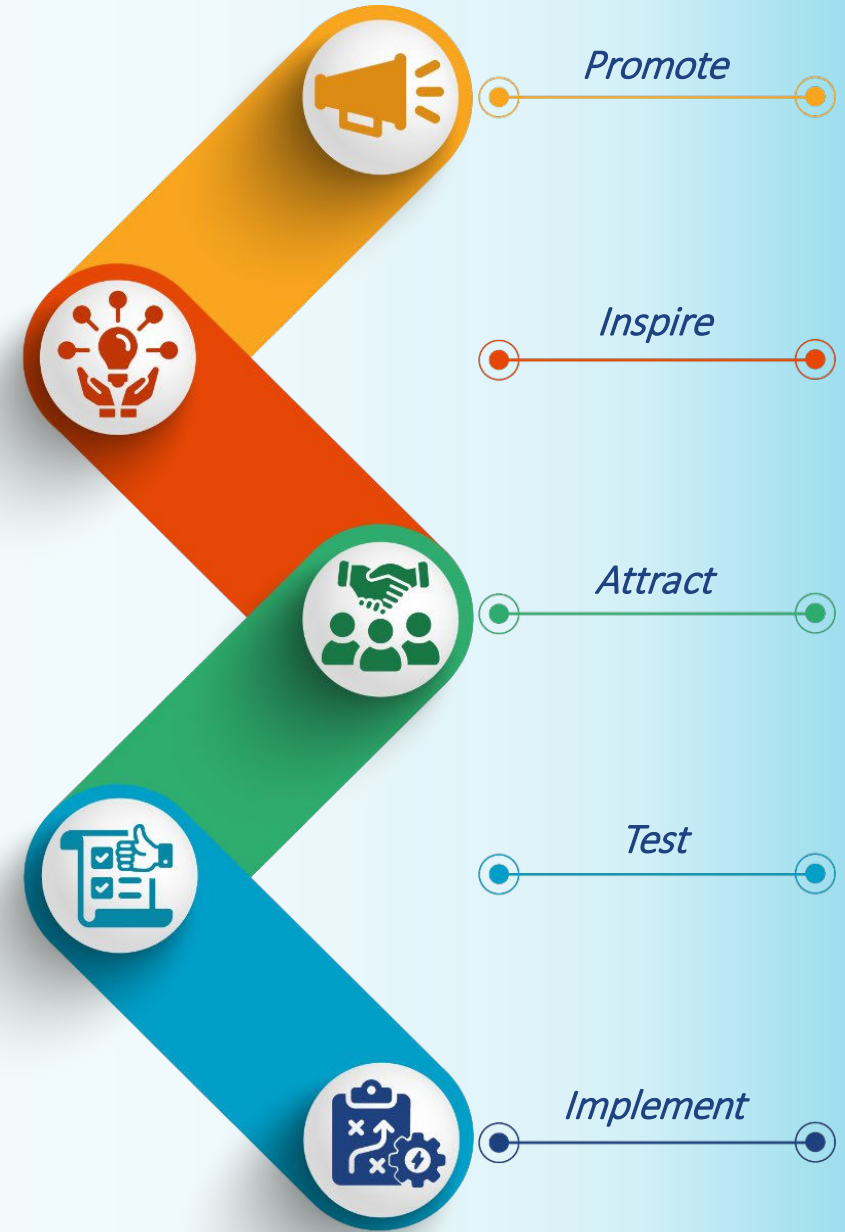
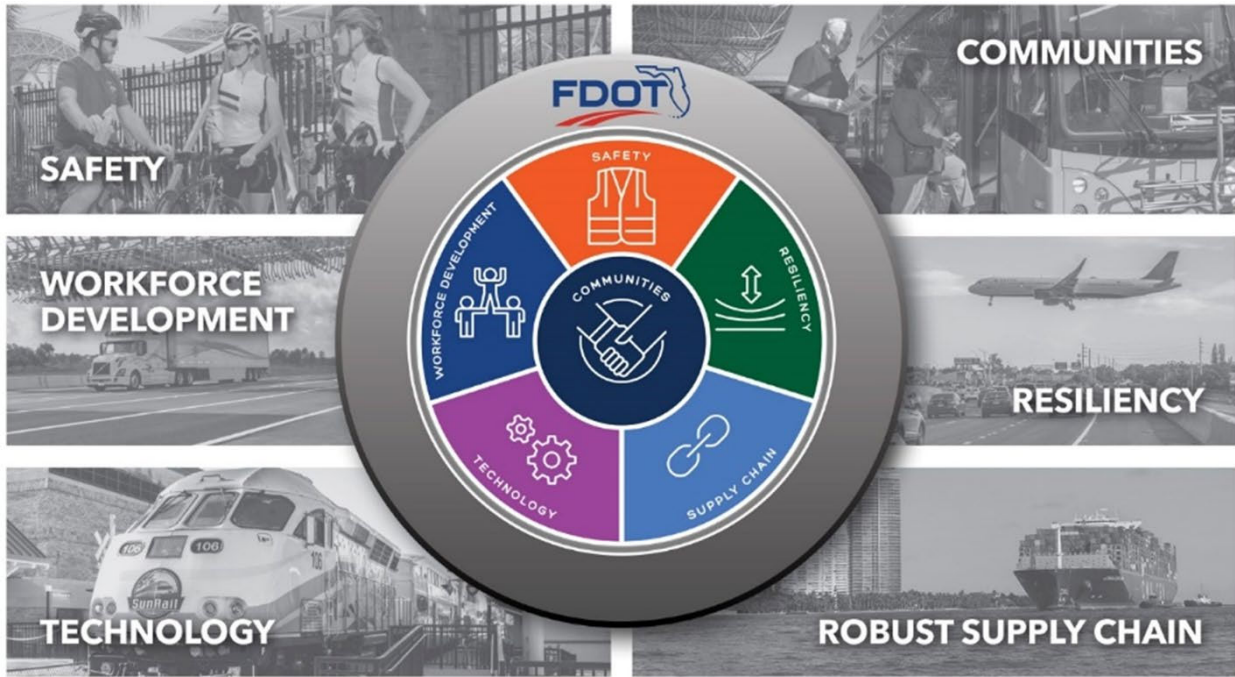


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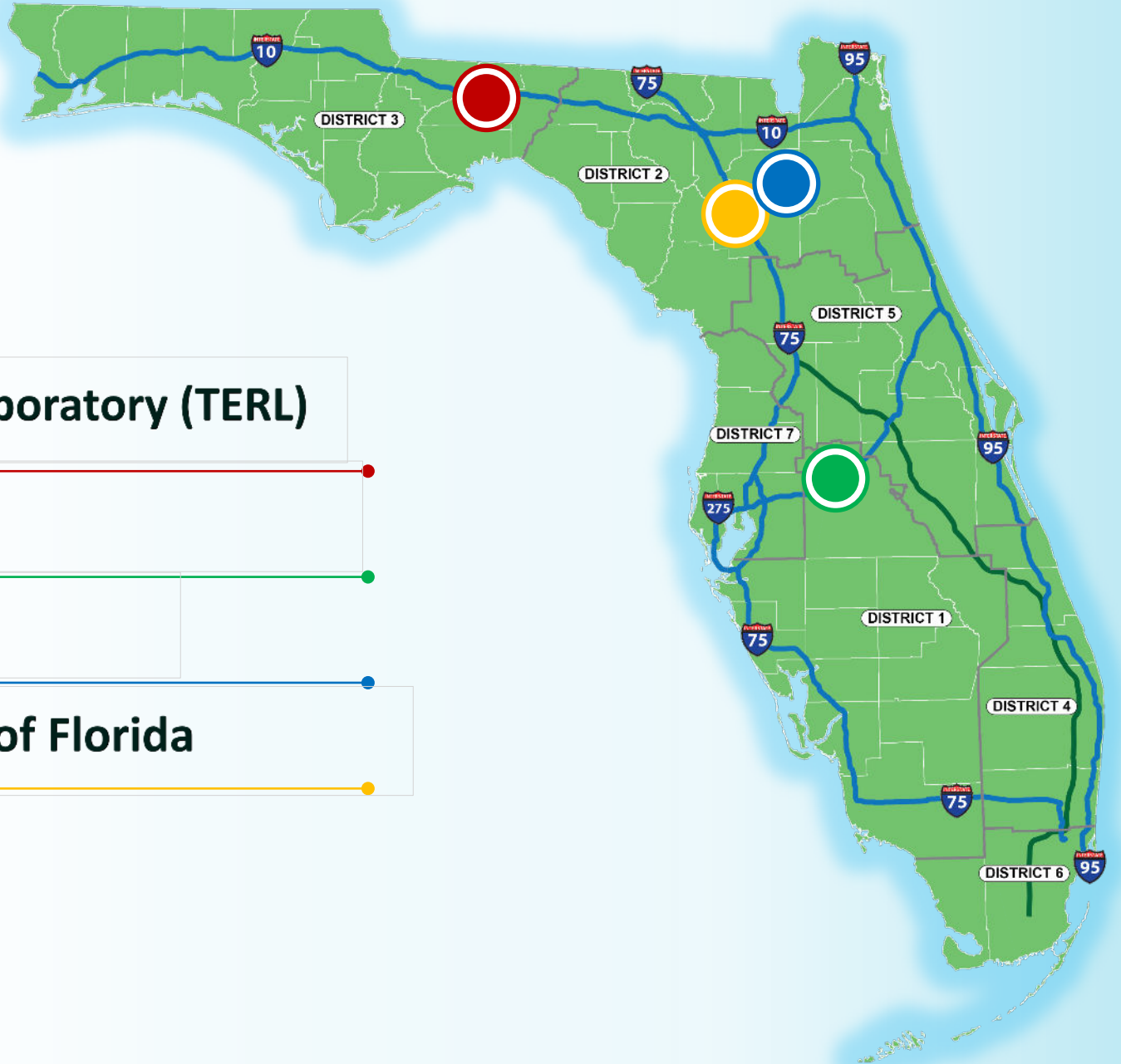
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Transportation Technology Office  
Florida Department of Transportation

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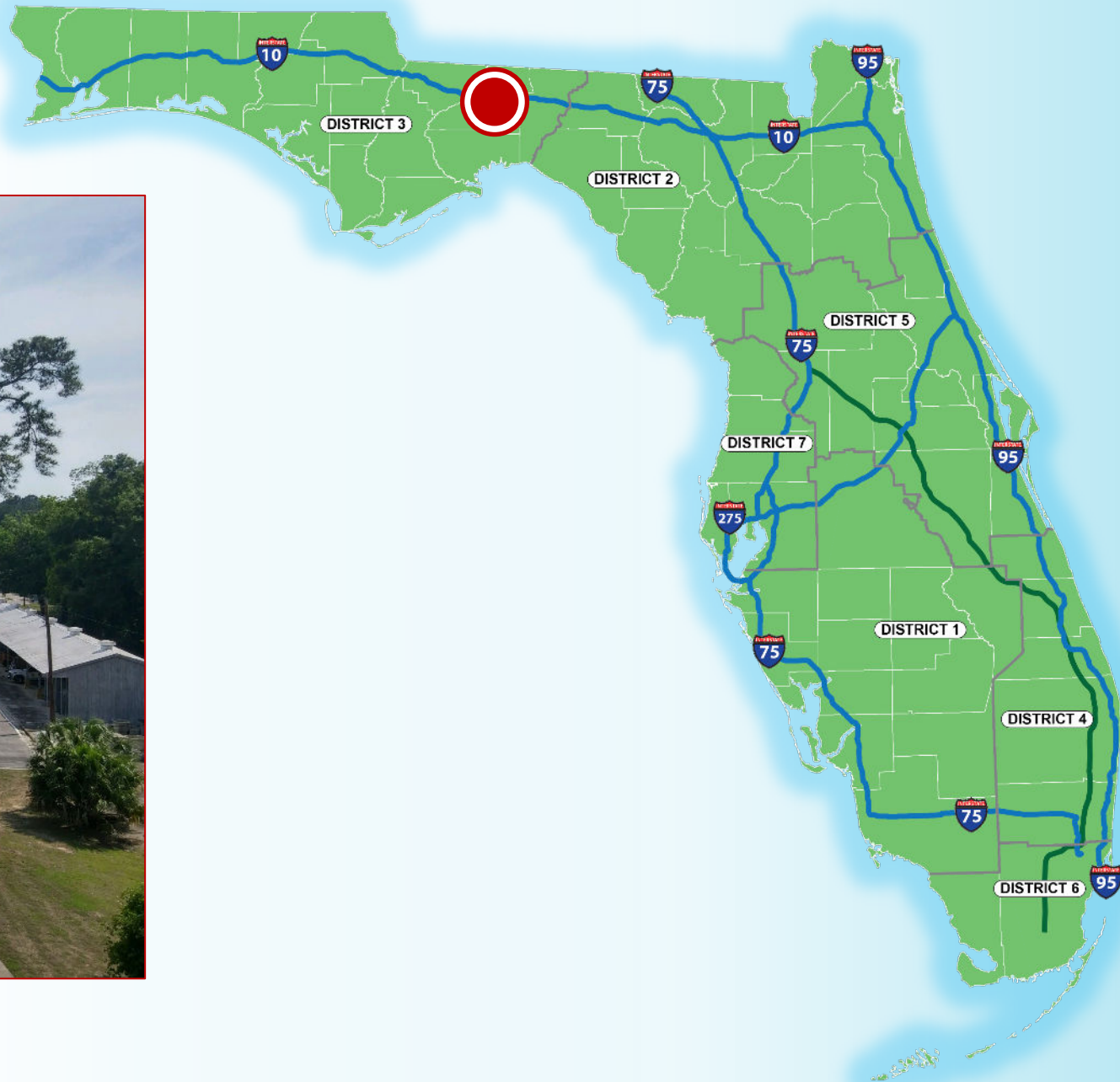
# Research Facilities

