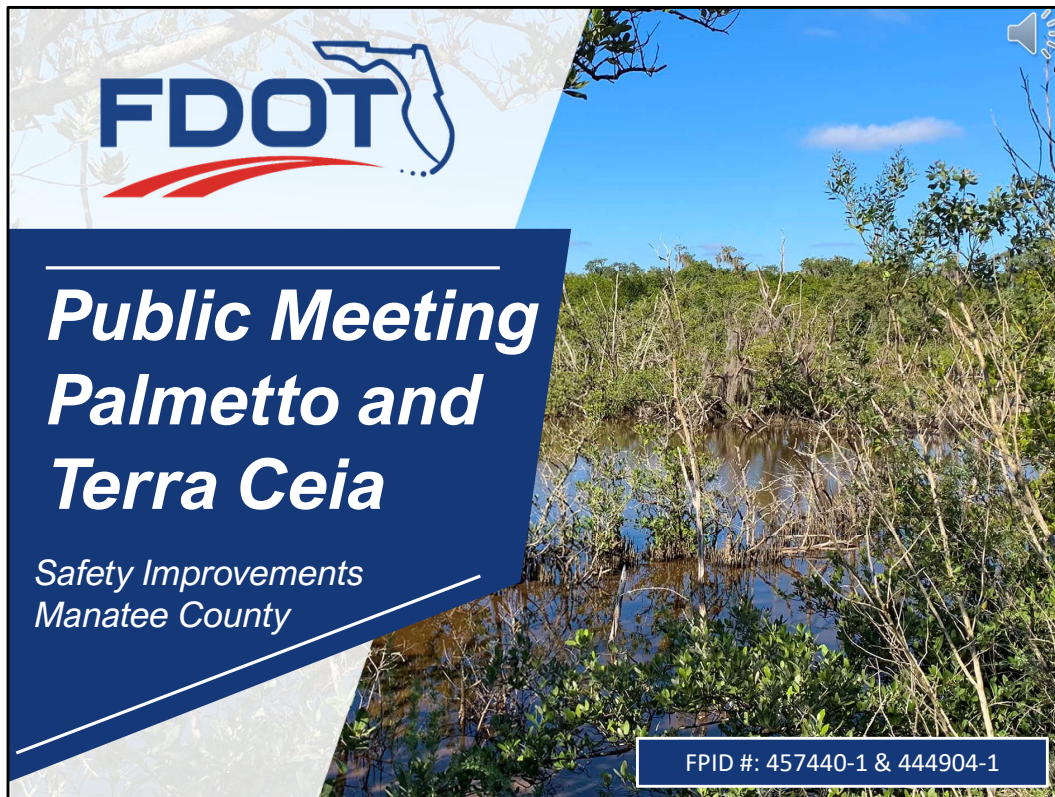




The Florida Department of Transportation, or FDOT, welcomes you to the Public Meeting for Palmetto and Terra Ceia Safety Improvements in Manatee County. We appreciate your attendance and participation.

Public Meeting



Online
Tonight



In-person option
October 21, 2025
Anytime between 5 – 6:30 pm

Manatee County Fairgrounds
Veteran's Hall
1402 14th Ave W.
Palmetto, FL 34221



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The public meeting is being conducted to present information about the access changes and provides an opportunity for the public to provide input about the changes. FDOT has sent notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations at minimum within 300 feet of the access change locations to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project. Notices were also sent to communities or areas that could be impacted by the proposed changes.

Federal and State Compliance



Rule 14-97

of the
Florida Administrative Code

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)

