

## ICYMI: Florida Department of Transportation Wins Tenth Consecutive Perpetual Pavement Award

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced today that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has won a Perpetual Pavement Award (PPA). The 2019 award is for a 9.4-mile section of a six-lane roadway on Interstate 95 in St. Johns County. FDOT has won a PPA every year since 2010.

To qualify for this prestigious award, a pavement must be at least 35 years old and never experienced a structural failure. The average interval between the resurfacing of the winning pavement must be no less than 13 years. The pavement must demonstrate the characteristics expected from long-life asphalt pavements: excellence in design, quality in construction and value for the traveling public.

Engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) evaluated the nominations and validated the winners.

The award-winning section of I-95 was originally constructed in 1964 as a four-lane lane road with paved shoulders. It extends from just south of International Golf Parkway north to the Duval County line (milepost 25.504 to milepost 34.855).

The original project consisted of 12 inches of stabilized subgrade, 10.5 inches of lime rock base, 2 inches of binder course and 1 inch of Type I surface mix. The second stage of construction occurred in 1973 with an overlay of 2 inches of a Type III asphalt mix followed by the placement of a 1-inch wearing course. In 1989, the project was milled 2.5 inches, inlaid with 2.5 inches of Type S structural layer and surfaced with a .5-inch open-graded friction course.

The roadway was milled and resurfaced in 2004, with a lane added on the inside to bring it to six lanes for additional capacity. The existing outside lanes were milled 3.75 inches followed by the placement of a .5-inch asphalt rubber membrane interlayer, 4 inches of Type SP structural mix and a .75-inch layer of open-graded friction course containing ground tire rubber.

Today the road has an average daily traffic (ADT) volume of 96,500 vehicles, including 8.6 percent trucks. Since 1964, I-95 has carried greater than 30 million equivalent single-axle loads (ESAL). As the resurfacing intervals were at 16 and 15 years (since the construction stage ended), it meets all of the criteria for a PPA.

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### About The FDOT

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- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
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### About The Program

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# Governor Ron DeSantis Announces the Opening of the I-4/S.R. 408 Interchange Ramps Three Months Ahead of Schedule

*Corridor safety and mobility enhanced, travel times in heart of Florida reduced*

As a result of his directive to accelerate work on the I-4 Ultimate project due to decreased volume in traffic as a result of COVID-19, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) today announced the opening of five new Interstate 4 (I-4)/State Road (S.R.) 408 flyover ramps. This project is completed more than three months ahead of schedule and enhances safety and mobility, while reducing travel times in the heart of Florida.

“I’m pleased to announce the opening of the I-4 corridor three months earlier than planned after we took advantage of the lower traffic volume by accelerating work on some of these busy roads,” said Governor DeSantis. “The completion of this project will make a big difference for Floridians who commute through this area. Secretary Thibault has shown his commitment and dedication in completing this project expeditiously and I look forward to seeing more infrastructure projects like this finish ahead of schedule.”

“In early April, Governor DeSantis challenged the Department to find ways to accelerate I-4 construction while there was less traffic on the road, and I am pleased to announce that we have opened these critical

components of the I-4 corridor to drivers, three months ahead of schedule,” said FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. “This is the biggest milestone of the project to date, which will undoubtedly transform the heart of our state’s transportation system. I am grateful for the Governor’s common-sense approach to moving Florida forward during this unprecedented time.” “Today’s event marks an amazing achievement for the state as well as the Central Florida community,” said Central Florida Expressway Authority Chairman Brenda Carey. “We appreciate the continued partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation and look forward to further improving mobility throughout the region.”

On April 11, Governor DeSantis and Secretary Thibault announced plans to open the I-4/S.R.408 interchange by Independence Day, which was ahead of schedule. Since then, the Department was able to further accelerate work by more than 6 weeks, opening four new I-4/S.R. 408 ramps along with the eastbound S.R. 408 ramp to westbound I-4.

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