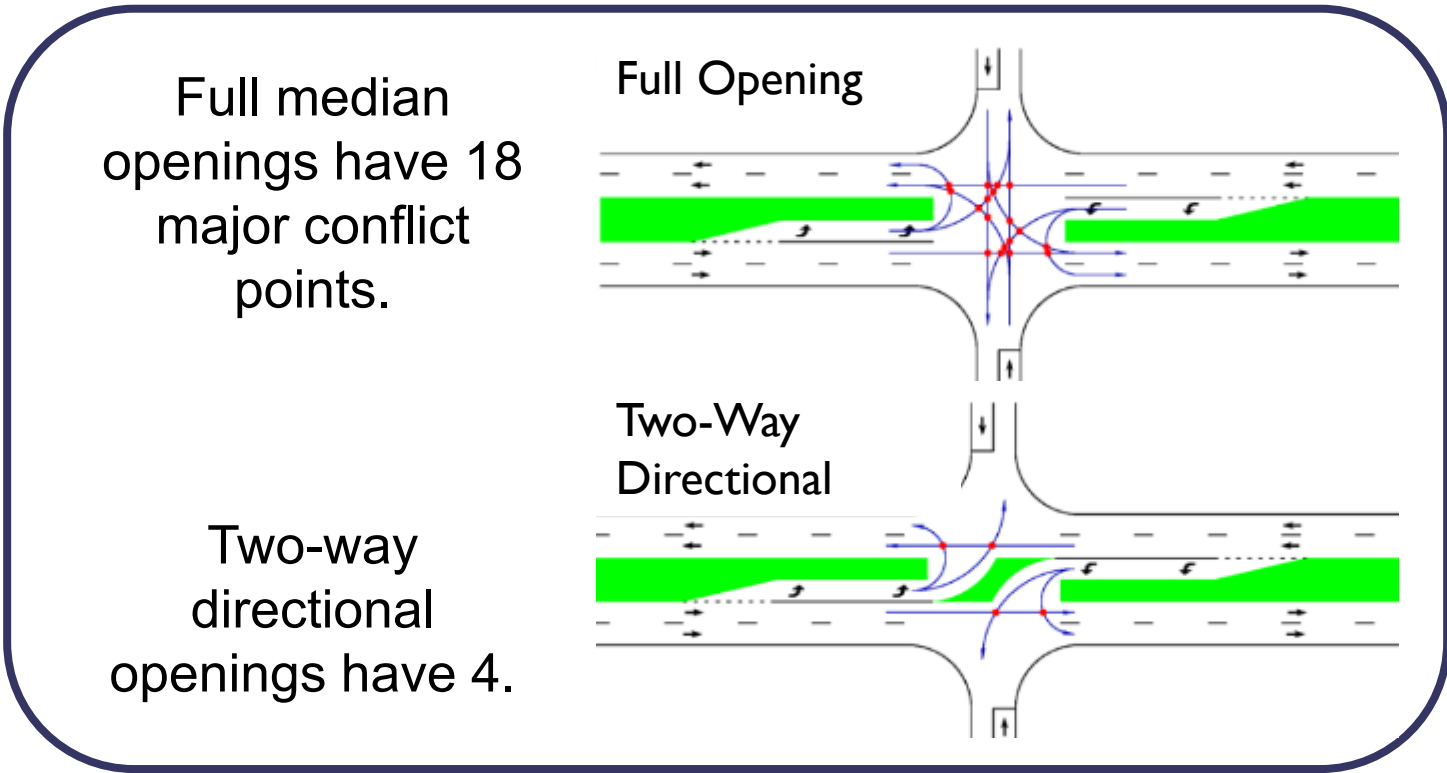


Example of a Directional
Median Opening



Conflict Points

- Areas where paths legally cross within an intersection
- Reducing the number of conflict points increases safety



Restricted Crossing U-Turn

54%

reduction injury/fatal crashes

Source: <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/rltci/fhwasa14040.pdf>