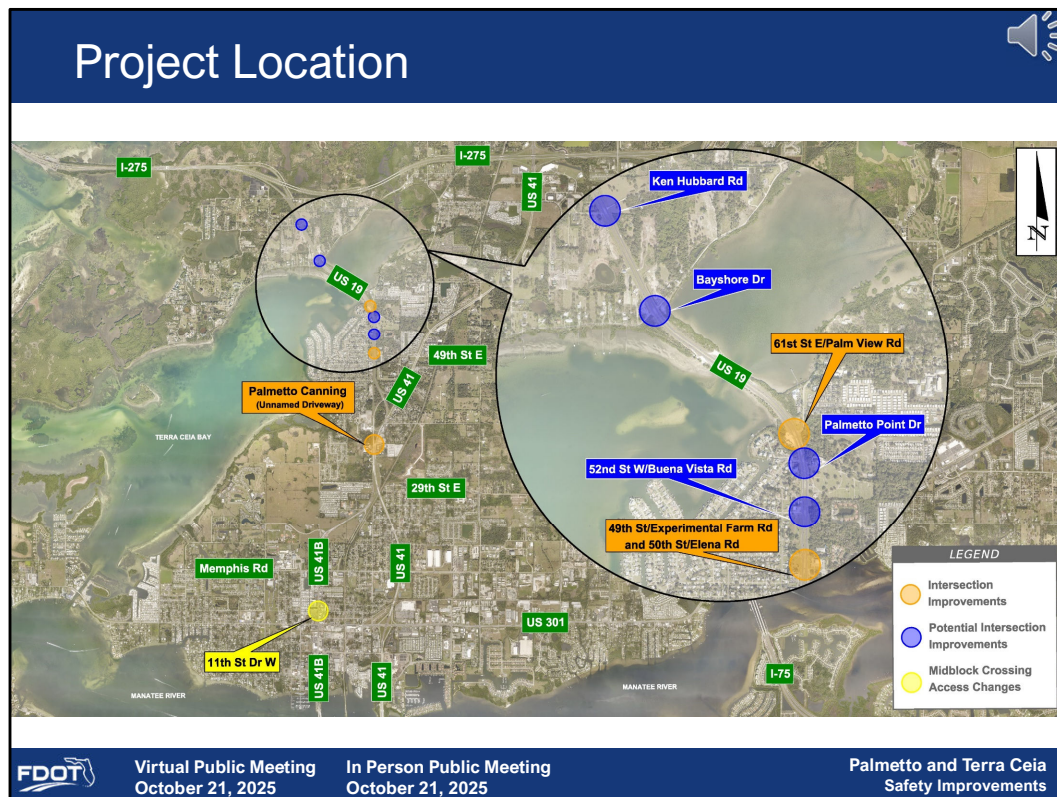


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This meeting is being held in compliance with Rule 14-97 of the Florida Administrative Code (modifications to access management) and all other related federal and state statutes.



FDOT is considering safety improvements at multiple locations along US 19/US 41 in Terra Ceia, Memphis, and Palmetto. Median improvements are being considered at seven locations along the corridor: Ken Hubbard Road, Bayshore Drive, 61st Street East/Palm View Road, Palmetto Point Drive, 52nd Street West/Buena Vista Road, 50th Street/Elena Road, 49th Street/Experimental Farm Road, and the unnamed driveway servicing the Palmetto Canning Company.

These intersections are primarily surrounded by residential properties along US 19/US 41 and side streets with some commercial properties located along US 19/US 41. North of the US 41 and US 19 merge, US 19 is a four-lane divided highway with grassed and concrete medians, and the posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour. Within the US 41 and US 19 merge, US 19/US 41 is a six-lane divided highway with grassed median, and the posted speed limit is 50 miles per hour.

Additional safety improvements include a mid-block pedestrian crossing on SR 45/US 41 Business (8th Ave W), just south of 11th St Dr W, which is part of a separate project.

SR 45/US 41 and US Highway 19 both provide an important north-south connection across Southwest Florida.

Improvements



Median Modifications

- Decision making is simplified
- Conflicts within the median opening are reduced
- Shorter side street queues due to drivers not waiting for a gap in the traffic to turn left



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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss access changes that would improve safety, enhance traffic flow, and reduce crashes along US 19/41 at the project intersections. This includes converting the existing full median openings to either closed or directional median openings. These safety improvements will simplify the decision-making for drivers by reducing the conflicts and crashes within the median openings.

Conflict Points

- Areas where paths legally cross on a roadway
- More conflict points result in more crashes
- Reducing the number of conflict points increases safety

Replacing Unsignalized Intersection to Unsignalized RCUT

63%

Reduction in injury/fatal crashes

Source: <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/reduced-left-turn-conflict-intersections>

More Conflicts Points

Fewer Conflicts Points

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Conflict points are locations where vehicle paths legally cross, creating potential crash sites. These points are common when vehicles enter or exit a roadway. Directional medians help reduce conflict points along a corridor. In an open median, unrestricted movements from side streets increase conflict points, including risks for all roadway users. A directional median opening, as shown here, limits left turns and through movements from side streets. Instead, vehicles turn right onto the main roadway and make a U-turn at a designated opening—this is called a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT). The RCUT simplifies navigation for drivers, reducing exposure to high-speed cross traffic. According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), RCUTs reduce injury and fatal crashes by 63%.

