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Note: This release corrects the number of right turn lanes. There will be *one* dedicated right turn lane and two thru lanes.

2ND THRU LANE TO BE ADDED AT U.S. 41/FRUITVILLE RD. ON MARCH 11

Sarasota, FL: To help alleviate increasing seasonal traffic congestion on northbound U.S. 41 as northbound vehicles queue to turn onto eastbound Fruitville Road, a second thru lane will be added at U.S. 41 and Fruitville Road this week. The lanes on the southeast side of U.S. 41 will be restriped at night by the Florida Department of Transportation on **Wednesday, March 11 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.** Drivers should expect lanes closures during that time period.

“This is a quick, temporary and helpful solution,” said City Manager Tom Barwin. “The City approached the Florida Department of Transportation and requested this action. It will be simple – restriping already existing lanes – but, we anticipate it will help greatly with the flow of traffic off the barrier islands.”

Currently, a vacated left turn lane exists on northbound U.S. 41 at Fruitville Road, which leads to the former Quay property. That turn lane will be restriped and become a second thru lane. The outside lane will become a dedicated right turn only lane to accommodate the heavy traffic flow.

FDOT plans to monitor this temporary change for 30 days, then make a determination if it will become permanent.

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