

Good News! Construction of the new roundabout at the US 98 Bypass / US 301 / 7th Street intersection is quickly approaching completion of phase 1 this week due to acceleration efforts by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and its contractor, Cone & Graham, Inc.

The community spoke and the FDOT listened, working with the contractor to develop ways to open 7th Street access months sooner than originally planned. The construction acceleration efforts included increasing the workdays from five to seven days a week, increasing daily work hours, and adding more crews and equipment.

Traffic Movements that will open in November (see diagram below)

- Southbound US 98 Bypass to northbound 7th Street
- Southbound US 98 Bypass to southbound US 301
- Southbound 7th Street to southbound US 301



What's next? After opening these movements, <u>construction will shift to phase 2</u> with the goal to open all traffic movements through the roundabout by mid-December 2025.

The acceleration effort is expected to:

- Open partial movements in the roundabout before Thanksgiving and all movements by mid-December.
- ✓ Reduce the roundabout construction by over 3 ½ months.
- Restore all options for drivers to access downtown businesses.
- ✓ Complete the overall US 98 Bypass project earlier.



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