Managing Access



Existing Condition:
Drivers traveling in both directions share the space in a full median opening



Potential Permanent Condition:
Drivers have dedicated turning openings and are separated from opposing traffic in a directional median opening



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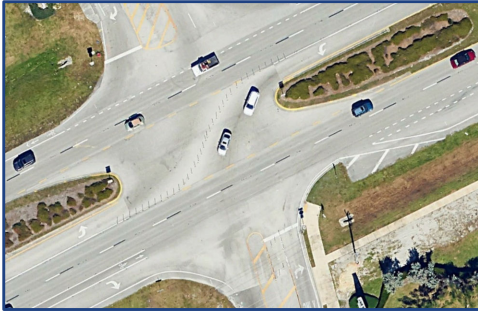
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Currently, the full median openings on US 19 / US 41 allow left turns from both the main roadway and side streets, creating potential conflicts when multiple vehicles enter at once. The proposed directional median opening separates opposing traffic, allowing only vehicles on the main roadway (US 19 / US 41) to turn. Left turns and through movements from side streets would not be allowed. Motorists will be required to turn right, travel to the adjacent intersection and conduct a U-turn. RCUTs allow for uninterrupted flow on US 19 / US 41 which reduces congestion and delays, particularly during peak traffic periods. The improved traffic flow benefits not only the local community but also those traveling on US 19 / US 41 for regional travel.

Improvements



Temporary Delineator



Permanent – Concrete



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This project is considering temporary and permanent improvements at each intersection. Temporary improvements include the installation of delineators. Permanent improvements for each intersection are to be determined, but replacing delineators with a concrete directional median opening may be the most optimal configuration at some locations.



