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**SR 60 at Walk in Water Road/Boy Scout Camp Road  
Median Modification Project**

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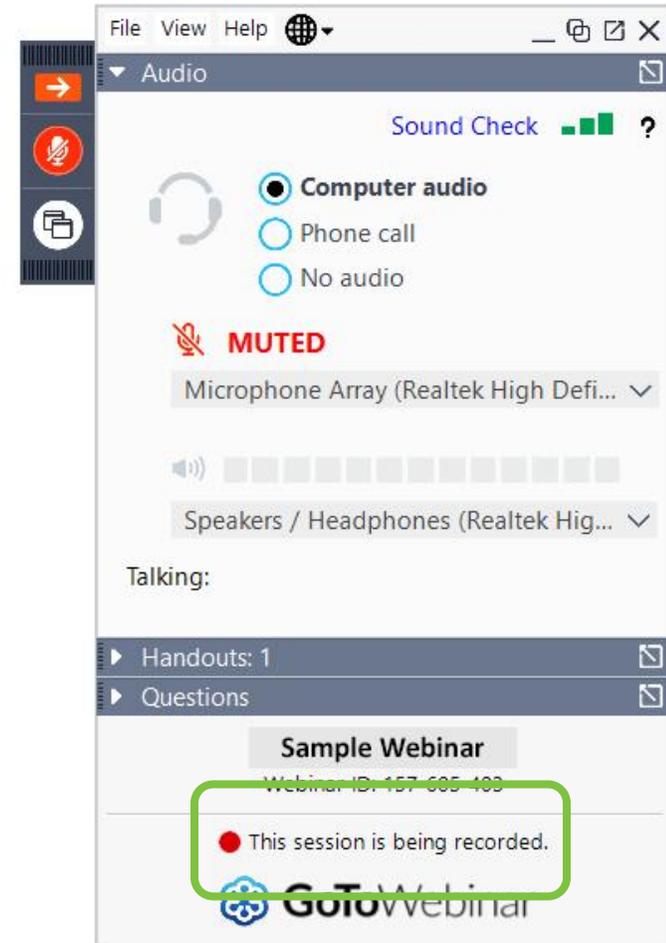


Lake Wales Country Club



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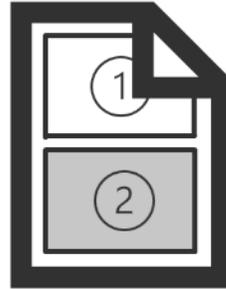
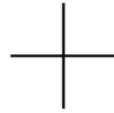


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## Project Team

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- Tim Horst, P.E., Lochner on behalf of FDOT District One
- Susan Joel, P.E., Atkins on behalf of FDOT District One
- Colleen Crigger, P.E., Stanley, Inc on behalf of FDOT District One

## 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
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# Public Notices



**Florida Department of Transportation**  
 899 North Bradley Avenue  
 Tallahassee, Florida 32304

February 8, 2023

**Subject:** Public Meeting  
 SR 60 at Walk in Water Road/Boy Scout Camp Road Safety Improvements  
 Polk County

**Dear Property Owner:**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public meeting for proposed median modification improvements at the intersection of SR 60 at Walk in Water Road/Boy Scout Camp Road in Polk County. These improvements are proposed to be constructed in the interest of safety. You can participate in the public meeting virtually or in-person on February 28, 2023. The same material will be displayed at both the virtual and in-person events and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The virtual event can be accessed online through the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/walkinwaterroad>.

**ONLINE OPTION -** Attend virtually from a computer, tablet, or mobile device. You can register in advance by visiting <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3958120243030883670> or the project website. Once 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 GoToWebinar. The virtual event will begin at 6:00 pm.

**PHONE OPTION -** Join the virtual meeting in listen-only mode by dialing +1 (213) 929-4212 and entering the passcode 465-364-682 when prompted. Callers may submit comments directly to the project manager by using the contact information listed on the back.

