

# US 41 IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2

## SEPTEMBER 2023 UPDATE



US 41 planned improvements include new sidewalk pathways, curbs, landscaping along the road and a functional traffic roundabout at US 41 and Mezzo Drive (west).

The improvements will reduce the speed of traffic and enhance safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists along US 41 in an area that is growing rapidly with new residential and commercial construction. Reduced speed will also help mitigate noise impacts associated with US 41 traffic.

Construction will take place on US 41 immediately east of the State College of Florida campus entrance on US 41 to Mezzo Drive (east)/ Tortuga Cay Drive.

**There is no fee or cost impact to homeowners via the WVID annual assessments for the initial planning, design, permitting and construction of the planned improvements.**

### Construction Update

In order to expedite the construction timeline and further reduce traffic impacts, FDOT approved a request to change the maintenance of traffic to first redirect traffic to southbound lanes with a single lane of traffic for each direction and begin northbound work first.

*There are several benefits to making this change.*

- Most notably, the construction timeline will be reduced by 6-8 months. This means instead of completing Phase 2 work in January 2025, it will be completed in May 2024.
- Sidewalk connections between Renaissance and Oasis neighborhoods will be completed faster and create a continuous sidewalk path to Downtown Wellen, ensuring greater pedestrian and cyclist safety.

**Oasis Neighborhood Access:** Throughout the construction process, southbound traffic will always have a dedicated left turn lane to allow access to Brimstone Hill Boulevard.

**Mezzo Drive (east) and Pinot Drive Access:**

- US 41 southbound traffic can make right turns onto Mezzo Drive (east).
- Mezzo Drive (east) traffic can make right turns onto US 41 southbound.
- US 41 southbound traffic can make right turns onto Pinot Drive.
- Pinot Drive traffic can make right turns onto US 41 southbound.

### Construction Timeline

**Late October 2023**

- Mezzo Drive (east) construction will be completed.
- US 41 northbound traffic can make left turns onto Mezzo Drive (east).

**Early November 2023**

- US 41 traffic is moved to existing southbound lanes and reduced to one lane in each direction northbound/southbound from State College of Florida campus entrance to Mezzo Drive (east) until January 2024. Speed limit is reduced to 45 mph.

**January 2024**

- US 41 traffic is moved to northbound lanes, maintaining one lane in each direction northbound/southbound from State College of Florida campus entrance to Mezzo Drive (east) until work completed in May 2024.

### Speed Reduction

To ensure safety, the speed limit will be reduced to 45 miles per hour throughout the work zone. Upon completion of Phases 1 & 2, the speed limit will remain at 45 miles per hour along US 41 from Mezzo Drive (east) to Preto Boulevard to maximize pedestrian and cyclist safety.

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