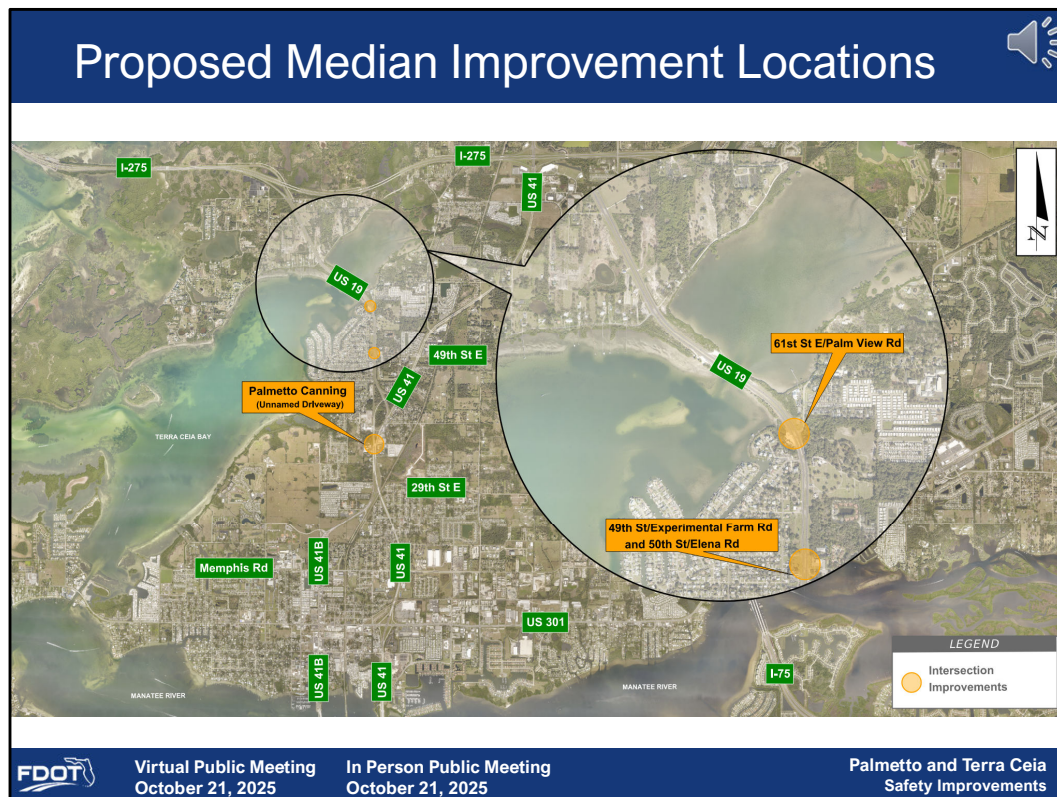
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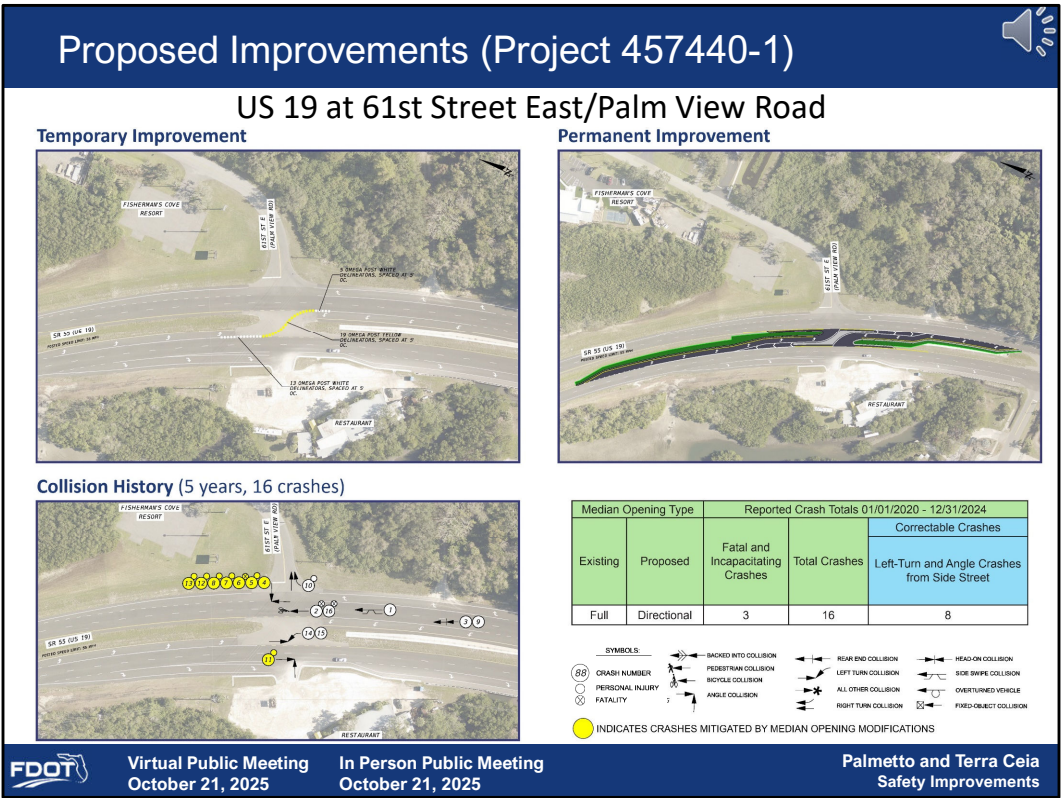
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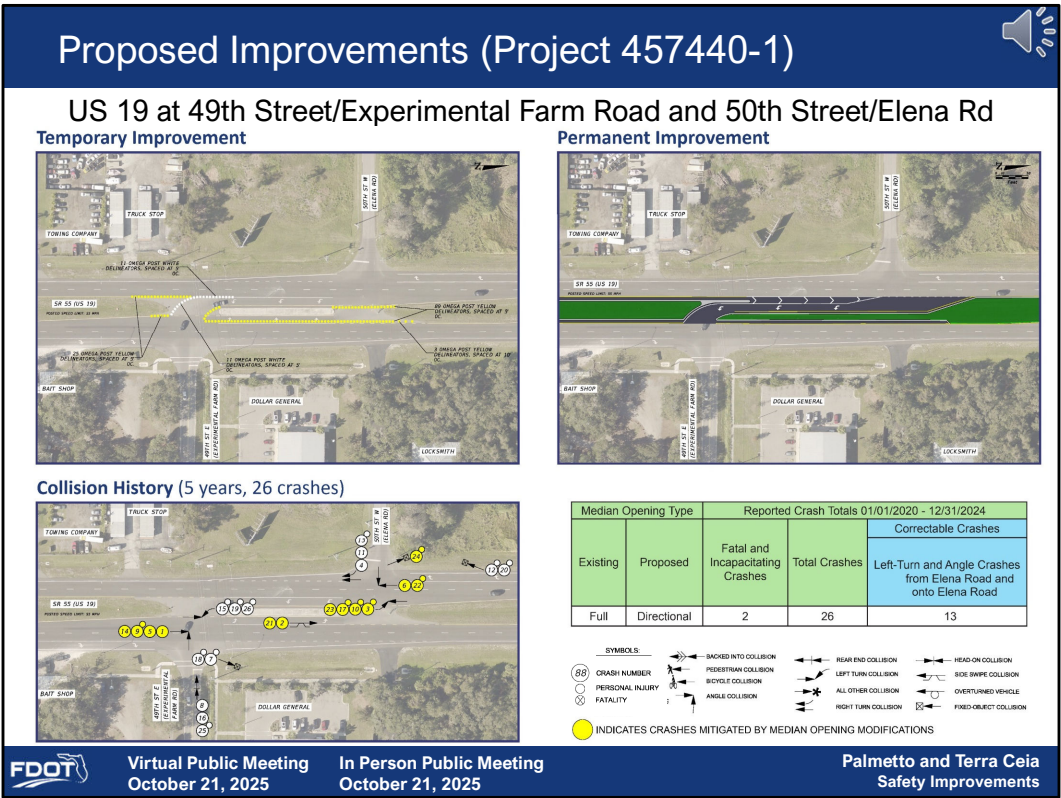
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We will now discuss each of the proposed changes from north to south followed by the potential changes. At each location, eastbound and westbound left-turning and through movements from the side streets will be rerouted to median openings to the north and south. Exhibit boards with temporary and permanent improvement concepts, historical crash information, and collision diagrams are on display at the in-person meeting. Virtual attendees can download these exhibit boards through the documents panel on GoToWebinar. They can also be viewed on the project website.