Additionally, an in-person public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at the Lake Wales Country Club, 2925 E. State Road 60, Lake Wales, FL 33898. The in-person meeting will be an open house format from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and will allow in-person attendees to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions. The proposed safety improvement will remove crossing movements of SR 60 from Walk in Water Road and Boy Scout Camp Road and require motorists to make right turns onto SR 60 with U-turns at the adjacent median opening. Left turns onto Walk in Water Road and Boy Scout Camp Road will continue to be permitted. The public meeting is being held to present information about the proposed safety improvements. The meeting provides the public an opportunity to offer feedback on the proposed improvements for the official meeting record. All meeting materials will be available on the project website from February 24, 2023 through March 14, 2023. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person meeting. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. Your input on the project is valuable and we invite you to respond to our survey by visiting the project website.

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

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to and transit, public officials, regulatory agencies, and if you have any questions about the project, please call by phone at (863) 519-2317, email at [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us).

If participating, you may submit comments in three ways: the FDOT Project Manager, Scott Leary, at 8 Lake Leary at FDOT District One, P.O. Box 1249, Tallahassee, Florida 32304, or by email at [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us). All comments received on or before March 14, 2023, will be included in the formal public meeting record.

To access online, additional options, age, sex, religion, racial accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who requires special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who requires special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) or call 863-519-2287.

Signature: *Walter Hesterman, PE*  
 Walter Hesterman, PE  
 Traffic Services Program Engineer  
 DISTRICT ONE

**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**



Property Owner/Tenant  
 Notifications



**SR 60 at Walk in Water Road/Boy Scout Camp Road Safety Improvements**

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The in-person public meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Wales Country Club, 2925 E. State Road 60, Lake Wales, FL 33898.

The live online event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and can be accessed online through the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/walkinwaterroad>.

You can also join in the meeting via phone, in listen-only mode, by dialing +1 (213) 929-4212 and entering the passcode 465-364-682 when prompted.

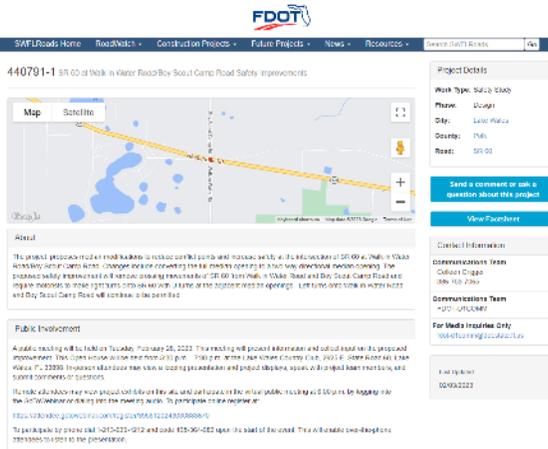
We encourage you to participate and for you to submit any questions you may have through the project website or contact the FDOT Project Manager, Scott Leary by phone at (863) 519-2317, email at [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us).

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

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If you have more information about the SR 60 at Walk in Water Road safety improvements, please contact Scott Leary by email at [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us), by phone at (863) 519-2317, or visit the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/walkinwaterroad>.

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**Project Details**

Work Type: SR 60 Study  
 Phase: Design  
 City: Lake Wales  
 County: Polk  
 Road: SR 60

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**Public Involvement**

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. The meeting will present information and solicit input on the proposed improvement. The public meeting will be held at the Lake Wales Country Club, 2925 E. State Road 60, Lake Wales, FL 33898. The in-person meeting will be an open house format from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and will allow in-person attendees to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions. If you have any questions about the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Scott Leary, by phone at (863) 519-2317, email at [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us). After reviewing the public meeting materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website, 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager, Scott Leary, at [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us), or 3) mailing comments to Scott Leary at FDOT District One, P.O. Box 1249, Tallahassee, Florida 32304. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by March 14, 2023, to be included in the formal public meeting record. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FDOT Project Manager, Scott Leary, by phone at (863) 519-2317 or by email at [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us). FDOT is sending notices to adjacent property owners and tenants, public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency prior to the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) or by phone at (863) 519-2287.  
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**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.  
**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023. The meeting will be an Open House from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Online: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3958120243030883670> or In-Person: Lake Wales Country Club, 2925 E. State Road 60, Lake Wales, FL 33898

