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US 27 Safety Improvements Median Modifications Public Hearing

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Florida Department of Transportation
May 16, 2023
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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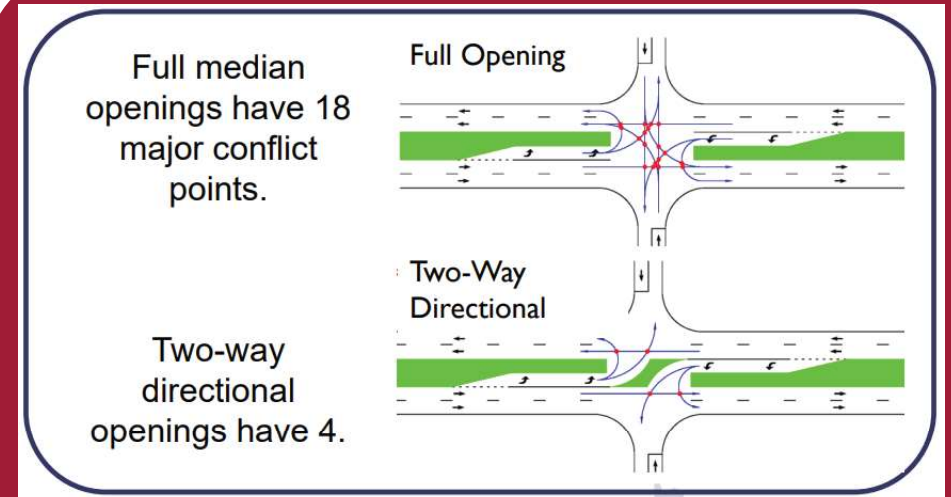
Project Need

The project is needed to:

- Improve intersection safety
- Reduce the risk of crashes

The project includes median modifications along US 27 at:

- North Lake Damon Road
- Ponce De Leon Boulevard
- Whisper Circle
- Lake Josephine Drive
- Lake Francis Road



- Areas where paths legally cross within an intersection
- Reducing the number of conflict points increases safety
- Restricted Crossing U-turn 54% reduction fatal/injury crashes



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US 27 at North Lake Damon Road