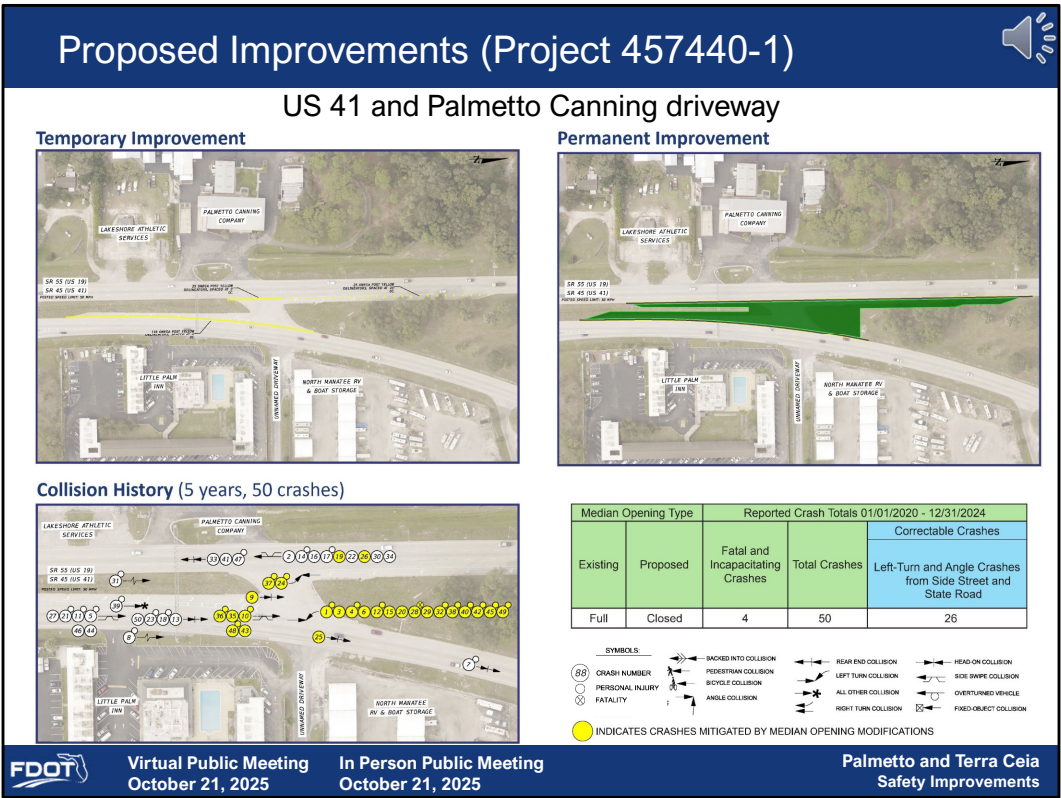


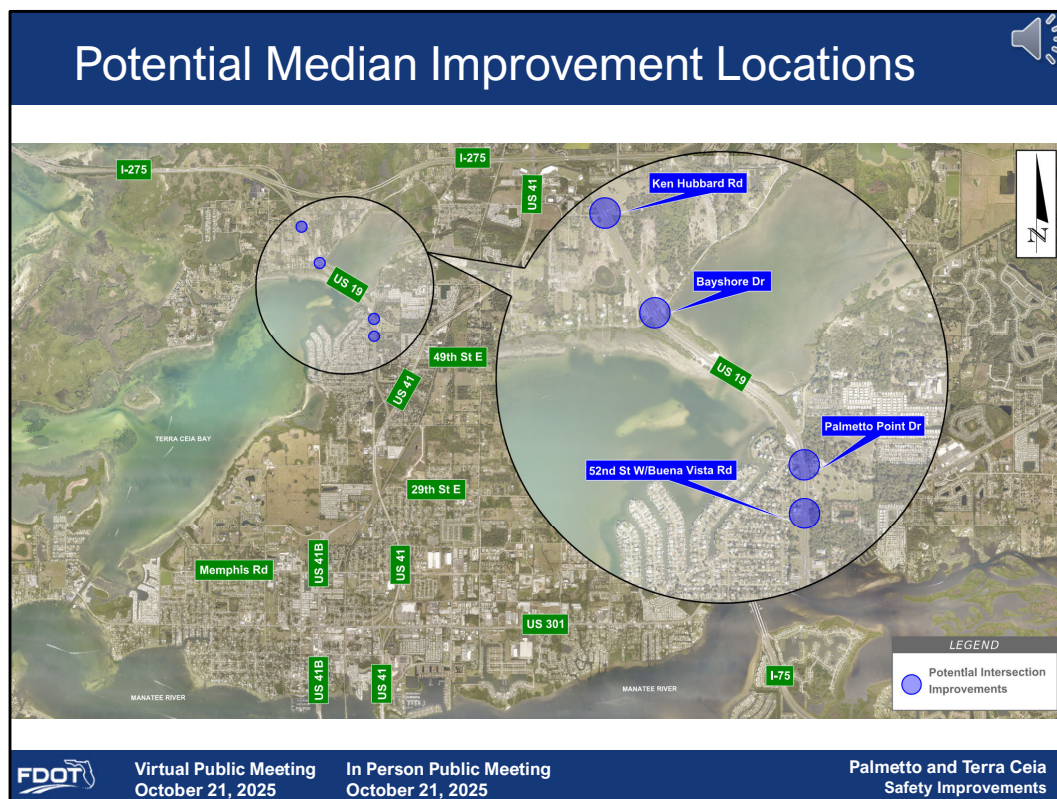
Median improvements are proposed at 3 locations along the corridor. From North to South, these locations are US 19 at 61st Street/Palm View Rd, US 19 at 49th Street/Experimental Farm Road and at 50th Street/Elena Road, and US 41 at the unnamed driveway servicing the Palmetto Canning Company. These three locations have a combined total of 92 crashes in the most recent 5-years.