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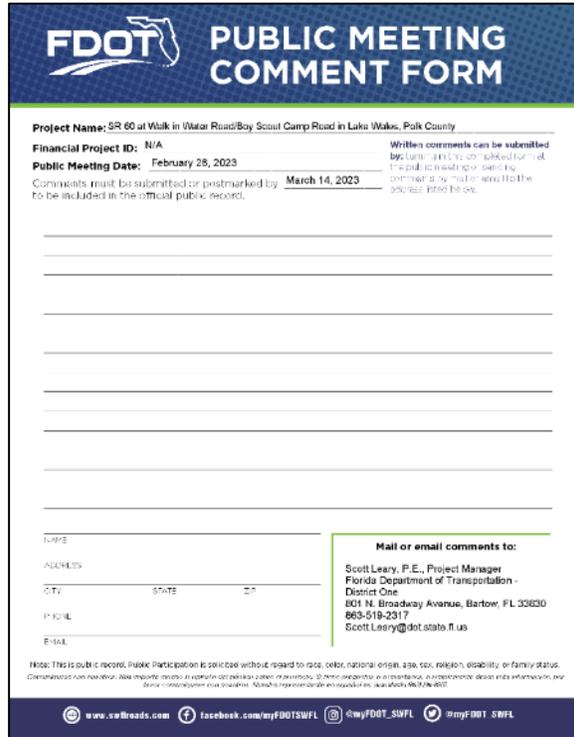
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# Submitting Comments During Tonight's Hearing



**FDOT PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT FORM**

**Project Name:** SR 60 at Walk in Water Road/Boy Scout Camp Road in Lake Wales, Polk County  
**Financial Project ID:** N/A  
**Public Meeting Date:** February 28, 2023  
**Comments must be submitted or postmarked by:** March 14, 2023

Written comments can be submitted by email to: [scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.leary@dot.state.fl.us) or by mail to: 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by the date listed below.

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## In-person Participants

- Turn in a Comment Form to submit a written statement



- ## Online Participants
- Type contact information + written comment



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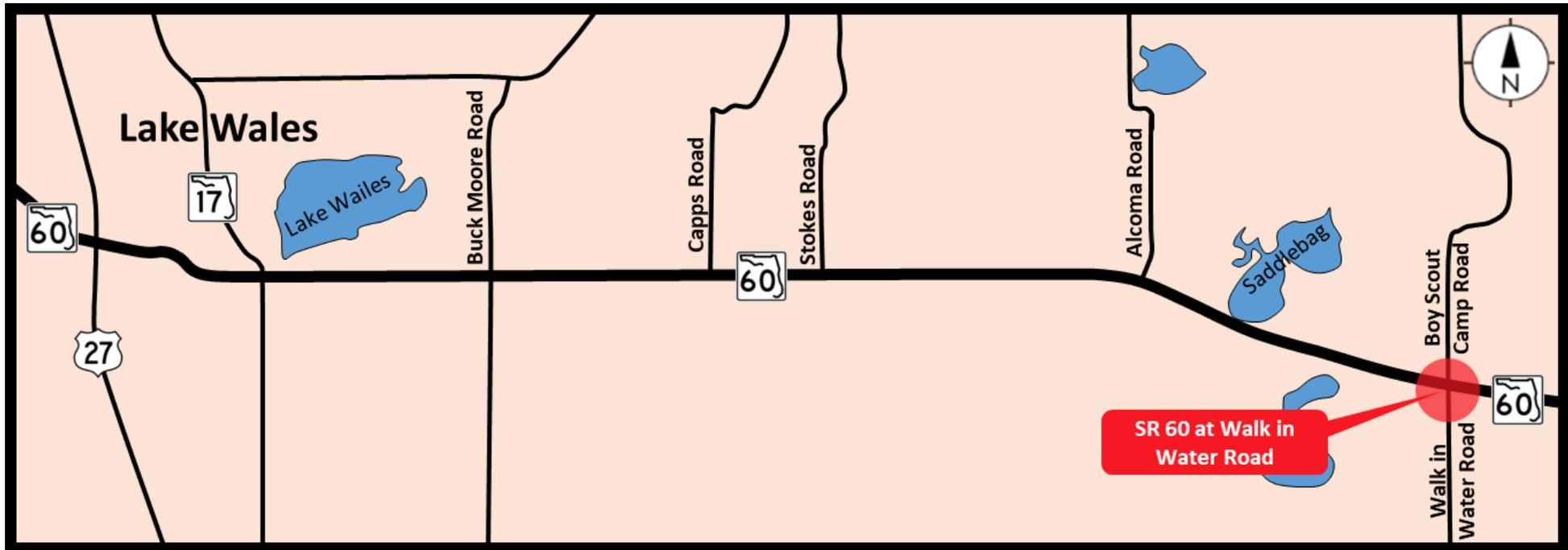
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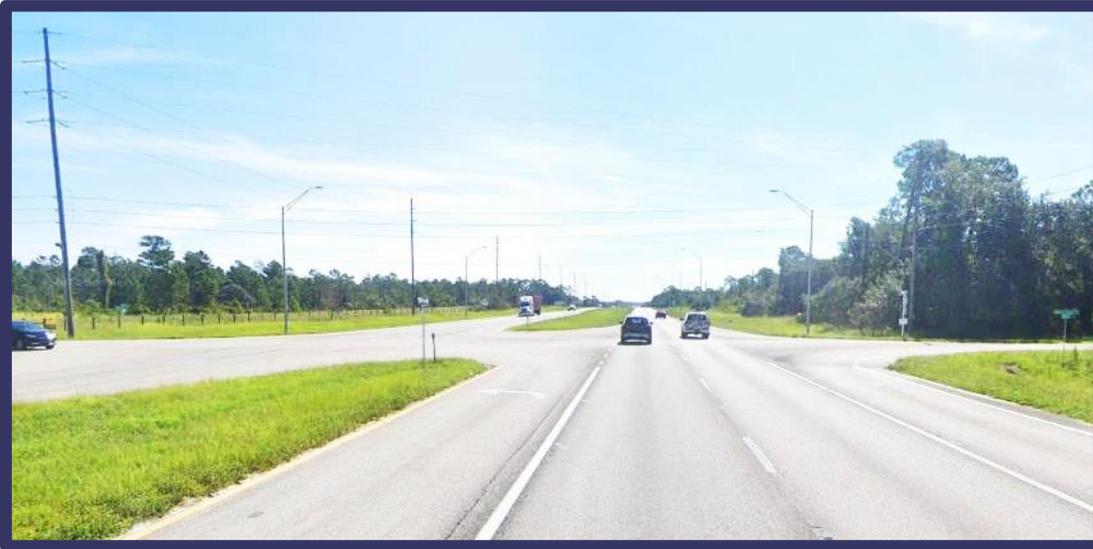
**SR 60 at Walk in Water Road/Boy Scout Camp Road  
Median Modification Project**

