New temporary ramps to open from Maitland Blvd to EB I-4

ORLANDO — Big changes to the Maitland Boulevard (State Road 414) and Interstate 4 (I-4) interchange are coming and it begins with two new ramps opening on Friday, November 11.

Motorists should expect nighttime closures of the eastbound I-4 entrance ramps from westbound and eastbound Maitland Boulevard on Thursday, November 10, as I-4 Ultimate crews work to transition to the new temporary ramps. The nighttime closures are scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. on Thursday and end at 5 a.m. on Friday. View the detour route at http://fdot.tips/414detours.

In a temporary location, the eastbound I-4 entrance ramp from eastbound Maitland Boulevard will be close to the location of the old ramp. On the other hand, the eastbound I-4 entrance ramp from westbound Maitland Boulevard will nearly be in its permanent location and will have a more noticeable change to motorists. To enter the ramp from westbound Maitland Boulevard, motorists will need to decide much sooner. The eastbound I-4 on-ramp is being combined with the westbound Maitland Boulevard exit to Hope Road, which is approximately 600 feet sooner.

In addition, motorists traveling south on Hope Road toward Maitland Boulevard will need to make a decision: left lane for westbound Maitland Boulevard or westbound I-4; or right lane for eastbound I-4. In either lane on Hope Road, motorists must stop at a new stop sign and wait for traffic from westbound Maitland Boulevard to eastbound I-4 to clear before proceeding.

An illustration of the new ramps is available online at http://fdot.tips/414ramps.

The eastbound I-4 entrance ramps at the Maitland Boulevard interchange are two of seven temporary ramp configurations that are scheduled to open in the next couple months. Of the 15 major interchanges undergoing reconstruction as part of the 21-mile I-4 Ultimate project, the Maitland Boulevard interchange has some of the most noticeable changes in traffic patterns. The project is elevating Maitland Boulevard, adding ramp access points and eliminating select traffic signals to promote better traffic flow. To learn more about the future I-4 interchange at Maitland Boulevard, visit i4ultimate.com/futureMaitland.

Modifications or extensions to this schedule 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.

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