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FDOT Completes Additional Safety Enhancements on University Avenue

~ Further improvements expected to be implemented by end of 2021 ~

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – As part of the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) commitment to safety, the department has completed additional safety enhancements along University Avenue (State Road 26). Earlier this week, signal timing between NW 15th Street and NW 22nd Street was adjusted, increasing the frequency that motorists will have to stop along the roadway, especially in the evening. This engineering solution is an expedient way to ensure reduced travel speeds throughout the corridor.

“We have heard the concerns from parents, students, and citizens regarding University Avenue,” said **FDOT District Two Secretary Greg Evans**. “Our team of engineers has identified areas where immediate action could take place to promote traffic calming. This adjustment discourages excessive speeds and provides a safer environment for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.”

In addition, FDOT plans to install temporary speed tables, which are flat-topped speed humps designed to slow vehicles gradually and serve as a speed management tool. These are scheduled to be installed at the stadium entrance between Gale Lemerand Drive and Northwest 19th Street, and between Northwest 14th Street and Northwest 19th Street by Summer 2021.

Once the speed tables have completely been installed, FDOT plans to lower the speed limit on University Avenue from 30 mph to 25 mph also by Summer 2021. By the end of Fall 2021, FDOT will have also installed enhanced crosswalks and intersection lighting at Northwest 19th Street and Northwest 16th Street.

In partnership with the University of Florida Police Department and Gainesville Police Department, FDOT is also providing students and members of the community

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educational resources on safe walking habits today. The three agencies will be walking the corridor, speaking with pedestrians, and providing educational flyers and materials to engage with them about pedestrian safety.

FDOT continues to invest in high visibility enforcement, community education activities with increased signage, paid advertising for safety messages and engagement with community partners to encourage safe, responsible habits on the roadway.

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