At 49th Street/Experimental Farm Road and at 50th Street/Elena Road, there were a total of 26 crashes in the 5-year period from the year 2020 through 2024, with 2 of those crashes resulting in fatal or incapacitating injuries. 13 of these crashes would be considered correctable with the construction of a one-way directional median opening.





Potential median modifications are also being considered at 4 additional intersections. From North to South, these locations are US 19 at Ken Hubbard Road, US 19 at Bayshore Drive, US 19 at Palmetto Point Drive, and US 19 at 52nd Street West/Buena Vista Road. Several of the identified intersections have higher than normal risk factors, such as skewed intersections, higher speeds, and curved roadways and we would like to hear input from the local communities on the existing conditions. These four locations have a combined total of 20 crashes in the most recent five-years.

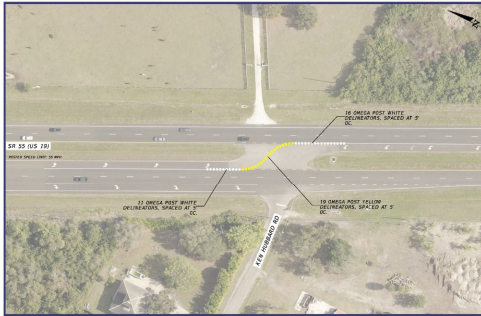
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Potential Improvements (Project 457440-1)



US 19 at Ken Hubbard Road

Temporary Improvement



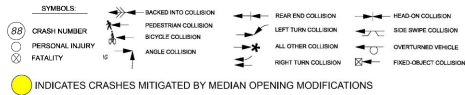
Permanent Improvement



Collision History (5 years, 0 crashes)



Median Opening Type		Reported Crash Totals 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2024		
Existing	Proposed	Fatal and Incapacitating Crashes	Total Crashes	Correctable Crashes
				Left-Turn and Angle Crashes from Side Street
Full	Directional	0	0	0



INDICATES CRASHES MITIGATED BY MEDIAN OPENING MODIFICATIONS



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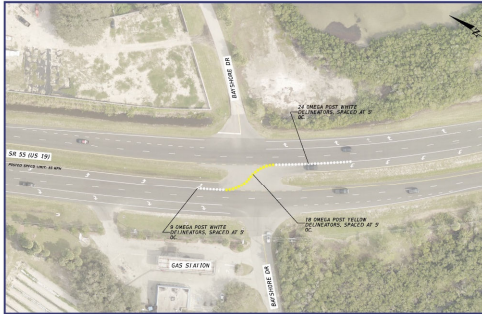
At Ken Hubbard Road, in the five-year period from the year 2020 through 2024, there were a total of 0 crashes. This location is included due to the proximity of the fully open median. If the adjacent medians are modified, there would be an anticipated increase in turning movements at this intersection.