Managing Access through Median Openings



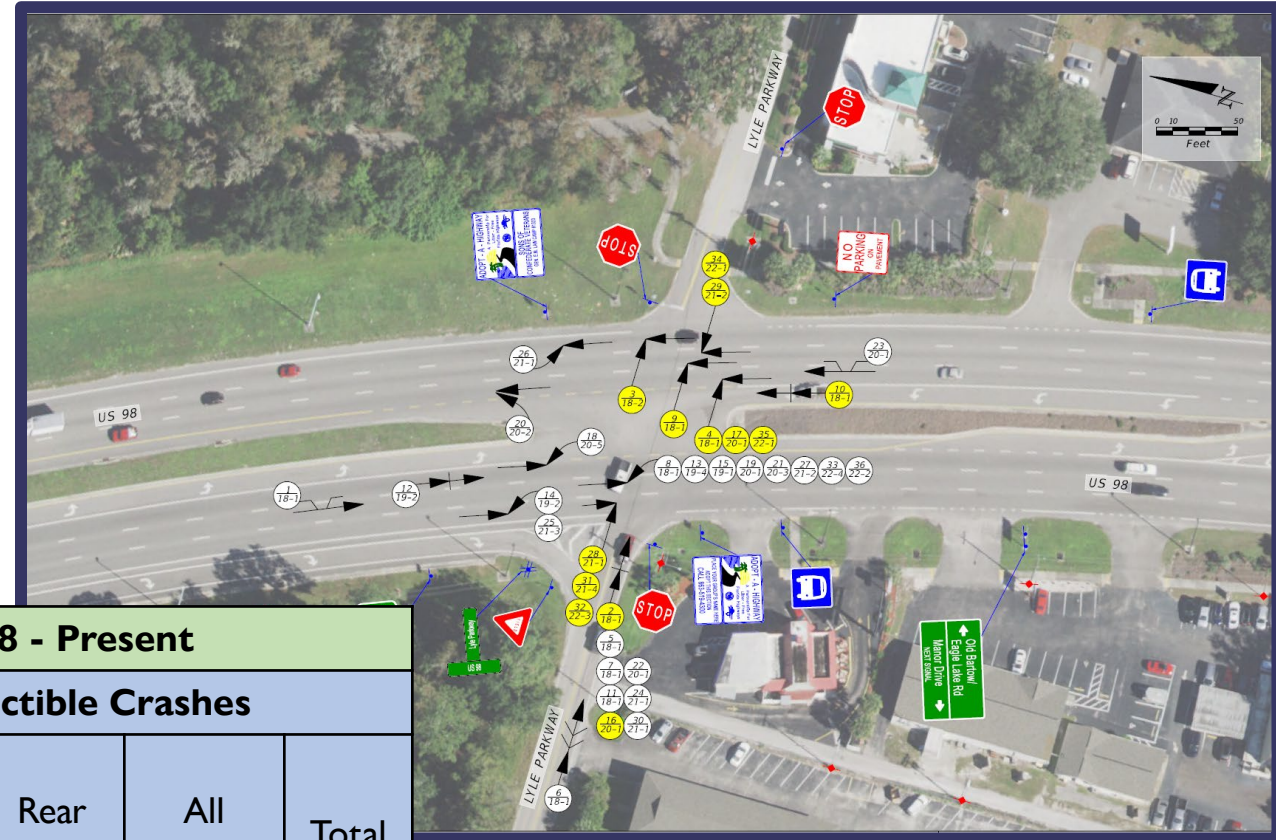
Drivers traveling in both directions share the space in a **full median opening** (above).

Drivers have a dedicated turning space separated from opposing traffic in a **directional median opening** (below).