<b>Traffic Engineering Research Laboratory (TERL)</b>
<b>SunTrax</b>
<b>Concrete Test Road</b>
<b>I-STREET: University of Florida</b>





# Traffic Engineering Research Laboratory (TERL)



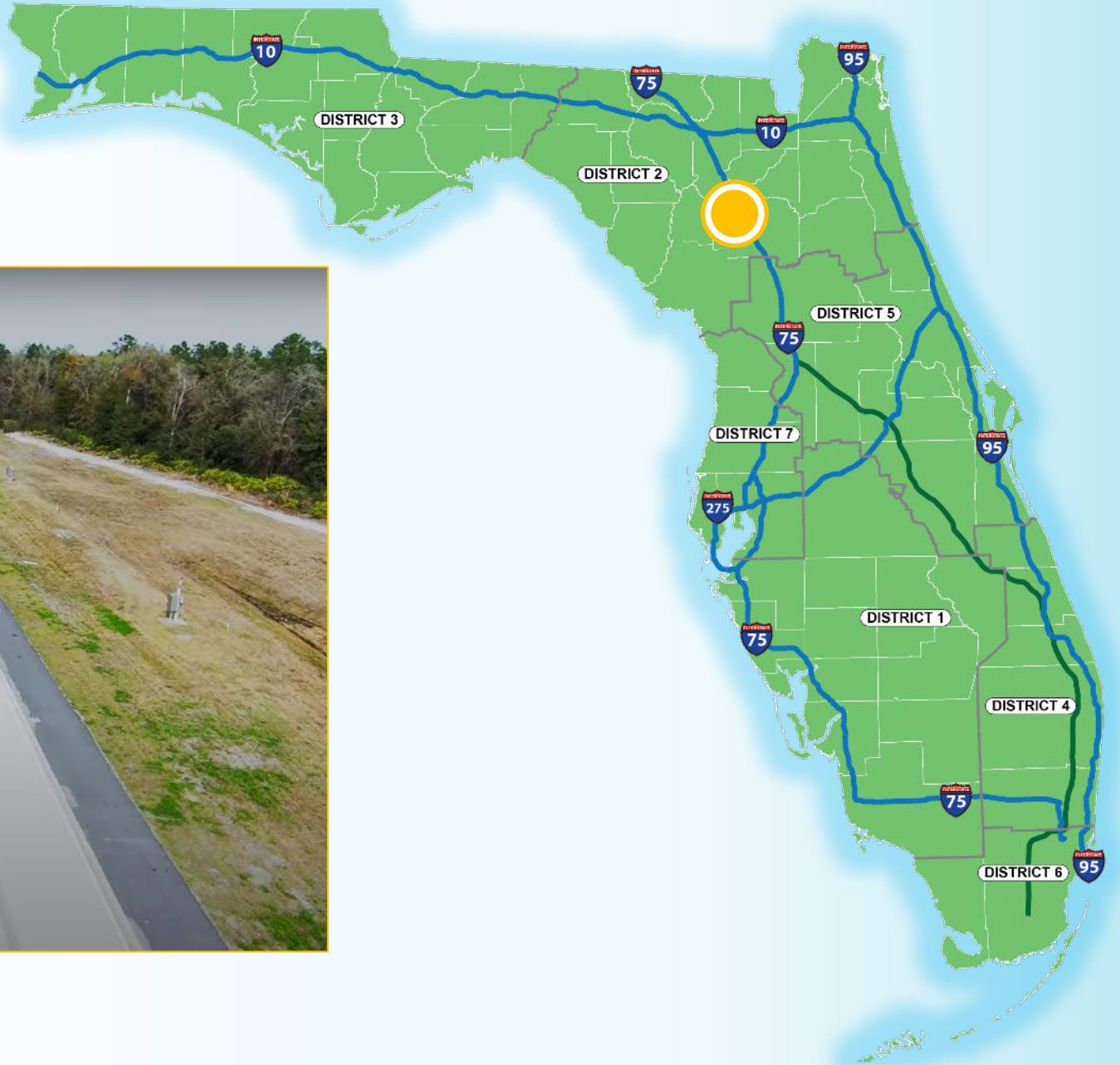


# SunTrax





# Concrete Test Road



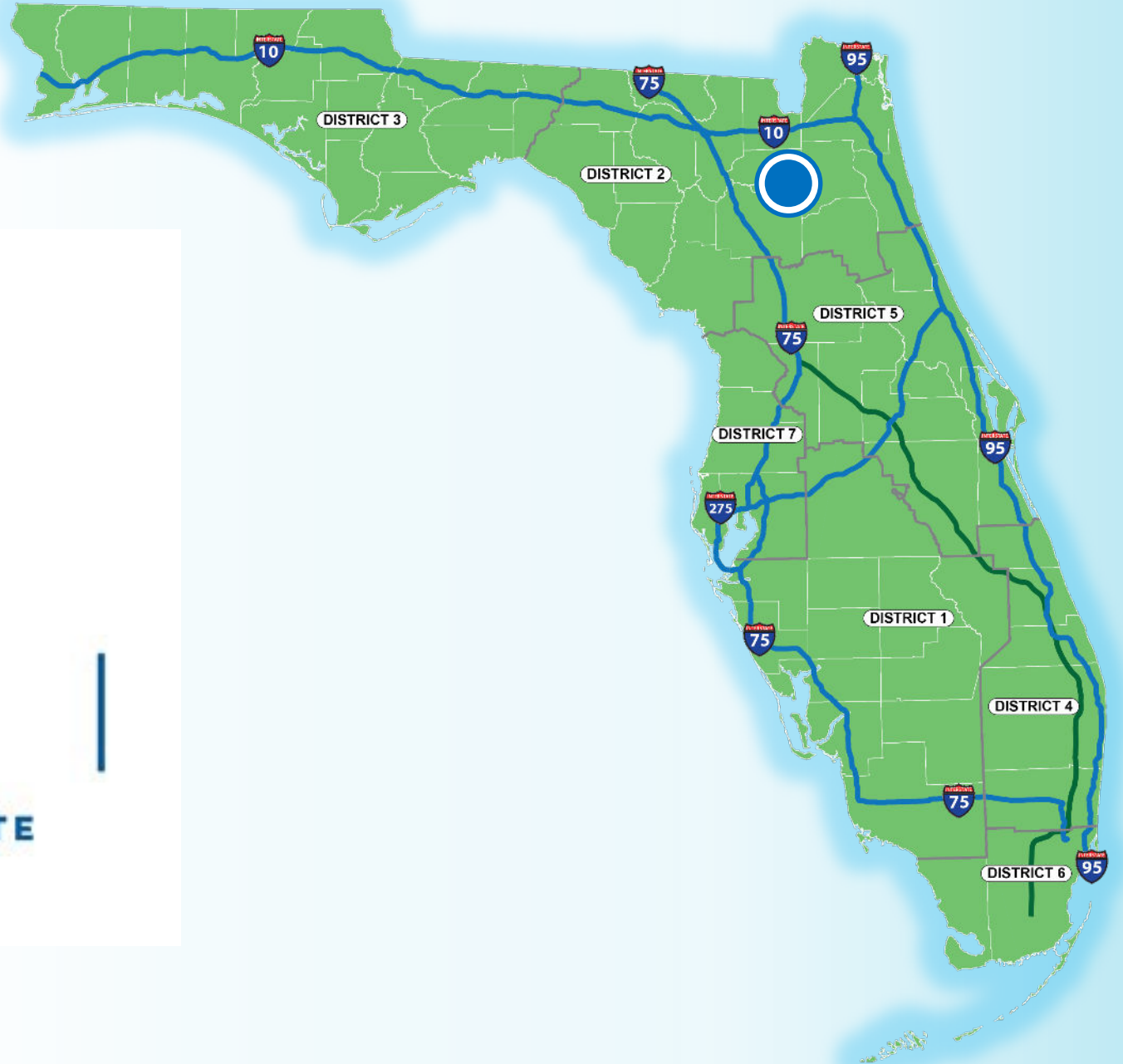


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# FDOT Traffic Engineering Research Lab: Testing for Implementation



**Rudy Powell, P.E.**

Director

State Traffic Engineering & Operations Office, Florida Department of Transportation



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC ENGINEERING RESEARCH LAB

## ***TESTING FOR IMPLEMENTATION***

Rudy Powell, Jr., PE

Director, FDOT Traffic Engineering and Operations

# TRAFFIC ENGINEERING RESEARCH LAB

- Conducts evaluations of Traffic Control Devices for listing on the Approved Product List (APL)
- Develops statewide specifications for Traffic Control Devices
- Represents FDOT on National Standards Development Organizations
  - NTCIP National Committees
    - NTCIP 1218 – ITS Protocol Object Definitions for Roadside Units (RSUs)
- Supports research into new traffic technologies conducted by FDOT and University partners





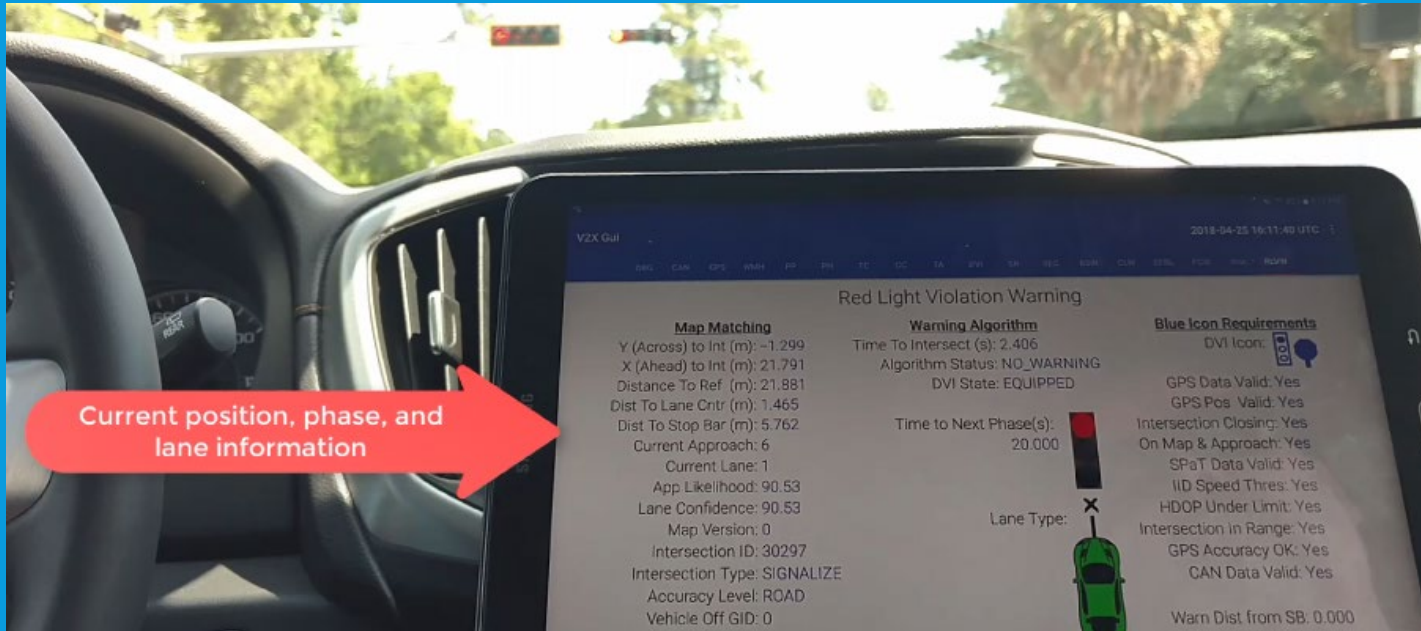
# SUPPORT FOR FDOT CAV PROGRAM

- Traffic Control Device Permit Process
- Statewide Specification Development
  - Developmental Specification 681
    - Requirements for CV Roadside Equipment (RSE)
      - RSUs (Roadside Units)
      - Edge Computing Devices
- FDOT CV Procurement Support