# Project Area



# Proposed Activities to Improve Safety

- Median Modifications



*Example on US 41 at Gulf Coast Lane*

## Balancing Access and Safety

- Access to properties increases the mobility of people and goods
- Openings for vehicles to enter/exit a roadway interrupt traffic flow and present conflicts
- Roadway features like medians and median openings can help to manage access to properties

The control of the location, design and spacing of:

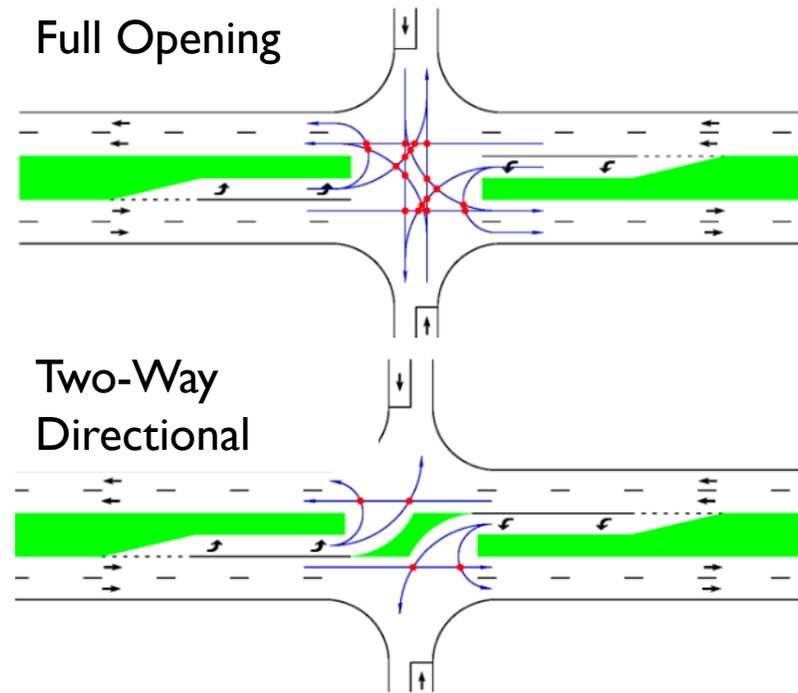


# Conflict Points

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

Full median openings have 18 major conflict points.

