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Traffic Shifts at Orange Blossom Trail to Alter WB I-4 Ramps

ORLANDO — Traffic shifts occurring on the night of Thursday, August 25, at the Orange Blossom Trail (US 17-92/441) interchange at Interstate 4 (I-4) will create new traffic patterns for morning commuters on August 26. Motorists can expect to see four changes.

Existing westbound off-ramp closure, and new temporary off-ramp opens: On the night of August 25, the westbound I-4 exit ramp to southbound Orange Blossom Trail (Exit 80) will temporarily close as I-4 Ultimate crews transition to a new temporary exit ramp. The new temporary westbound I-4 exit ramp to southbound Orange Blossom Trail will open the morning of August 26 and will require motorists to exit about a quarter mile sooner than the previous exit. A map of the new temporary ramp location is available at <http://fdot.tips/rampOBT>.

New temporary traffic signal on Orange Blossom Trail: The temporary exit ramp forms a temporary intersection at Orange Blossom Trail, between the westbound and eastbound lanes of I-4. A temporary traffic light at the intersection allows motorists to only turn left onto southbound Orange Blossom Trail.

Northbound Orange Blossom Trail lane shift: Also on the night of August 25, I-4 Ultimate crews will complete a traffic shift on Orange Blossom Trail, underneath I-4. The traffic shift will move the northbound lanes of Orange Blossom Trail closer to the southbound lanes, which will reduce the existing median between the two lanes of traffic.

Northbound Orange Blossom Trail access to westbound I-4 is closing long-term: As a result of the traffic shift, the left-hand turn lane from northbound Orange Blossom Trail to westbound I-4 entrance ramp will close long-term. **Access to the westbound I-4 entrance ramp from southbound Orange Blossom Trail will be unaffected.** The recommended detour around the westbound I-4 entrance ramp access closure from northbound Orange Blossom Trail is to continue northbound on Orange Blossom Trail and to use the westbound I-4 entrance ramp from Kaley Avenue. A map of the detour is available at <http://fdot.tips/rampOBT2>.

Modifications or extensions to these schedules may become necessary due to weather delays or other unforeseen conditions. Motorists are advised to maintain a safe speed when driving through the work zone. In addition to detour signs and variable message boards in the areas of these new traffic patterns, information on closures and traffic shifts are included in I-4 Ultimate's Advanced Construction Alert System. Sign up to receive construction alerts by text or email at i4ultimate.com.

The I-4 Ultimate project is rebuilding 21 miles of Interstate 4 (I-4) from west of Kirkman Road in Orange County to east of State Road 434 in Seminole County, adding two new dynamic tolled Express Lanes in each direction, replacing more than 140 bridges, reconfiguring 15 major interchanges and reconstructing the entire roadway.