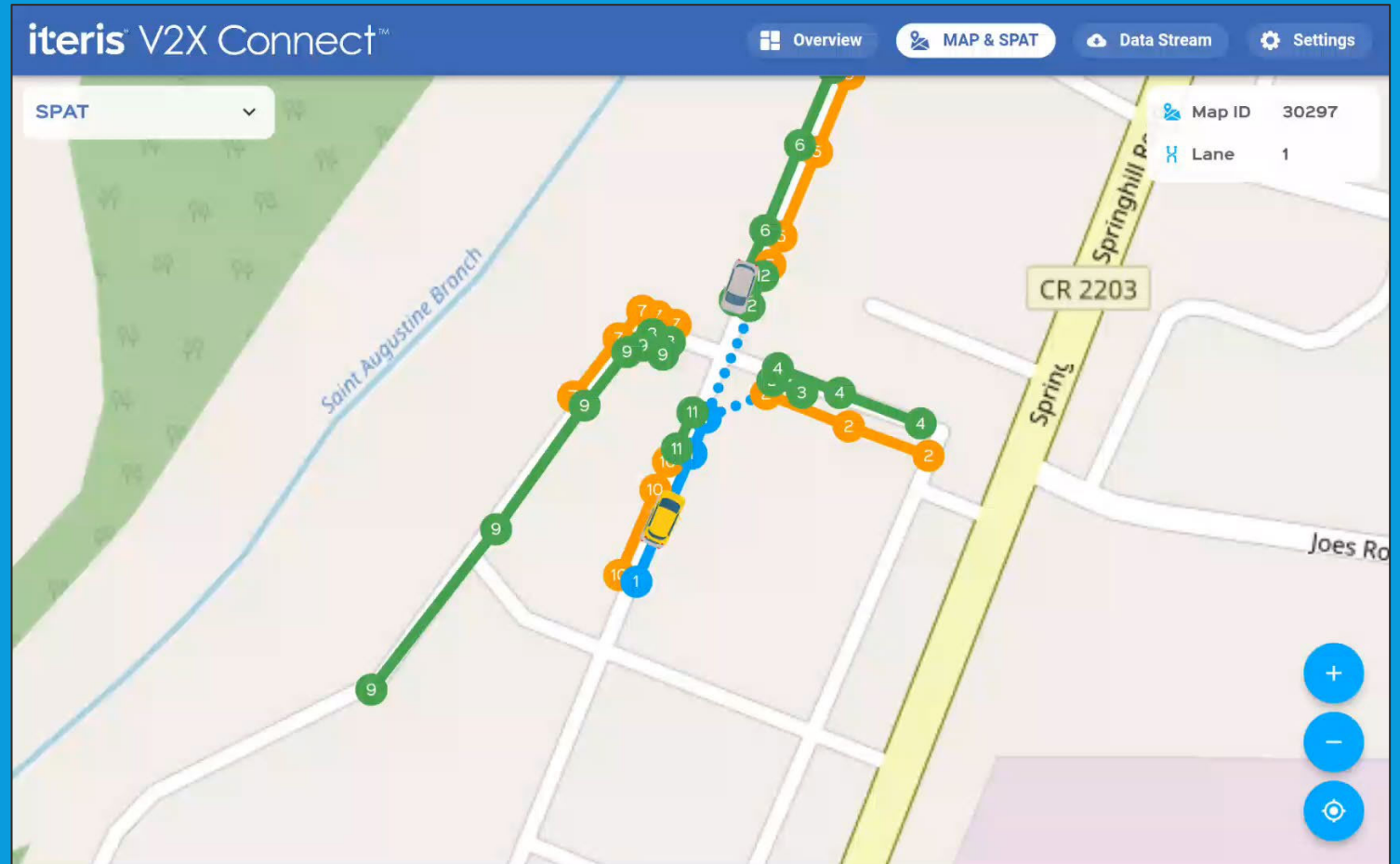
# TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE TERL

- Gainesville Trapezium
- Gainesville & UF Bike-Ped
- D5 Ped-Safe/Greenway
- D5 Ped-Safe 2
- Tallahassee SPAT
- D2 I-75 FRAME



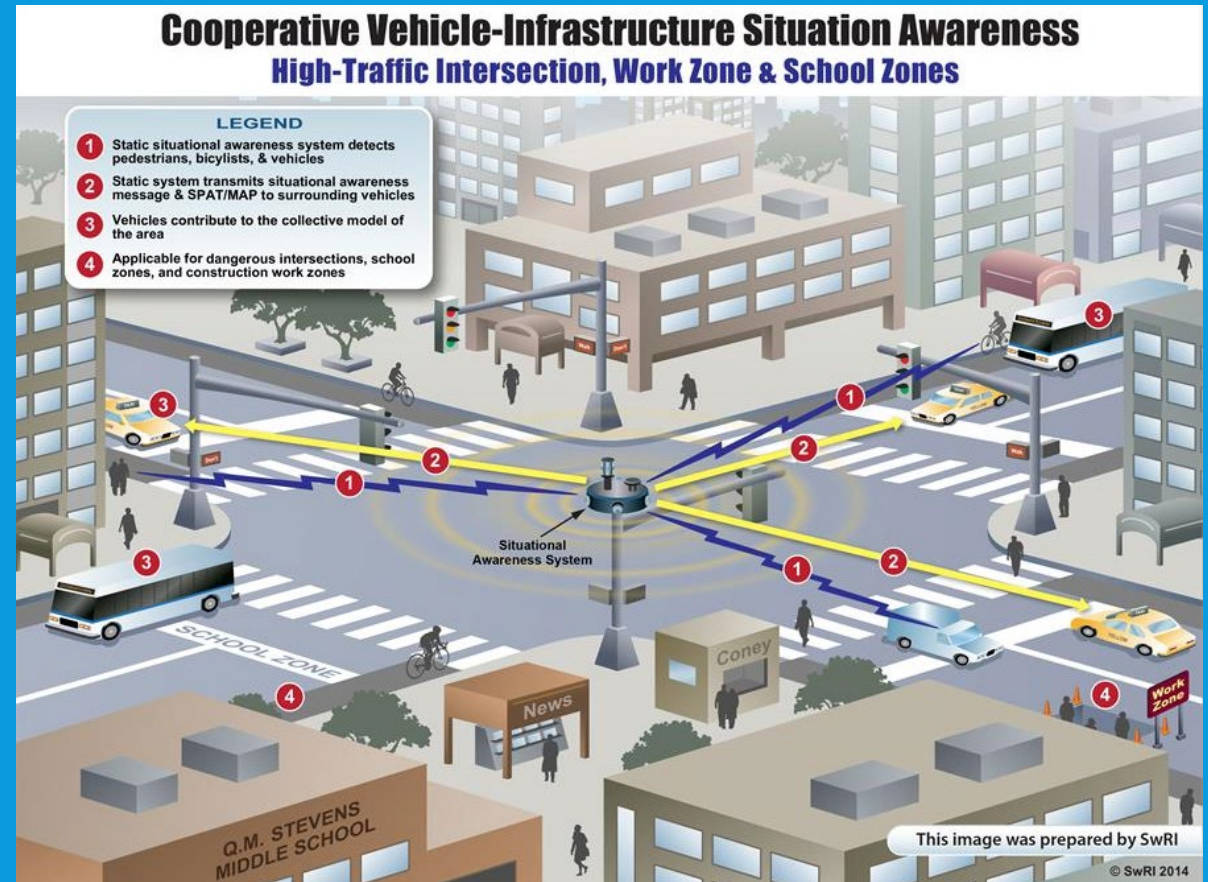


# TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE TERL



# CV DEVICES AND DEVICES WITH CV FEATURES

- Intersection Situational Awareness
  - ATC Signal Controllers and SPAT
  - Infrastructure generates data for unequipped users
- Roadside Infrastructure
  - RSUs
    - One listed under the FDOT Developmental Specification – Not APL Approved
    - Three RSUs currently under evaluation
  - OBUs
    - Focus on portable and semi-permanent aftermarket units for demonstration and validation of infrastructure



# LOOKING FORWARD

- C-V2X Transition
- Developmental Specification Updates
- Promote System Maturity
  - System Integration
    - RSU Health Monitoring System
    - Statewide SCMS
  - Interoperability
    - Standards-based Communication
      - NTCIP
      - SDO Participation
  - Cybersecurity
  - Vendor Engagement
  - Research

**FDOT IntelliConnect**

Monitor Events & Devices | Configure Detection & Alerts | Manage Devices | Analyze & Report

Incident & Device Health Map | Roadside Equipment Analytics

Address, City OR ST    Device Type & Statuses ▾

Map | Satellite





# THANK YOU!

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# SunTrax as the Center for Transportation Research, Development and Testing



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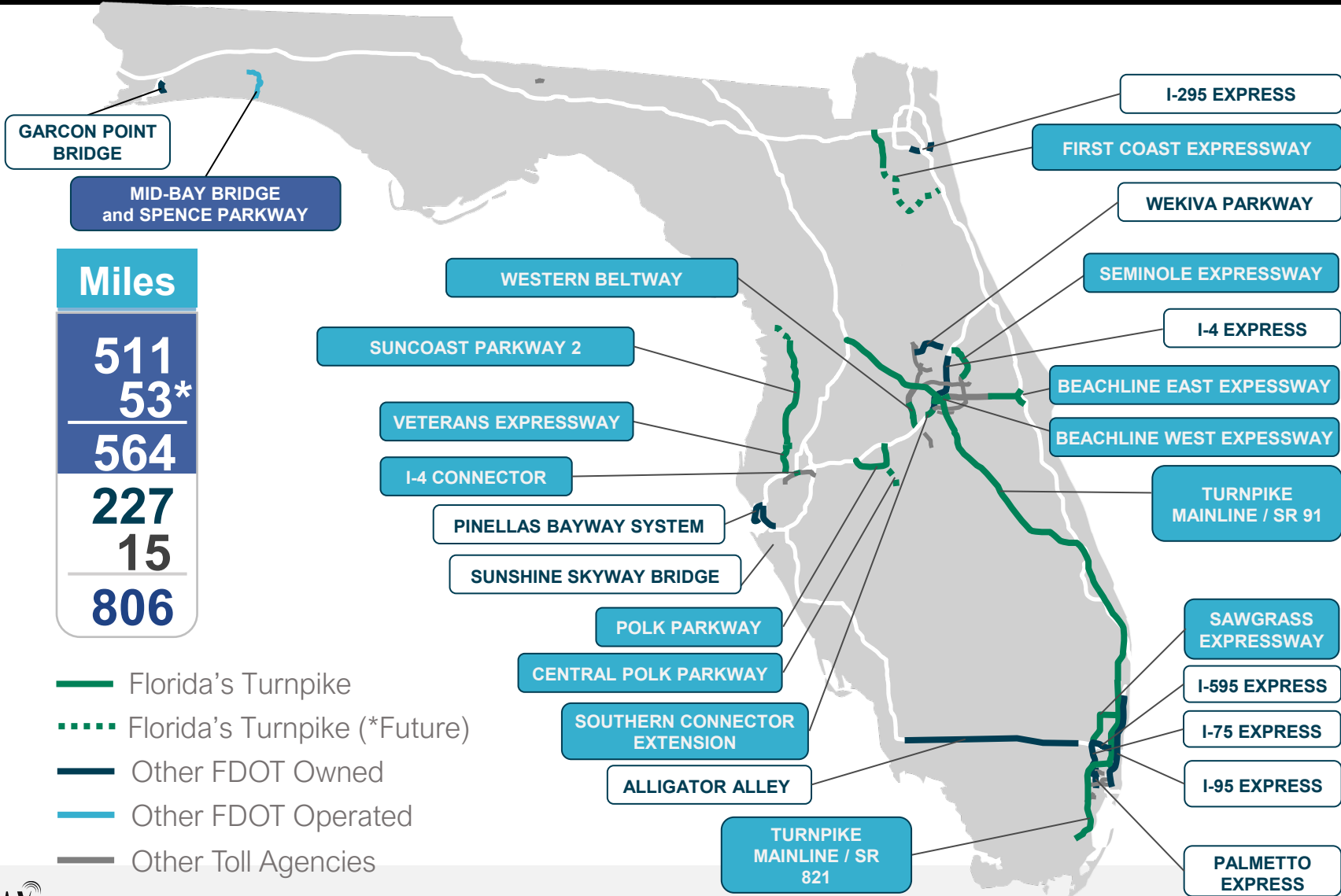
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# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE



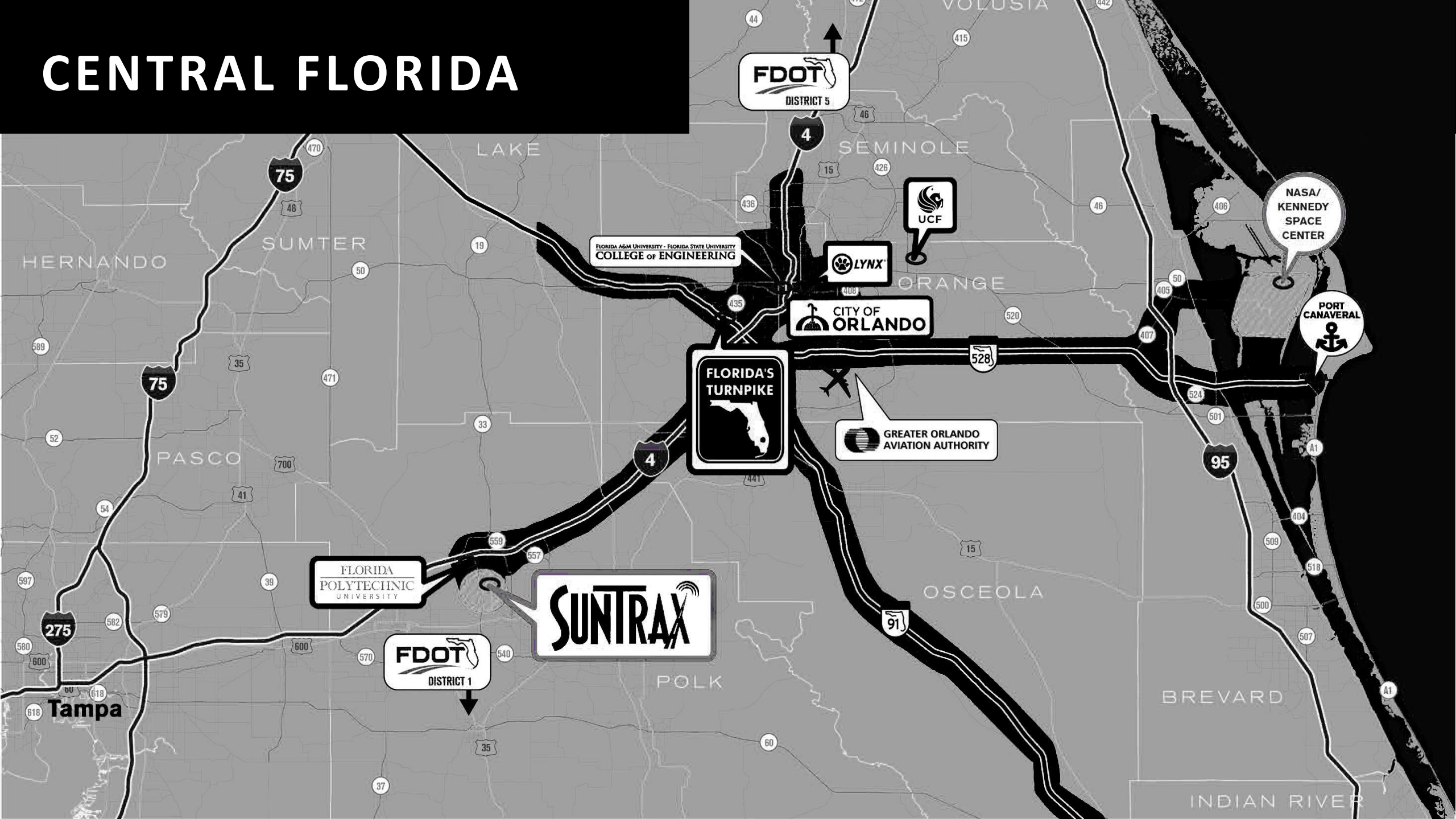
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**SERVING  
29  
COUNTIES**

**85%  
OF FLORIDA'S  
POPULATION**

# CENTRAL FLORIDA



**FDOT**  
DISTRICT 5

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY - FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**FDOT**  
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**Tampa**

INDIAN RIVER

## OUR MISSION

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To accelerate the future  
of transportation

## OUR VISION

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A continuously-evolving center  
for the development of  
innovative technologies that  
improve transportation safety,  
efficiency, and accessibility





# ABOUT SUNTRAX

Originally conceived for the development of toll technology to help meet long-standing goals for national interoperability, SunTrax has evolved into an innovative testing ground for the development of emerging transportation solutions with a focus on Autonomous, Connected, and Electric Vehicles (ACES).

SunTrax is LEED Certified.





# INFIELD FEATURES

- 1 Main Entry Campus
- 2 Workshops / Warehouses
- 3 Roadway Geometry Track
- 4 Loop Tracks
- 5 Oval Track
- 6 Urban / Suburban
- 7 Pick-Up / Drop-Off
- 8 Noise, Vibration, & Harshness
- 9 Technology Pad



Varied Environments



Diverse Scenarios



Highly Reconfigurable



# WHY FLORIDA – OUR ADVANTAGE



- ✓ Autonomous-Friendly Regulatory Climate
- ✓ Transportation + Infrastructure Investment
- ✓ Business Development + Research

# GRAND OPENING

On June 12, 2023, the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Turnpike Enterprise celebrated the official grand opening of SunTrax, with a ceremony attended by elected officials, local representatives, community leaders, and partners.





# TOLLS TESTING AT SUNTRAX



## SITE FEATURES

- *Multi-Lane, Reversible, Independent Straightaways*
- *4 Toll Sites / Gantries*
- *Single Location for All Scenarios*

## TESTING TO DATE

- *FTE's 3 Current Toll Vendors*
- *Transponder Interoperability*
- *License Plate Recognition*
- *Wrong-Way Detection*



# TECHNOLOGY TESTING

CARMA



BEEP / OXA



FLOCON





# SECURITY AT SUNTRAX

- Complex 24-hour Security
- Sector Security with Passcode Access Only
- Visual Barriers
- High Definition Monitoring

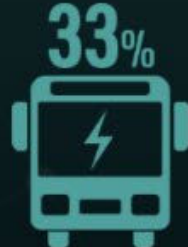


# TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION

## “THE WORLD IN 2030”



250 million electrified vehicles



33 percent of buses will be electric



Global electricity demand will reach 770 TWh



Power capacity from installed chargers will reach 1.1TW

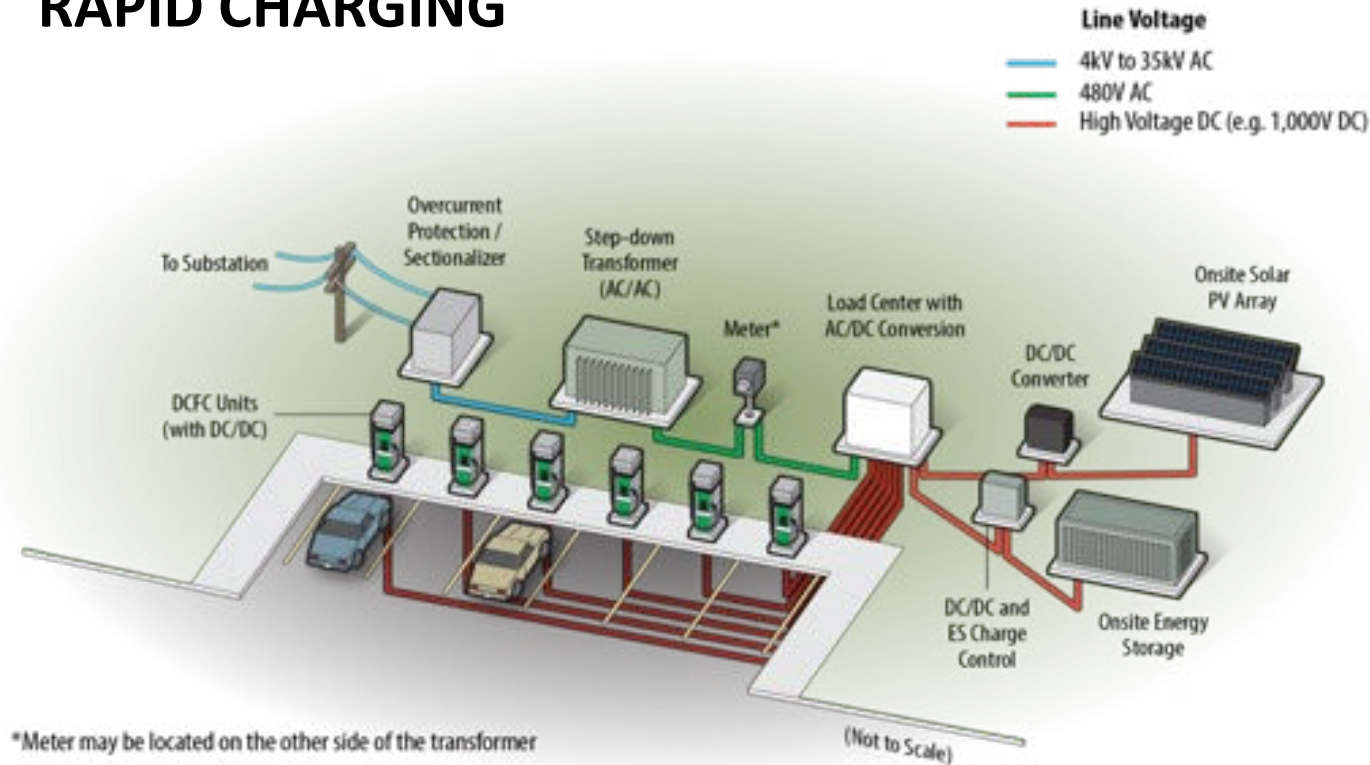


Electrified vehicle use will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 90 percent



# TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION

## RAPID CHARGING

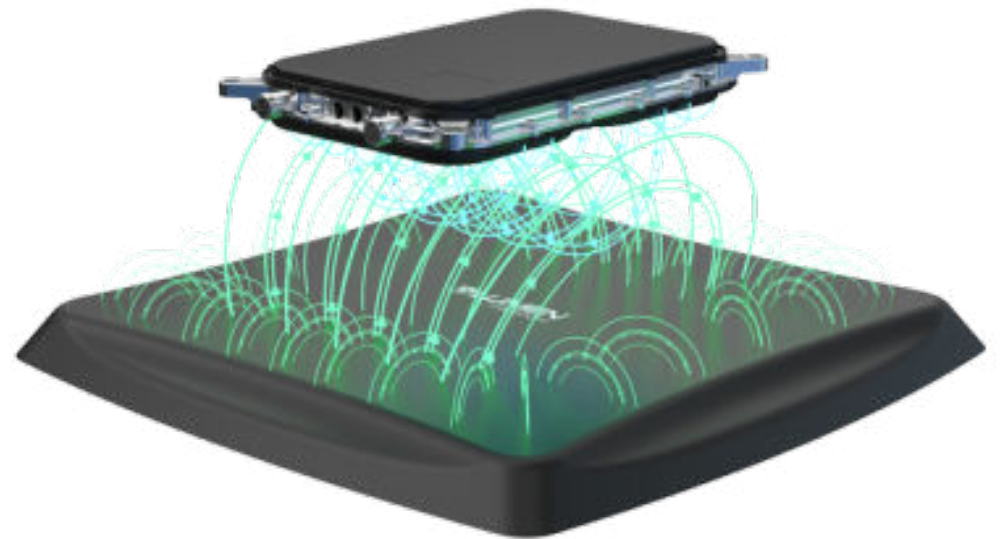


- ✓ Conventional paradigm
- ✓ Target: 15 min charge
- ✓ Costly infrastructure and demand charges
  - INL study: huge investment for “station” model
  - Anticipated \$5-6 per gallon equivalent energy costs
- ✓ Rapid battery degradation with repeated fast charge
- ✓ Not as suitable for larger vehicles, fleet vehicles, or autonomous vehicles broader adoption among MDV, HDV, longer range/fleets (including LDV)

# TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION



**LUMEN**  
FREEDOM





# TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION

## Inductive Wireless Charging Pavement Impacts



# TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION



PowerTrax





# SUNTRAX<sup>®</sup>

Thank You



# The Hub for Innovative Materials – Concrete Test Road and More



**Sue Zheng, PhD, PE**  
Director, Office of Materials  
Florida Department of Transportation





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# **The Hub for Innovative Materials**

**US 301 Concrete Test Road and More**

# Outline

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## ✓ *FDOT Pavement Testing Facilities*

- *HVS*
- *Concrete Test Roads*

## ✓ *Pavement Marking Assessment*

- *State of Practice Today*
- *Future Focus – On-going Research*

## ✓ *Pavement Condition Assessment*

- *Quality of “Bread and Butter” - LCMS*
- *Data Interpretation and Reporting*



# ***FDOT's APT Facilities: Overview***

## ***✓ HVS Test Track Lanes (State Materials Office, Gainesville, FL)***

- Started in 2000*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Round (HVS 10) Studies Are Ongoing*

## ***✓ US-301 Concrete Test Road (Clay County, FL)***

- Test Road Opened to Traffic (March 14. 2023)*
- First Performance Monitoring Completed (August 18. 2023)*

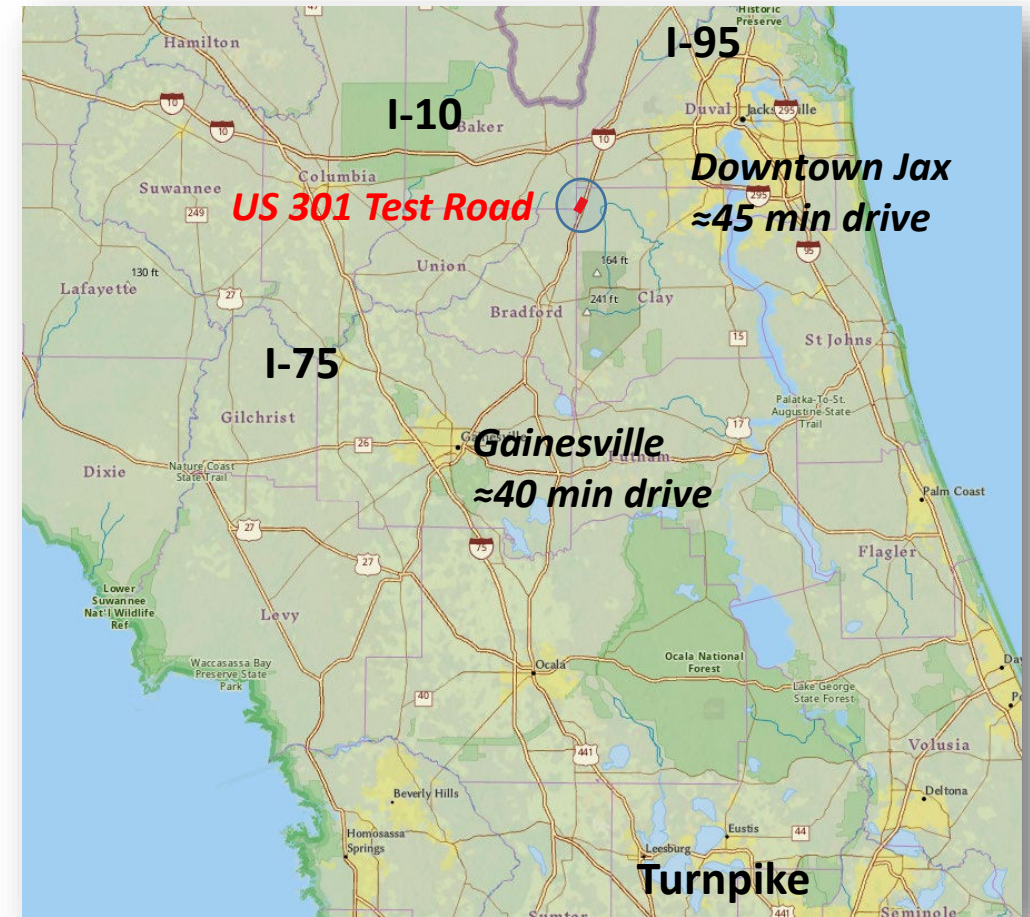
## ***✓ US-301 Asphalt Test Road (Clay County, FL)***

- Experimental Design Completed*
- Construction Starts September 2023*

# Concrete Test Road: Location

## ✓ Location

- Clay County, US 301 (SR 200)
- Adjacent to Existing NB Lanes
- Significant Truck Corridor Connecting SW & NE Florida
- Interconnects Multiple Seaports and Rail Yards





# Concrete Test Road: Objectives

## ✓ Objective

### • **Structural Experiment**

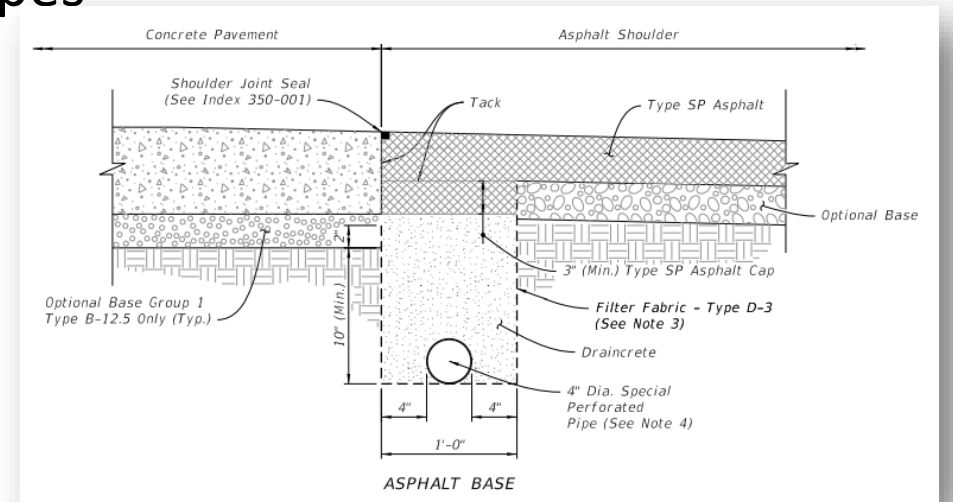
- Identify Optimum Concrete Pavement Design in Florida
- Evaluate the Performance of Alternative Base Types

### • **Drainage Experiment**

- Identify the Effectiveness of Edge Drains
- Should Be Required for All Concrete Pavements?

### • **Calibration Experiment**

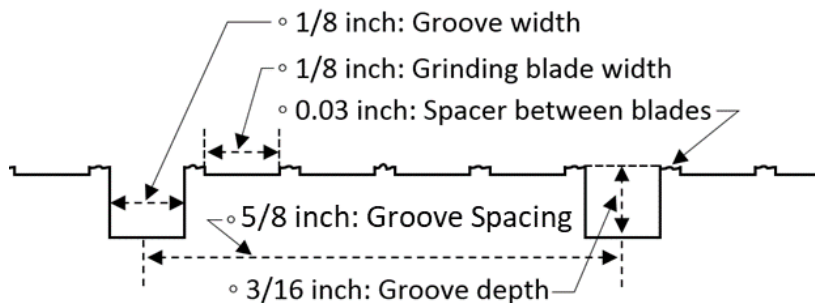
- Calibrate Pavement ME Cracking Models



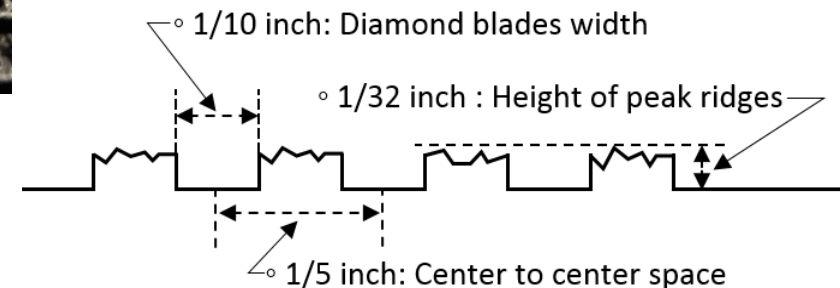
# Concrete Test Road: Surface Characteristics

## ✓ Applied Texture Types

- Next Gen. Concrete Surface
- Standard Bridge Deck Texture
- Longitudinal Diamond Grind



**L Grinding + T Grooving**





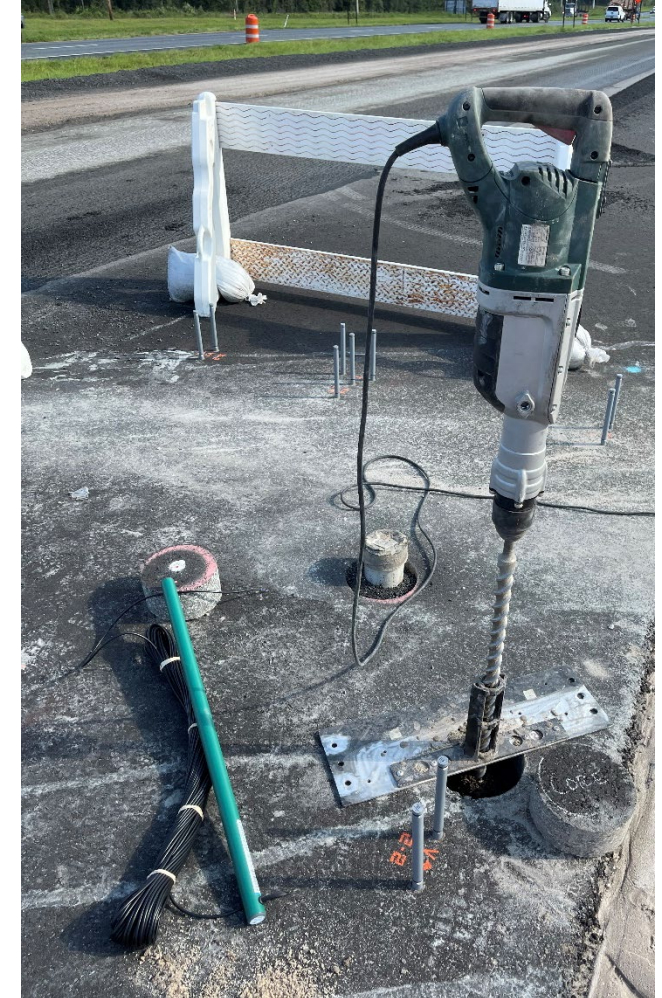
# Concrete Test Road: Instrumentation

## ✓ Pavement Response

- 760 Environmental Strain Gauges
- 470 Dynamic Strain Gauges
- 250 Fiber Optic Strain Gauges

## ✓ Temperature and Moisture

- 770 Thermocouples
- 40 Moisture Probes





# Concrete Test Road: Instrumentation

## ✓ *Environmental Condition*

- *2 Weather Stations*
- *4 Monitoring Wells*

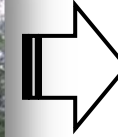
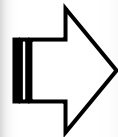
## ✓ *Effectiveness of Edge Drain*

- *8 Edge Drain Sensors*
  - How Much Water Is Being Drained?
  - How Long Do They Remain Functional?