Two-way directional openings have 4.



Restricted Crossing U-Turn

**54%**

reduction injury/fatal crashes

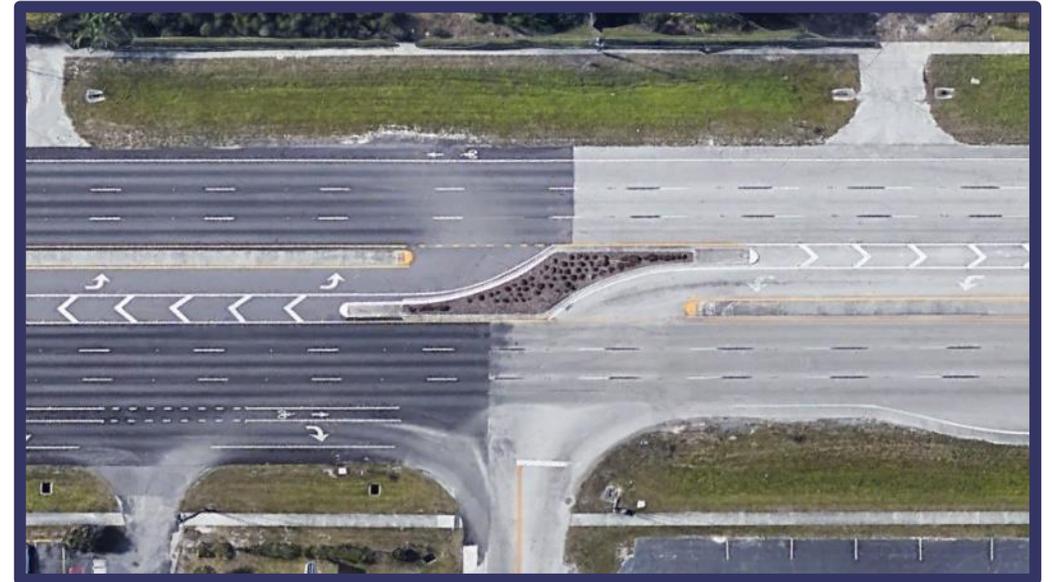
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# Managing Access through Median Openings