Potential Improvements (Project 457440-1)



US 19 at Bayshore Drive

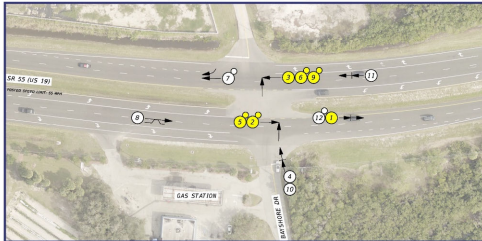
Temporary Improvement



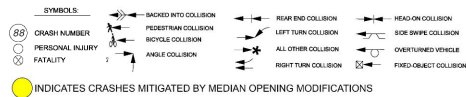
Permanent Improvement



Collision History (5 years, 12 crashes)



Median Opening Type		Reported Crash Totals 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2024		
Existing	Proposed	Fatal and Incapacitating Crashes	Total Crashes	Correctable Crashes
				Left-Turn and Angle Crashes from Side Street
Full	Directional	0	12	6



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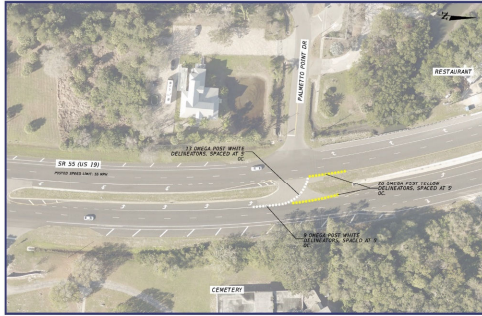
At Bayshore Drive, in the five-year period from the year 2020 through 2024, there were a total of 12 crashes with none of these crashes resulting in fatal or incapacitating injuries. Six of these crashes would be considered correctable with the construction of a two-way directional median opening.

Potential Improvements (Project 457440-1)



US 19 at Palmetto Point Drive

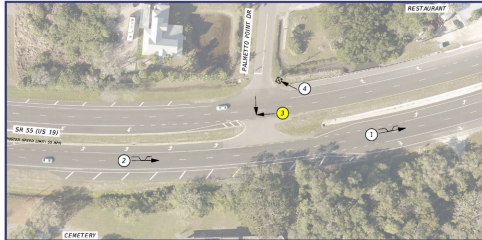
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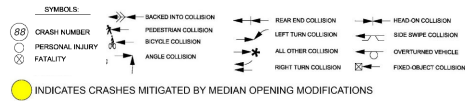
Permanent Improvement



Collision History (5 years, 4 crashes)



Median Opening Type		Reported Crash Totals 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2024		
Existing	Proposed	Fatal and Incapacitating Crashes	Total Crashes	Correctable Crashes
				Left-Turn and Angle Crashes from Side Street
Full	Directional	0	4	1

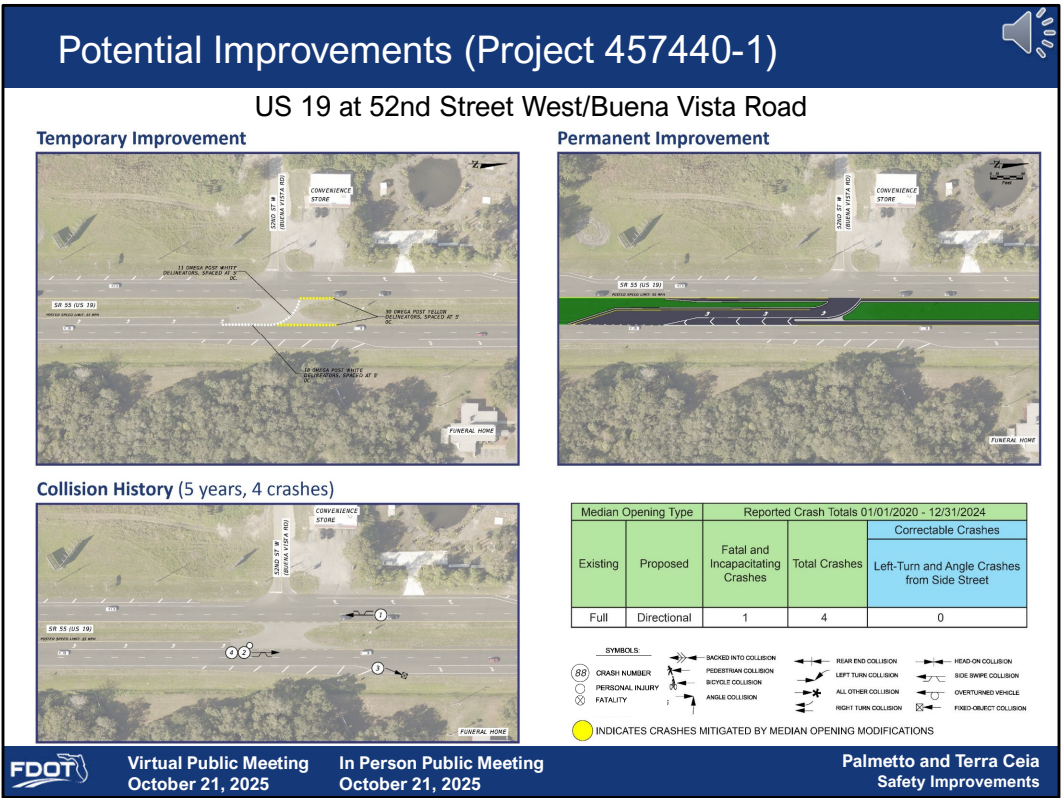


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At Palmetto Point Drive, in the five-year period from the year 2020 through 2024, there were a total of 4 crashes, with none of these crashes resulting in fatal or incapacitating injuries. One of these crashes would be considered correctable with the construction of a one-way directional median opening. If the adjacent medians are modified, there would be an anticipated increase in turning movements at this intersection.



