

I-4 Ultimate brings more changes to Central Florida roadways

Pedestrian, bike-focused construction to begin this year

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Now in year two of the I-4 Ultimate project, drivers can look back at the changes that have been made to much of the 21-mile corridor undergoing a makeover through Central Florida.

Things like overnight closures, lane and exit shifts are becoming common occurrences. Areas like Maitland Boulevard have come out as early hot spots for the project.

But early progress hasn't come without growing pains for commuters and those who live near the construction.

Some of the most recent changes have been along the busy stretch of Kirkman Road. Earlier this month the second new bridge on Kirkman at the I-4 intersection opened to drivers.

It was the Southbound bridge; the Northbound bridge opened in November of last year. Both of the Kirkman bridges have been easy transitions so far.

Kirkman is just two of the most recent bridges to undergo work as part of the project. In all, 140 bridges will be built, replaced or modified by project completion in 2021.

Some of the other changes that will be starting this year include the first pedestrian- and bike-focused elements of the project.

There are plans for everything, from bike lanes on more local roads to pedestrian bridges and tunnels to traverse the interstate.

Be sure to keep following News Six on air and online under the "Big Drive" section for all of your updates and announcements when it comes to I-4 Ultimate.

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