ORLANDO — A traffic shift of southbound Kirkman Road (State Road 435) is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, as a second new bridge opens at the Kirkman Road and Interstate 4 (I-4) interchange.

Motorists should expect multiple lane closures during overnight hours on March 8, as the southbound lanes of Kirkman Road are shifted to a newly constructed bridge over westbound I-4. The traffic shift is scheduled to be ready for morning commuters on March 9.

An illustration of the southbound Kirkman Road traffic shift is available online at http://fdot.tips/SBKrkmn.

The traffic pattern of southbound Kirkman Road is also changing after crossing over westbound I-4. See illustration in above link. Motorists are advised to maintain a safe speed when navigating this new temporary traffic pattern.

In November 2016, I-4 Ultimate crews opened the project’s first new bridge to motorists — the current northbound Kirkman Road bridge over westbound I-4. As part of the I-4 Ultimate project, more than 140 bridges will be widened, added or replaced when the project is completed in 2021. 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.