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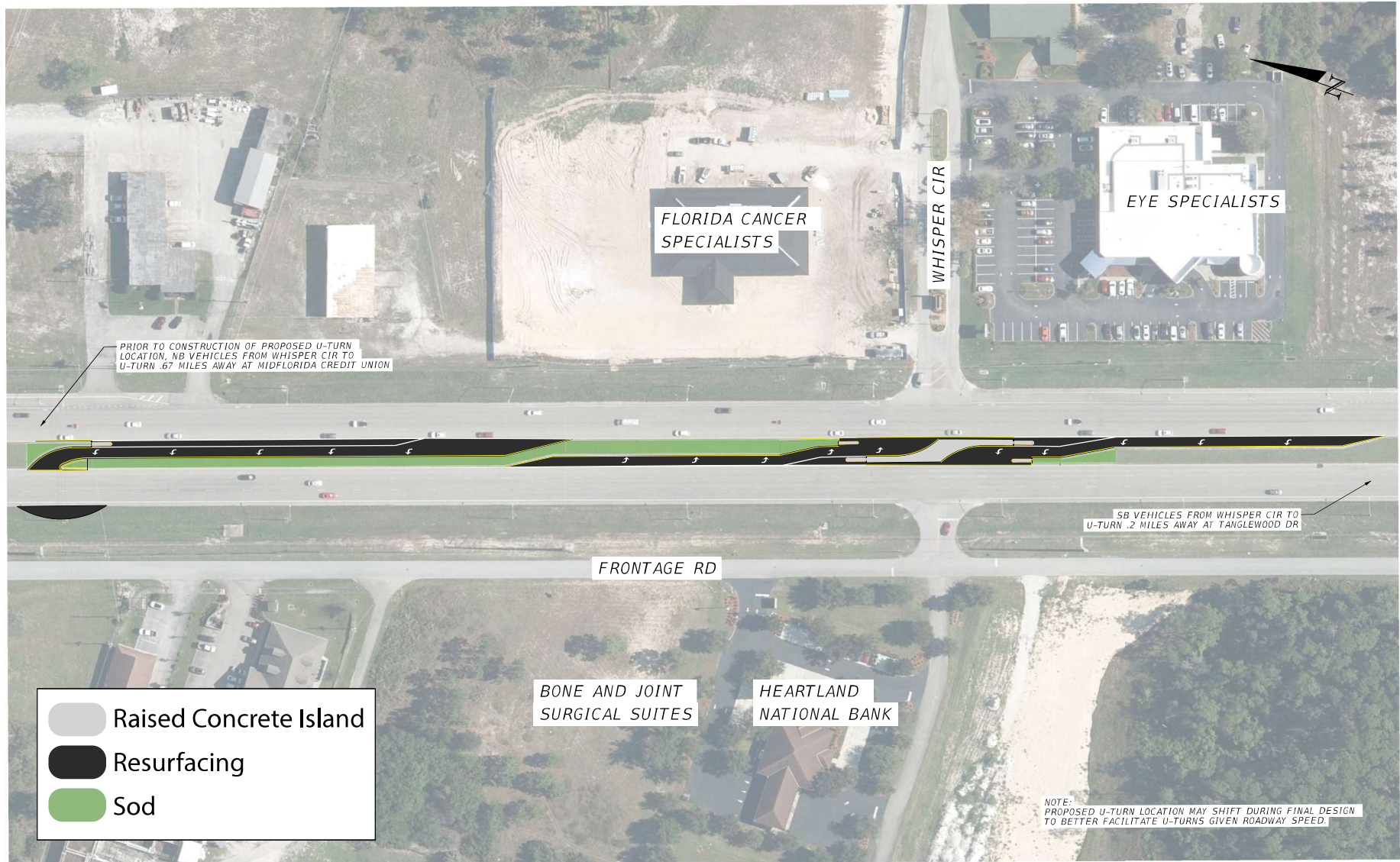
US 27 at Ponce De Leon Boulevard





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US 27 at Whisper Circle





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US 27 at Lake Josephine Drive





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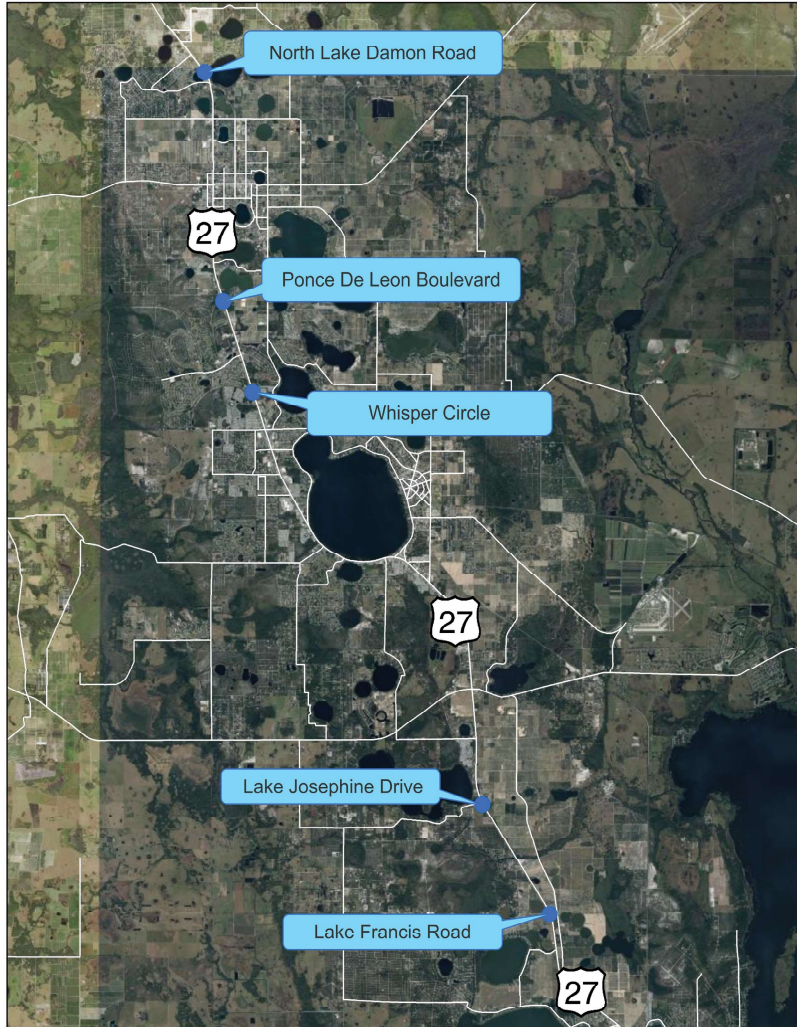
US 27 at Lake Francis Road