Performance Predictions Based Historical Crashes

- 36% reduction in total crashes expected at this intersection

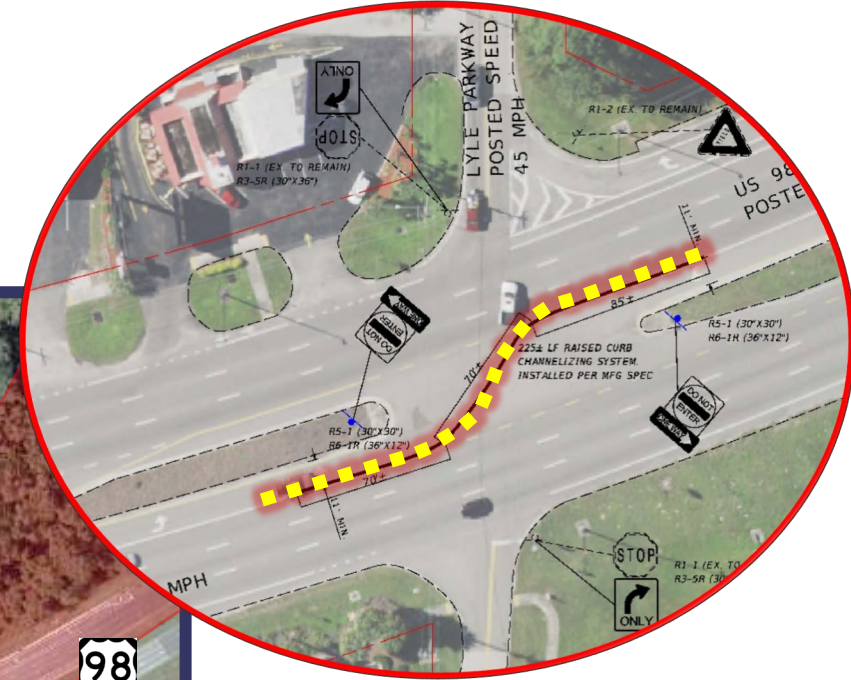


Median Opening Type		Reported Crash Totals 2018 - Present					
Existing	Proposed	Fatal and Incapacitating Crashes	Total Crashes	Correctible Crashes			
				Left Turn/Angle Crashes from Side Street	Rear End	All Other	Total
Full	Directional	8	36	10	3	0	13

36% fewer crashes at this location

Proposed Median Modification at Lyle Parkway

- Decision making is simplified
- Conflicts within the median opening are removed