# Concrete Test Road: Data Migration

## ✓ Sensor Data Transfer



FDOT Network  
SMO SQL Database





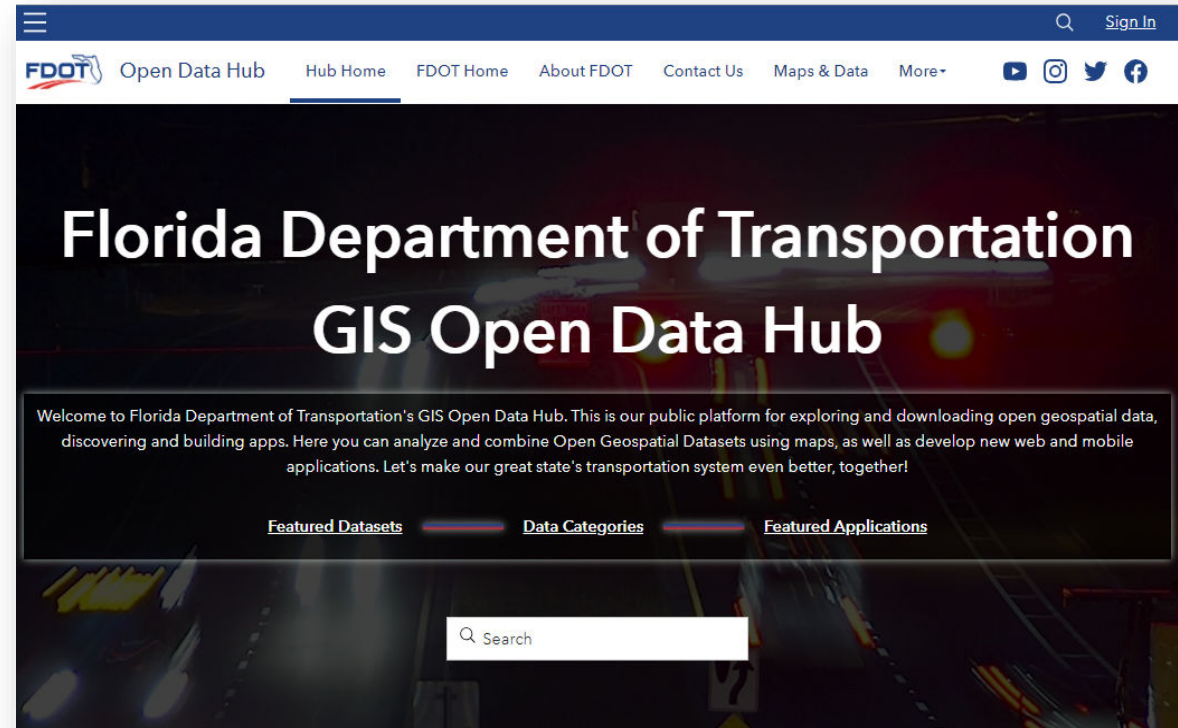
# Concrete Test Road: Data Migration

## ✓ *SQL Server database (Internal)*

- Construction History
- Material Test Results
- Performance Monitoring Data
- Instrumentation Data
- LTPP structure for tables/modules

## ✓ *FDOT Open Data Hub (Public)*

- Internet/ Web Access
- GIS Based Data

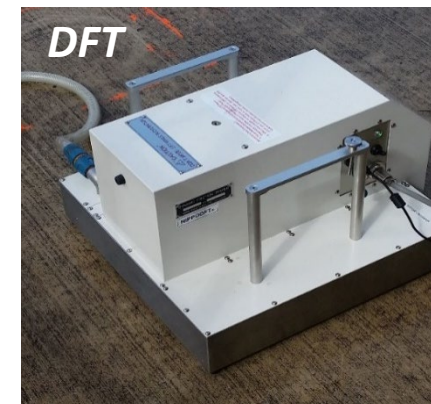
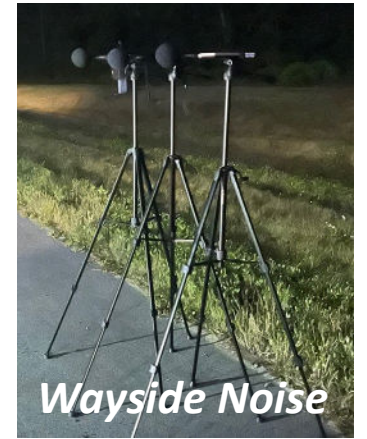


<https://gis-fdot.opendata.arcgis.com/>



# Concrete Test Road: Performance Monitoring

## ✓ Testing Equipment



# ***And More: Pavement Marking Assessment***

## ***✓ Statewide pavement marking retroreflectivity testing***

- Mobile Retroreflectivity Unit (MRU)
- Improves safety for the traveling public and field personnel

## ***✓ On-Going Research***

- Reflective pavement markings (RPM) assessment with MRU
- Pavement marking contrast assessment with MRU
- Wet weather marking material assessment (in the laboratory) with MRU



# ***And More – Pavement Condition Assessment***

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## ***✓ Quality of “Bread and Butter” – Introducing Laser Crack Measurement System***

- From Human to Machine
- From Qualitative to Quantitative

## ***✓ Data Interpretation and Reporting***

- From Data to Image
- From Image to Rating

# ***And More – Integration?***

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## ***✓ Opportunities***

- Real-Time Road Condition Monitoring
- Enhanced Safety
- Cost Efficiency

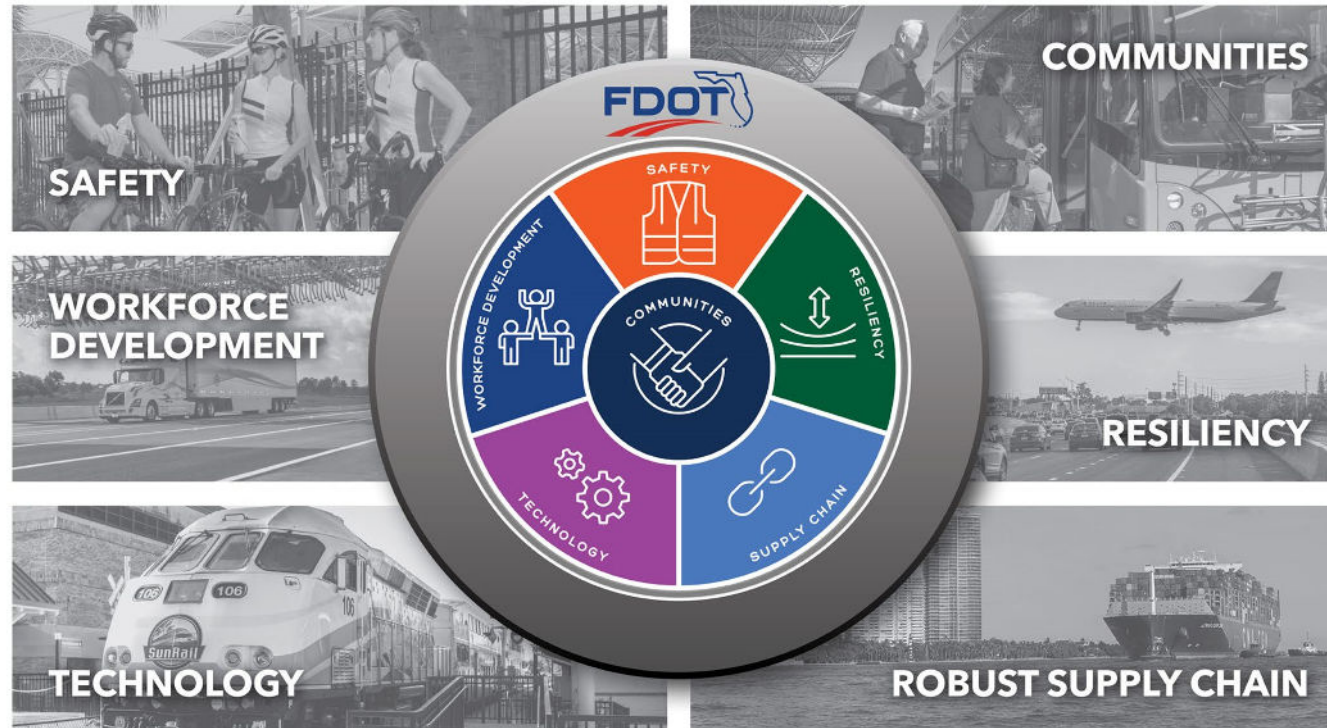
## ***✓ Challenges***

- Data Volume
- Interoperability
- Specialization and Generalizations





# Questions?



# The I-STREET Living Lab: A Resource for Testing, Innovation, and Workforce Development



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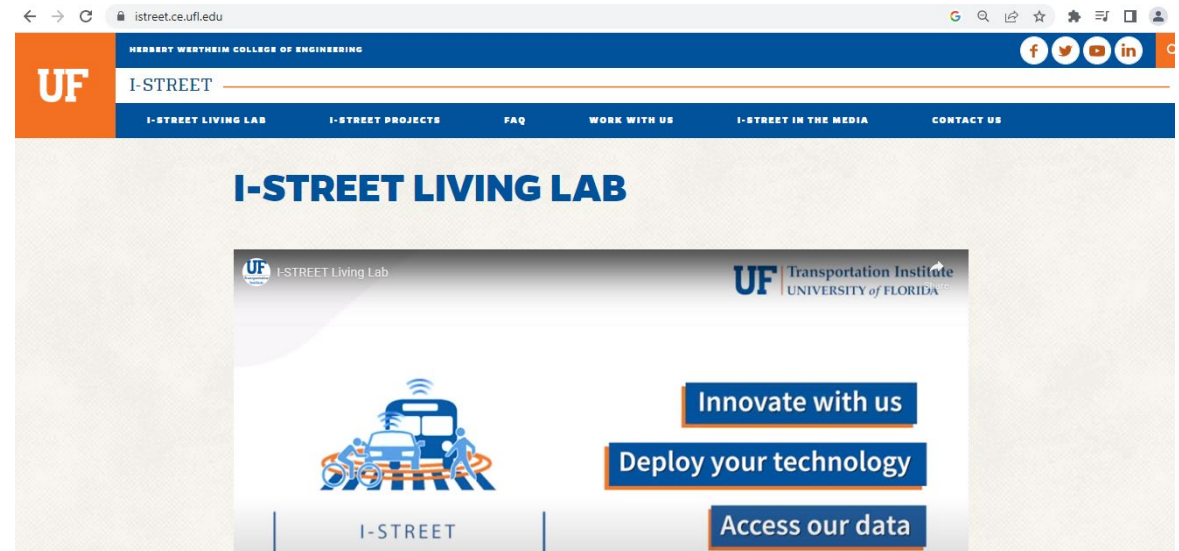
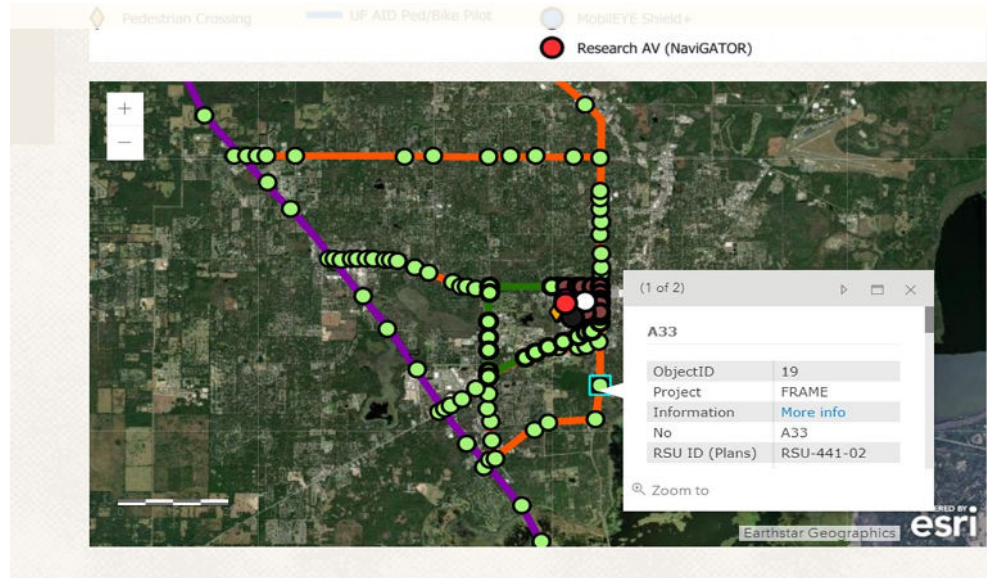


