



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## SR 544 (Havendale Boulevard) at US 17 (8th Street NW)

Financial Project ID: 447874-1-52-01

Polk County | May 2024

### CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

As the result of a safety study performed on the intersection of Havendale Boulevard and US 17 (8th Street NW), FDOT has incorporated several changes into a project that will improve safety for the traveling public. The project is scheduled to begin in May 2024. Visit [www.swflroads.com/project/447874-1](http://www.swflroads.com/project/447874-1) for updates.

### PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

- Extending the eastbound left turn lane from Havendale Boulevard to US 17. The turn lane, which ends just before 9th Street NW, will now extend down to 11th Street NW, more than doubling the capacity to hold vehicles waiting to turn and clearing the travel lanes for those going through the intersection.
- Closing both 9th Street NW and 10th Street NW to left turns. Motorists may still make right turns in and right turns out, but left turns will have to be made by turning right and making a U-Turn to head in the other direction.
- Restriping both directions of US 17 to include a single left turn lane and two dedicated through lanes for improved traffic flow.
- Shortening the end of the traffic separator on Havendale Boulevard to allow more room for eastbound vehicles to make the left turn onto US 17 and from northbound US 17 vehicles to make a left turn onto Havendale Boulevard.
- Adding high-visibility crosswalks and adding sidewalks to align with the new crosswalks.
- Upgrading signal equipment

### PROJECT INFORMATION

- Construction begins: May 8, 2024
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024
- Construction Cost: \$2.1 million
- Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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### PROJECT LOCATION

