

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

FDOT District One

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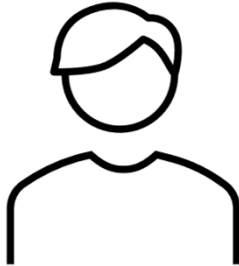
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Thank you for tuning into the presentation for the State Road 80 Safety Improvements from North of Captain Hendry Drive to West of Forrey Drive. This presentation is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation, or FDOT, District One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

During this presentation, we will share information on the status of State Road 80 and discuss design concepts meant to improve safety and operations within the project corridor.

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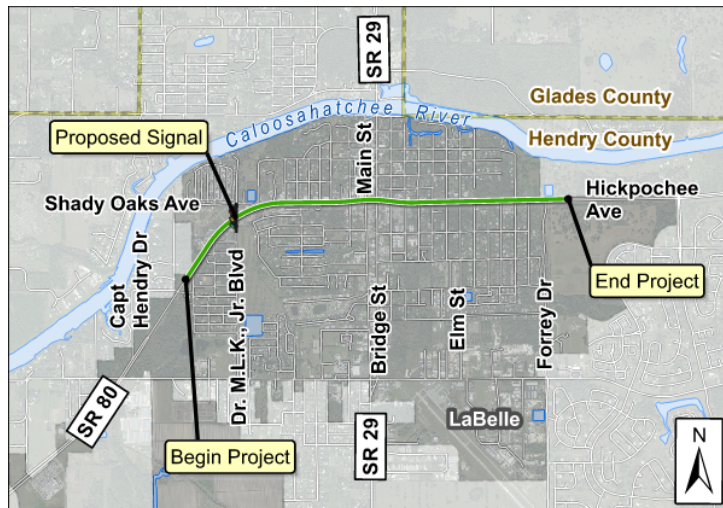
Project Overview

■ 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



State Road 80 from North of Captain Hendry Drive to West of Forrey Drive is currently a four-lane urban highway divided by a two-way left-turn lane running east and west through the City of LaBelle. The posted speed limit varies between 35 and 40 miles per hour through the downtown area, and is 50 miles per hour near the project limits. The corridor includes sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway.

This design project seeks to improve the safety and operations of State Road 80 through LaBelle. The roadway modifications may 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.

Intersection & Median Safety Concerns

Why are we doing this?

SR 80 has consistently remained the most dangerous corridor in Hendry County with high numbers of serious injury and fatal crashes

Crash Causes

Misjudgment of gap or others' speed

Increased Traffic Congestion

Distracted or Inattention

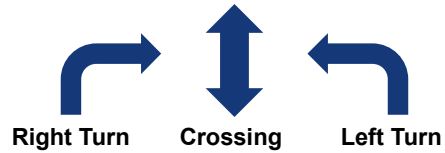
Line of Sight or Obstructed View

Right of Way Confusion

Illegal Maneuver

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

Source: Signal 4 Analytics, 2024



Within Hendry County, State Road 80 has consistently remained the most dangerous corridor with high numbers of serious injury and fatal crashes. Crashes along the corridor can happen for many different reasons including – but not limited to – distracted driving, obstructed views, and driver confusion.

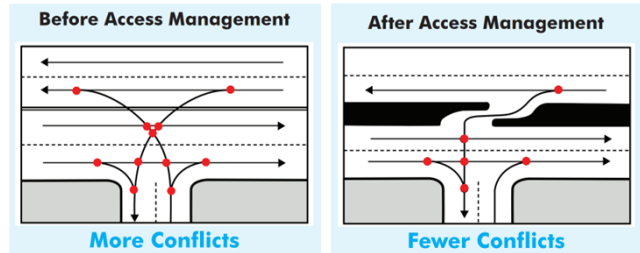
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Median Opening & Conflict Points

Conflict Points:

“Areas where paths legally cross within an intersection”

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



Source: FDOT Access Management Brochure

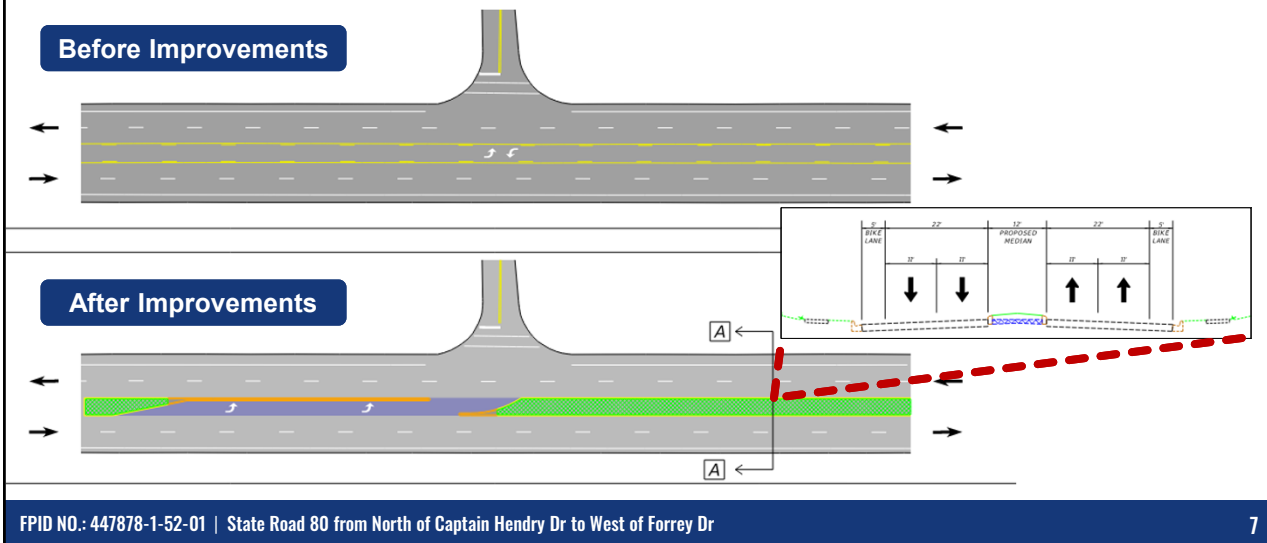
Restricting the number of conflict points reduces fatal and serious injury crashes by 54%

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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Safety Improvement Concept



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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 the project website.

Tentative Schedule

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

We are here → [Star in 2nd quarter of 2025]

The project team anticipates submitting final plans in the first quarter of 2026. This will provide ample time to incorporate comments received from this and one other public meeting, expected to be held in the second quarter of 2025.

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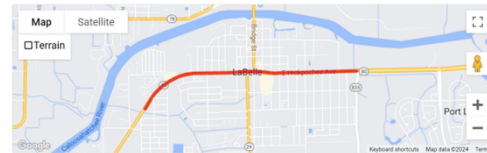


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