# I-STREET Living Lab

*A Collaboration of the UFTI with FDOT,  
the City of Gainesville, and industry*



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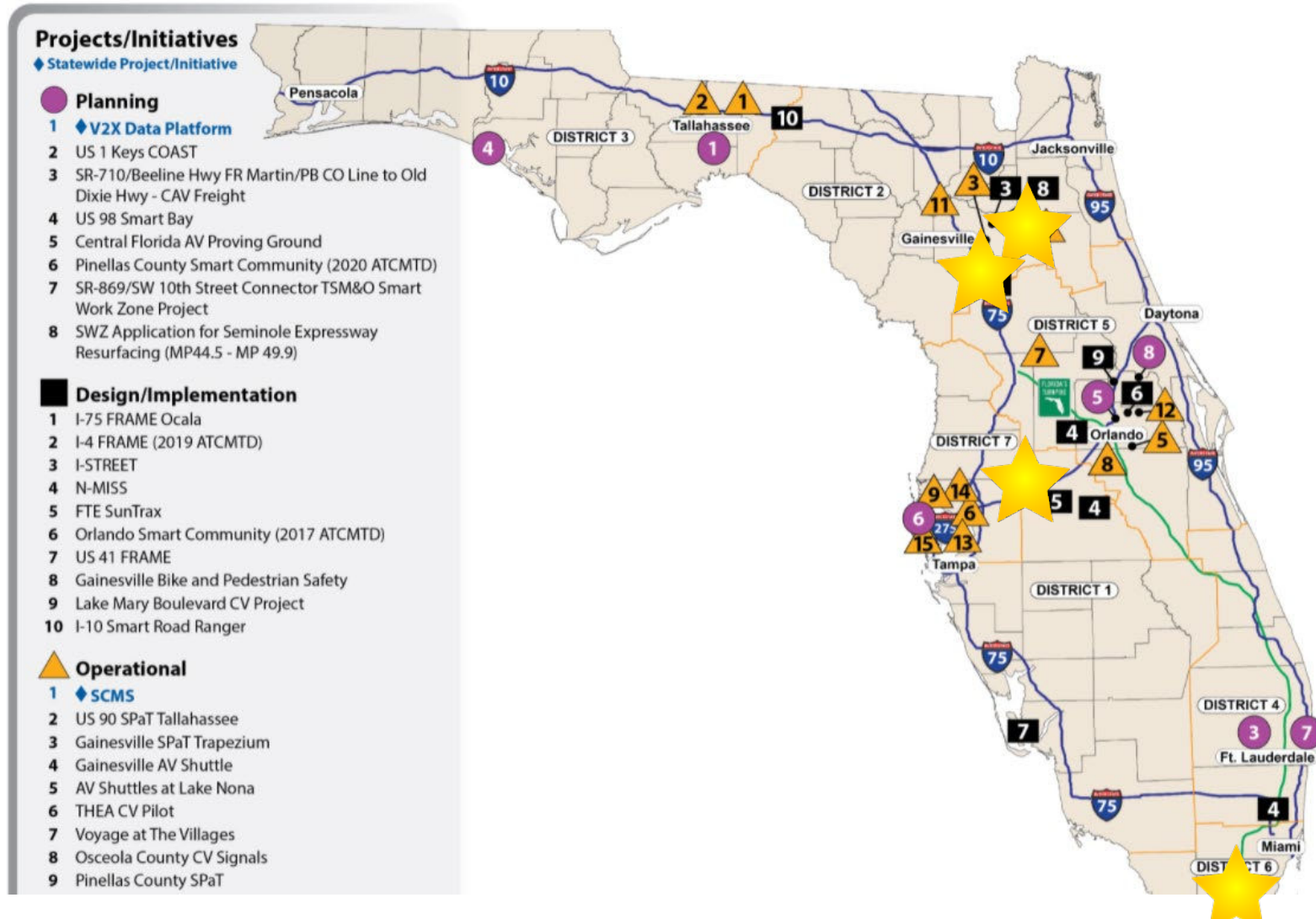
### *Research, Deployment, Education*

- **Collaboration** of UF, FDOT, City of Gainesville, industry partners
- Uses **advanced technologies** installed and embedded in the transportation infrastructure in Gainesville and across Florida.
- Examines **all modes** and evaluates the **system**
- Data, implementation, evaluations **across Florida**



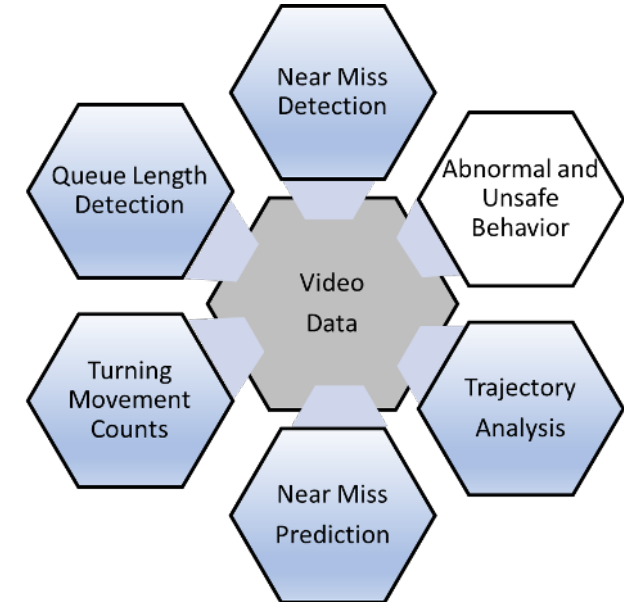
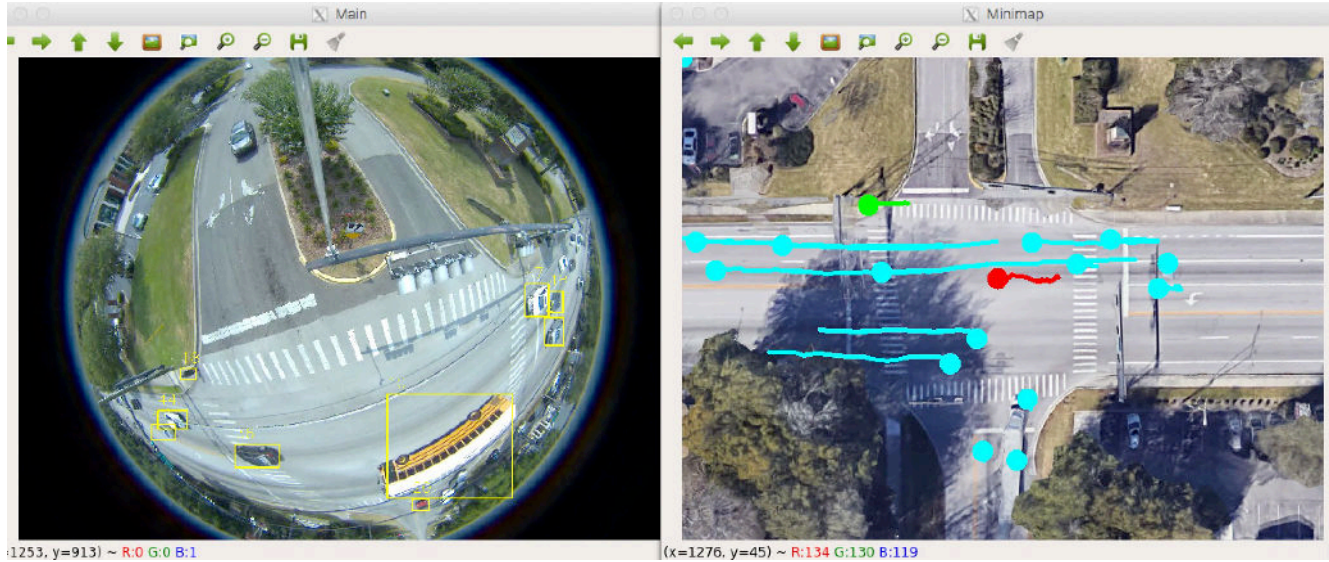


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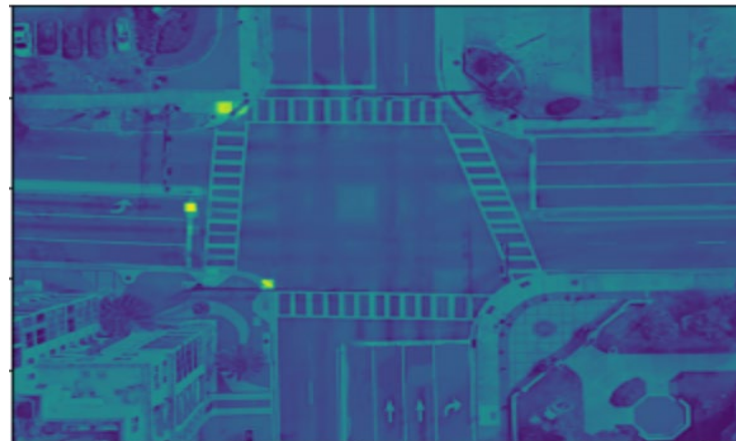




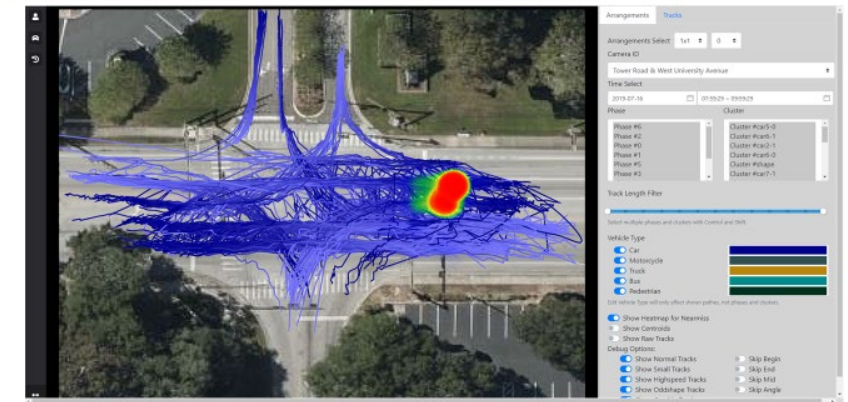
# Artificial Intelligence-Based Video Processing



Pedestrian to Vehicle Interactions



Vehicle to Vehicle Interactions



Real Time – 40 frames per second

**Cyan:** car **Green:** pedestrian  
**Yellow:** bus

# I-STREET DATA

Connected Vehicle Data

[View Data](#)