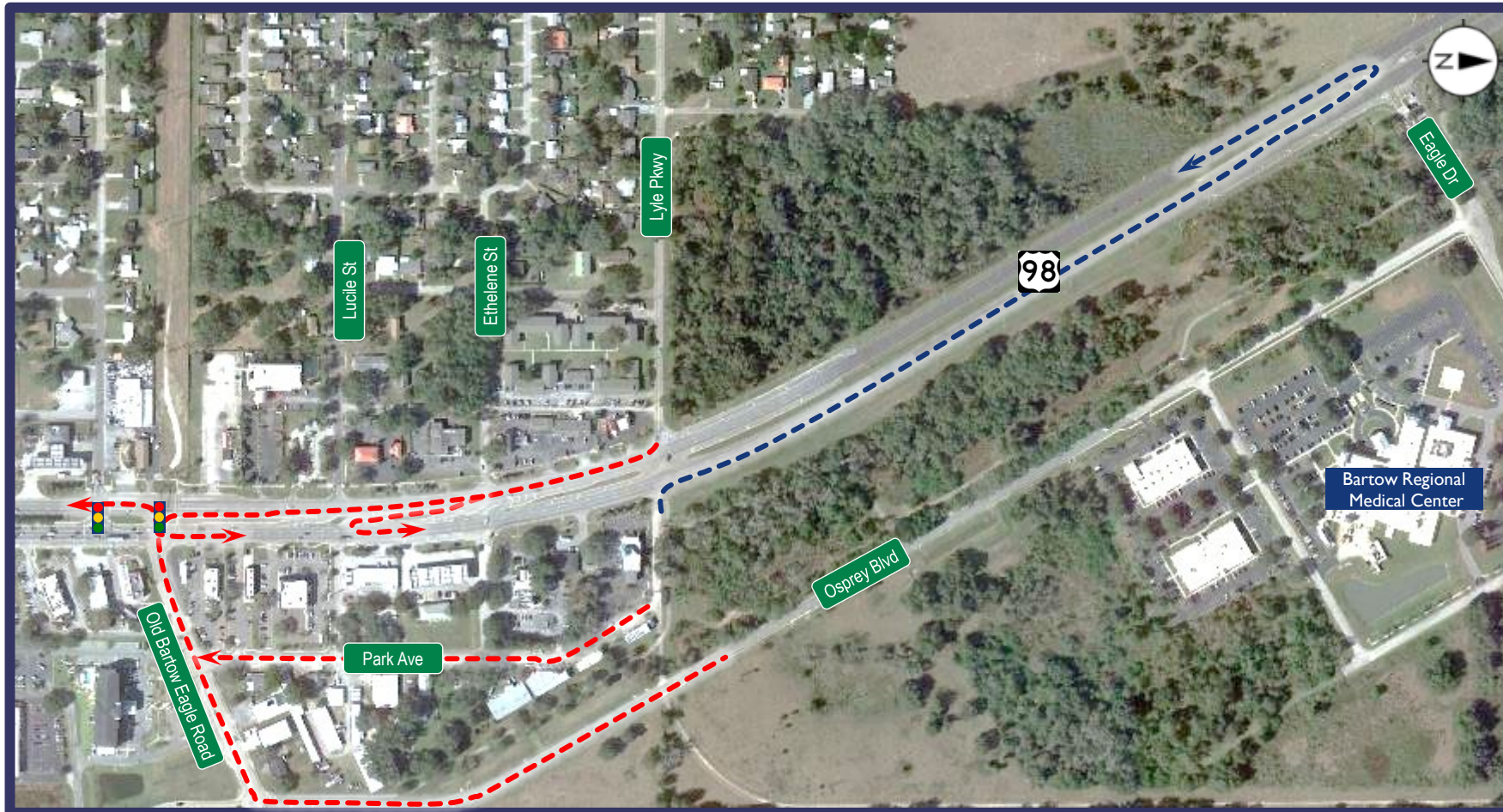


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Impacts at Lyle Parkway

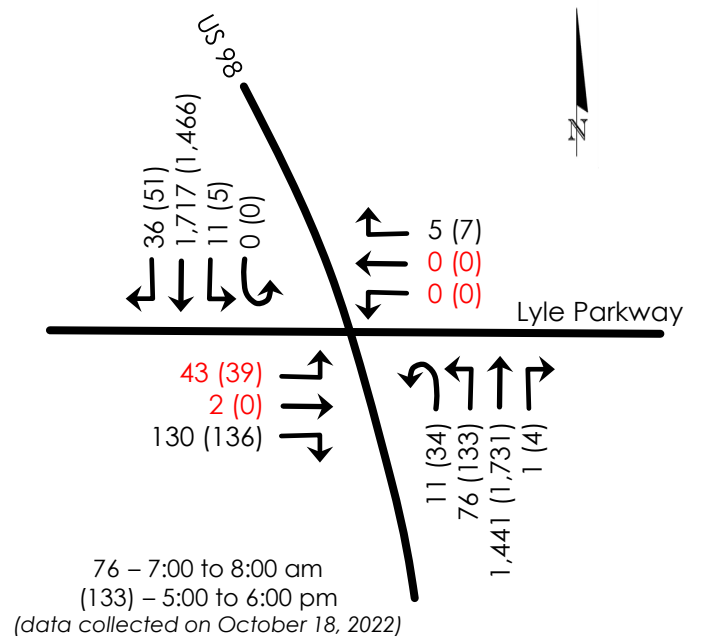
No left turn or thru movements from side street

- Eastbound right-turn then U-turn at Lucile Street or Old Bartow Eagle Drive (signal)
- Westbound right-turn then U-turn at Eagle Drive (Bartow Regional Medical Center)

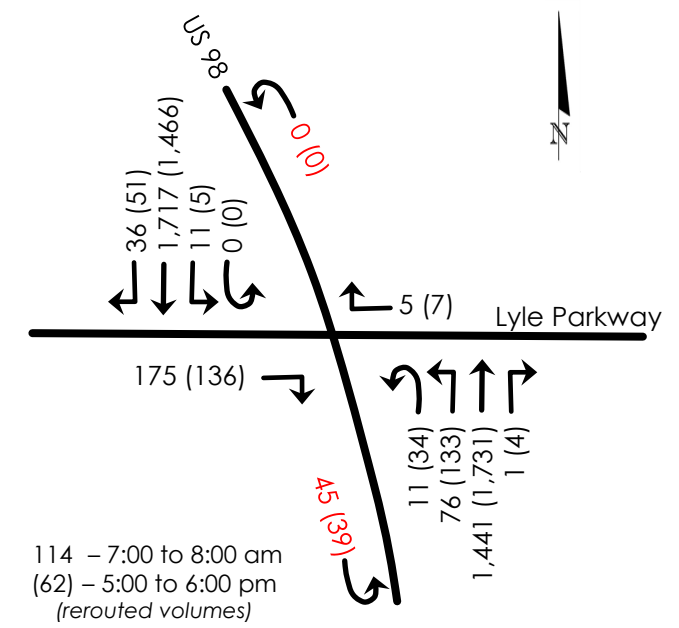


Impacts at Lyle Parkway

- Less than 50 eastbound left-turning and through drivers rerouted during the peak hour
- Shorter eastbound queues due to drivers not waiting for a gap in traffic to turn left



Existing Turning Movement Volumes



Rerouted Turning Movement Volumes

Other Improvements

- Improve awareness of the intersection
- Reduce travel speeds
- Install additional signs and pavement markings




If This Is Interim, What's Next?


- Install a traffic signal
- Traffic signal design initiated
- Interim Median Modifications – Fall 2023
- Traffic Signal Design – Ongoing

Thank You for Participating



Please submit comments and questions by August 30, 2023

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