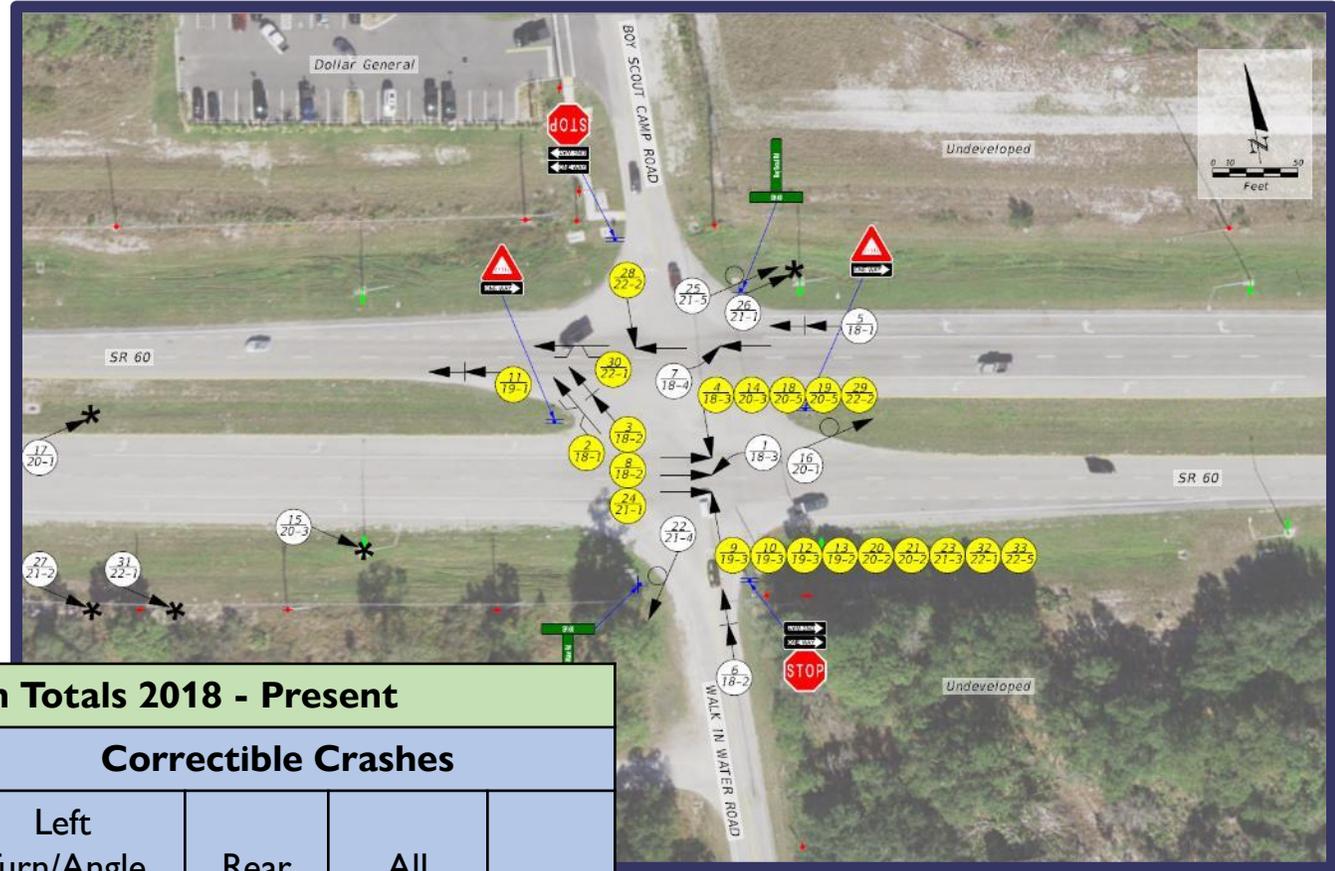
Drivers traveling in both directions share the space in a **full median opening** (above).