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Crash Information



US 27 at North Lake Damon Road

Total No.	Fatal	Incapacitating Crashes	Other Injury Crashes	Individuals Injured	Property Damage Only
15	0	3	4	19	8
Percent	0.00%	20.00%	26.67%		53.33%

US 27 at Ponce De Leon Boulevard

Total No.	Fatal	Incapacitating Crashes	Other Injury Crashes	Individuals Injured	Property Damage Only
31	0	6	11	36	14
Percent	0.00%	19.35%	35.48%		45.16%

US 27 at Whisper Circle

Total No.	Fatal	Incapacitating Crashes	Other Injury Crashes	Individuals Injured	Property Damage Only
35	1	12	9	48	13
Percent	2.86%	34.29%	25.71%		37.14%

US 27 at Lake Josephine Drive

Total No.	Fatal	Incapacitating Crashes	Other Injury Crashes	Individuals Injured	Property Damage Only
27	1	7	10	32	9
Percent	3.70%	25.93%	37.04%		33.33%

US 27 at Lake Francis Road

Total No.	Fatal	Incapacitating Crashes	Other Injury Crashes	Individuals Injured	Property Damage Only
19	2	3	6	24	8
Percent	10.53%	15.79%	31.58%		42.11%

DID YOU KNOW?

29% of all crashes are due to distracted & careless driving?





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Schedule and Cost

- Final Design: To be determined
- Construction: To be determined (anticipated 2028)



The estimated construction cost is \$3.5 M

Notes:

- Temporary delineators may be installed prior to the final construction at: N Lake Damon Rd, Ponce De Leon Blvd, Whisper Cir, and Lake Josephine Dr.
- 2020 crash data has not yet been fully verified.



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How to Comment

**You can submit a comment by
either:**

**Dropping your completed Comment
Form in the Comment Box provided;
or,**

**Mailing your completed Comment
Form to FDOT by May 30, 2023; or,**

**Providing a verbal comment to the
Court Reporter**



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Highlands County

COMMENT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Comments:

Please return this form to a project team member at this hearing or you may mail or email it, to the address below.

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Note: All comments are part of the hearing record and are available for any public records requests.

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Federal and State Requirements

This meeting is being conducted in accordance with:

General Public Involvement Policy

- Federal Highway Act of 1968, as amended
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended
- Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450 & 771
- Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500-1508
- 23 United States Code, Section 109(h)
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other Nondiscrimination laws
- Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice
- Executive Order 13166, Limited English Proficiency
- Executive Order 07-01, Section 2, Plain Language Initiative
- Section 286.29, FS, Climate-Friendly Public Business (Green Lodging)

Hearing Requirements

- Chapter 23, United States Code 128
- Florida Statutes:
 - Sections 120.525, 286.011, 339.155
- Jessica Lunsford Act

Project Specific

- Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended and Florida Statutes
- Rule 14-97, Florida Administrative Code
- Section 335.199, Florida Statutes
- Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management
- Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands
- Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 772, Noise Abatement
- Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24, Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act
- Title 36, Part 800, United States Code, Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and Florida Statutes