At 52nd Street West/Buena Vista Road there were a total of 4 crashes in the five-year period, with one of these crashes resulting in fatal or incapacitating injuries. None of these crashes would be considered correctable with the construction of a one-way directional median opening. If the adjacent medians are modified, there would be an anticipated increase in turning movements at this intersection.



Midblock Crossing Access Changes

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Over the past five years, there have been two serious pedestrian crashes at this next location on SR 45/US 41 in front of the Publix.

Proposed Improvements (Project 444904-1)



SR 45/USB 41 (8th Avenue West) at 11th Street Drive West Section #1



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One resulted in a fatality and the other in an incapacitating injury. In both cases, the pedestrians were struck by vehicles while attempting to cross the roadway at an undesignated crossing location. These incidents highlight the critical need for a safer, designated crossing.

The proposed improvement involves installing a mid-block pedestrian crossing on SR 45/US 41 Business (8th Ave W), just south of 11th St Dr W. This includes adding a concrete median barrier within the existing painted median.

Proposed Improvements (Project 444904-1)



SR 45/USB 41 (8th Avenue West) at 11th Street Drive West Section #2



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While the installation of the median barrier may restrict certain turning movements from the side streets, it is a necessary measure to enhance pedestrian safety for those using the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at the crossing.

Funding Schedule

Project 457440-1 US 19: Various Intersection Improvements

- Locations 1 - 7
- Estimated construction start: Summer 2026
- Estimated construction cost: \$155,000

Project 444904-1 SR 45 (USB) 8th Ave W Pedestrian Midblock Crossings

- Location 8
- Estimated construction start: Spring 2027
- Estimated construction cost: \$2.13 Million

*Schedule and cost are tentative estimates.

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For all locations under Financial Project ID 457440-1 (listed on the screen), design of the temporary improvements is in progress and anticipated to be complete in early 2026. Construction of the temporary improvements is anticipated to begin in mid 2026 at an estimated cost of \$155,000. Design of the permanent improvements in ongoing and construction is currently unfunded.

The midblock crossing improvements at SR 45/US 41 (under Financial Project ID 444904-1) are fully funded, with construction scheduled in year 2027. The estimated cost for these improvements is 2.13 million dollars.

Turning in your comment form
at the in-person event

OR

Mailing your comment form to:
Amara DeCicco
Florida Department of Transportation,
801 N. Broadway Ave.,
Bartow, FL 33830

OR

Emailing your comment to
Amara.DeCicco@dot.state.fl.us

OR

Through the project webpage
www.swflroads.com/project/457440-1

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COMMENT FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Comments:

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

Florida Department of Transportation
District One
Amara ShCocco
BOLN Boulevard Avenue
Barlow, FL 33621.

(Note all comments are part of the meeting record and are available for any public records requests)

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Amara DeCicco
Florida Department of Transportation
District One
801 N. Broadway Avenue
Bartow, FL 33831

We encourage you to submit your comments about the access changes: at the in-person meeting, through the project webpage, or by email or mail to the project team. Though comments are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by November 3, 2025, to be included in the formal meeting record. The project team will consider all comments and appreciate this feedback from the community.

The Palmetto and Terra Ceia project team are here tonight to answer your questions and discuss the project. We invite you to ask them your questions and to review all the aerial maps, plans, and illustrations.

Safety Moment

THE FIGHT TO END DISTRACTED DRIVING STARTS WITH YOU!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

NEVER TEXT OR TALK ON YOUR CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING: Even though hands-free systems seem helpful, they're not the solution. Keep your mind on the road.

MAKE A PLAN: Know where you are going before you get in the car. Program the GPS before you drive. Check weather and road conditions beforehand to be prepared.

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“And finally: an FDOT safety moment. The fight to end distracted driving starts with you! Never text or talk on your cell phone while driving! - FDOT thanks you for making safety a continued priority!”



Thank you for your interest in the Palmetto and Terra Ceia Safety Improvements and for taking time to participate in this public meeting. We look forward to your comments and your continued involvement in other FDOT improvement projects.