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



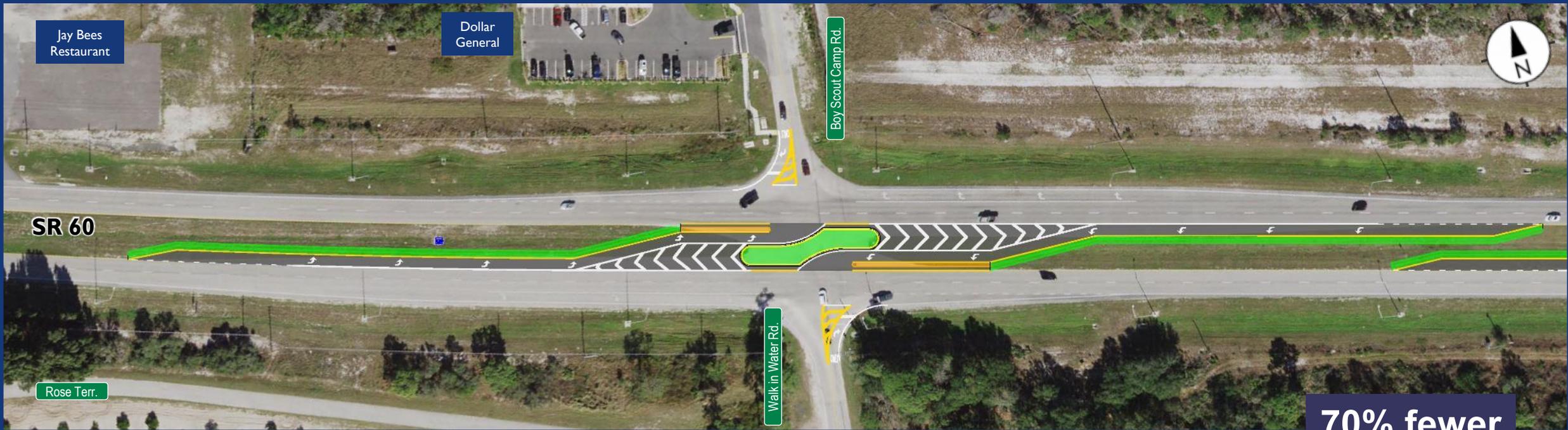
# Performance Predictions

- 70% reduction in total crashes



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	6	33	17	4	2	23

# Proposed Median Modification at Walk in Water Road/Boy Scout Camp Road

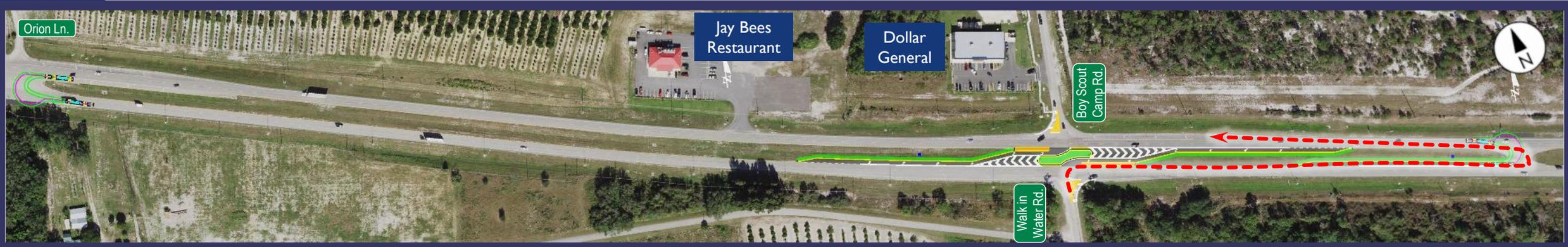


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# Impacts at Walk in Water Road

No left turn or thru movements from side street

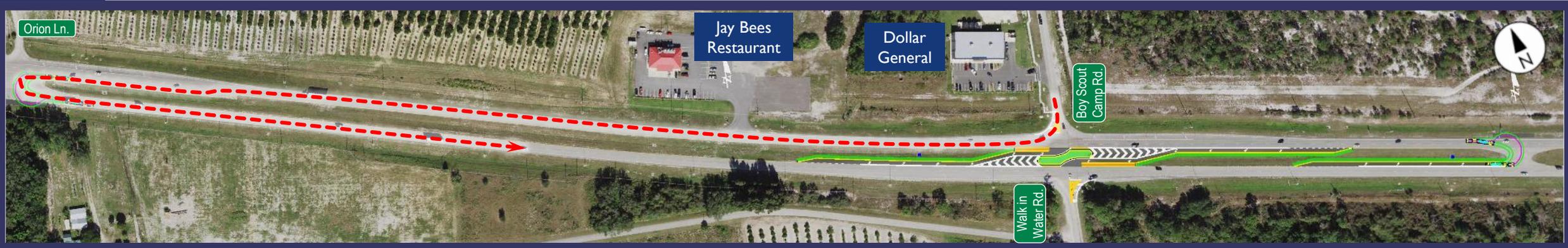
- Right then U-turn
- Drivers further south, travel west on CR 630 to access SR 17 or US 27



# Impacts at Boy Scout Camp Road

No left turn or thru movements from side street

- Right then U-turn at Orion Lane



# Intersection Control Evaluation

- Evaluated several alternatives
  - Existing, traffic signal, directional median opening (RCUT)
- Traffic signal
  - Does not reduce conflict points
- Directional Median Opening
  - Lowest number of crashes predicted

Alternative	Crash Type	Predicted Crashes			Safety Ranking
		Year 2023	Year 2043	Total Project Life Cycle	
Minor Road Stop (existing)	Total	5.86	8.82	154.25	3
	Fatal & Injury	3.61	5.72	97.92	
Traffic Signal	Total	4.96	6.85	124.23	2
	Fatal & Injury	2.17	2.78	52.14	
Unsignalized RCUT (proposed)	Total	2.65	3.47	64.43	1
	Fatal & Injury	0.71	0.87	16.67	

## Project Schedule and Cost

- Construction Begin – Spring 2023
- Construction Complete – December 2023
- Estimated cost - \$944,000

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