Autonomous Shuttle Data

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Near-Miss Trajectory

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Freeway Speed Flow Data

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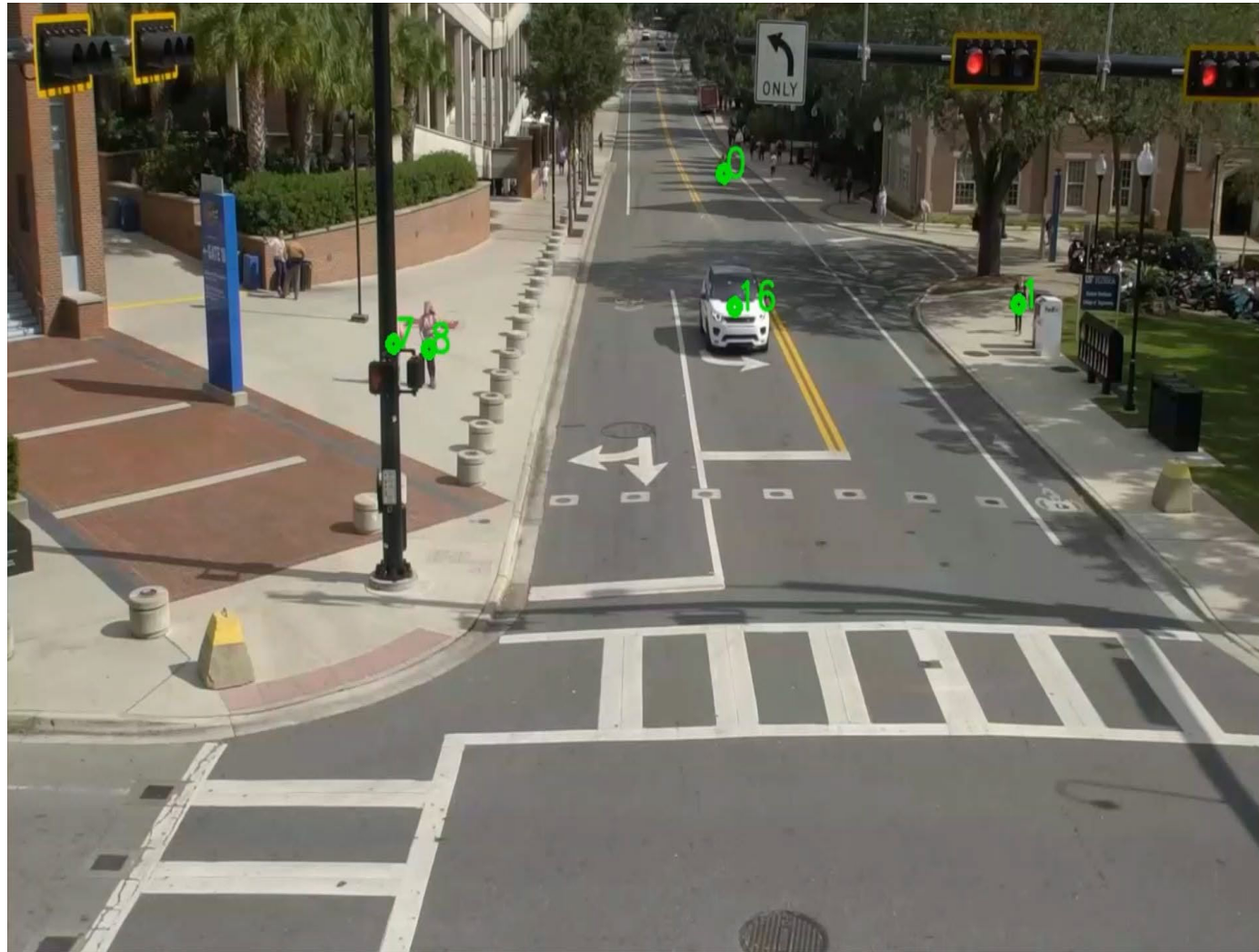
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Transit Bus Data

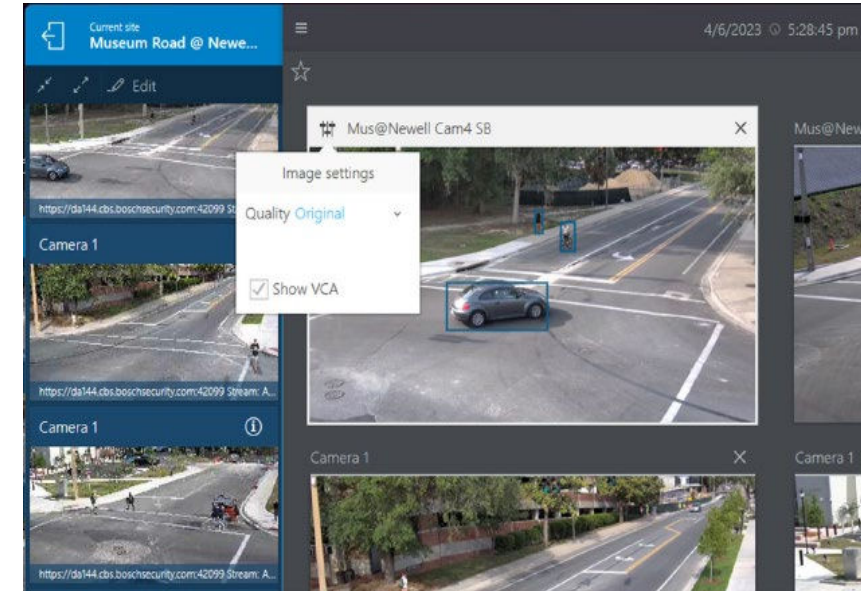
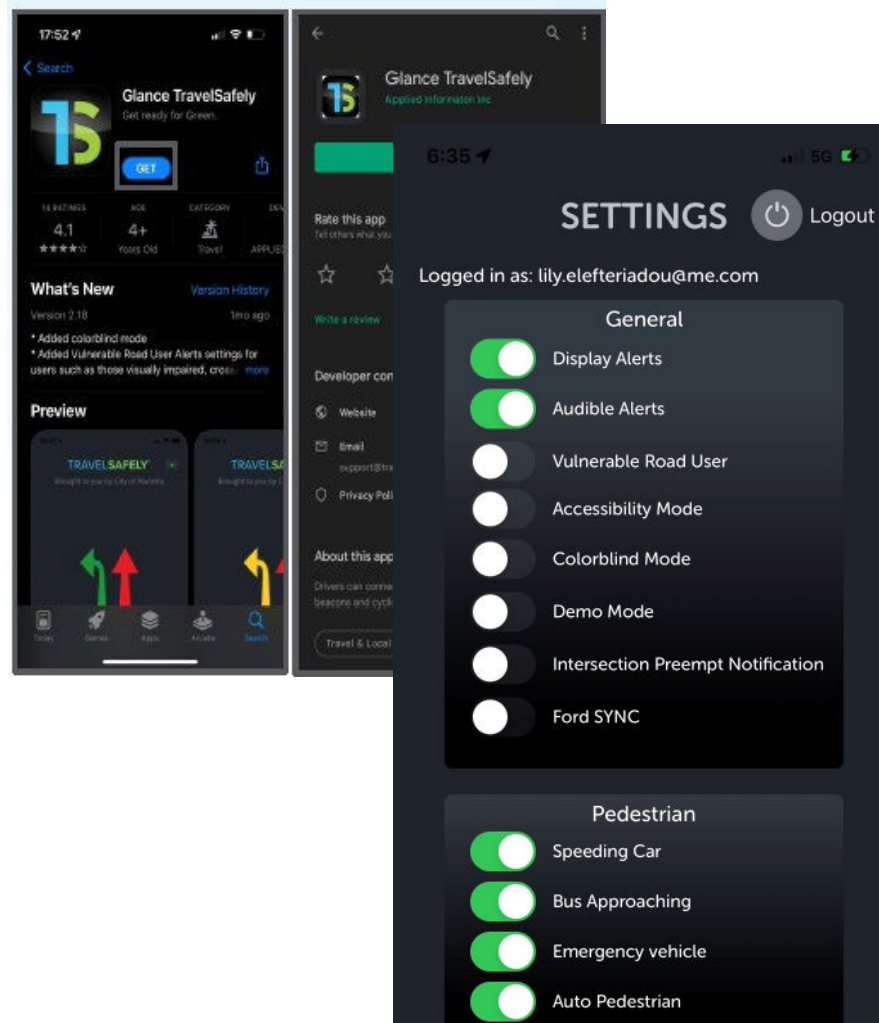
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# Sensor Fusion for Signal Control Optimization

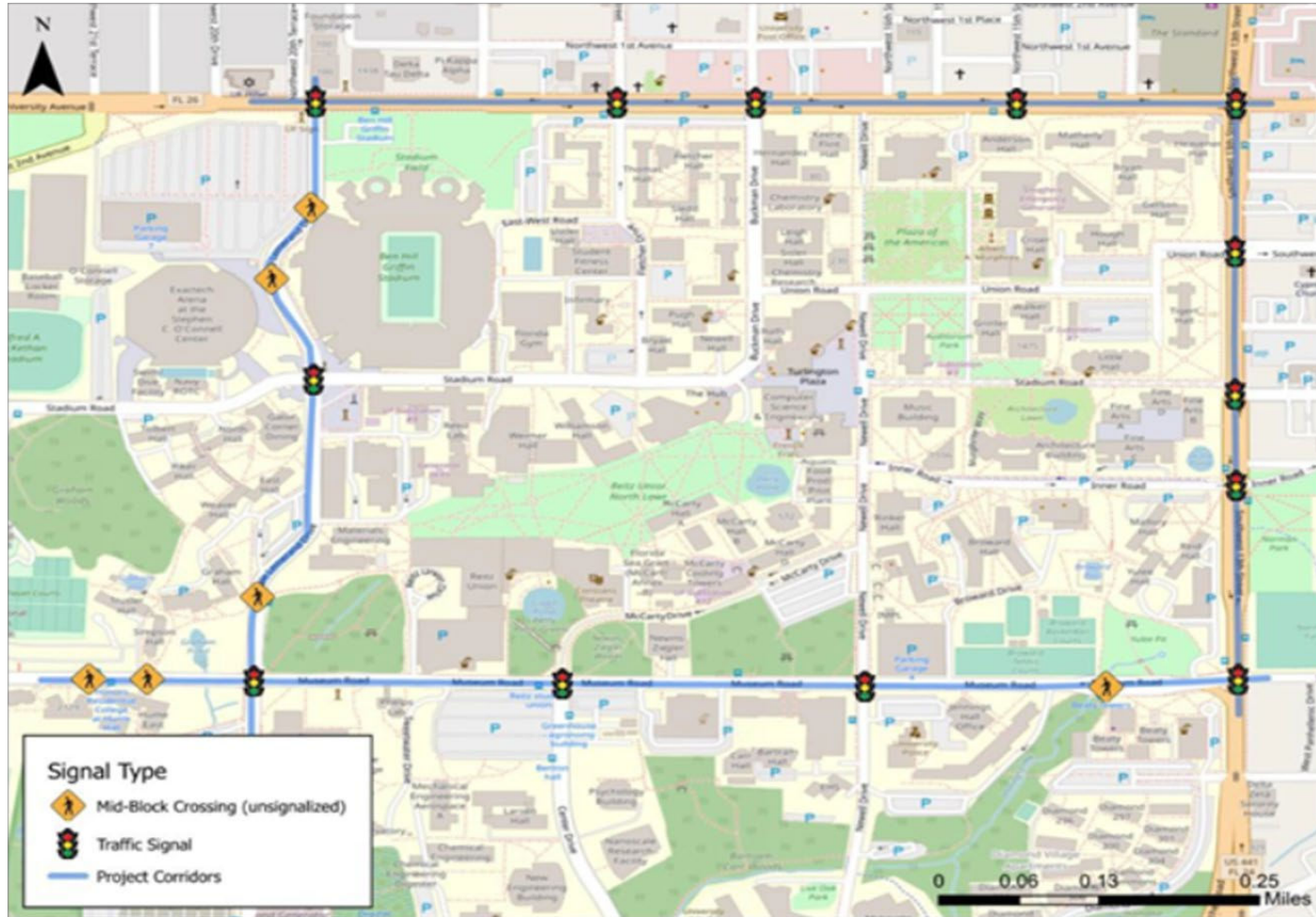




# FDOT's UF-AID Project for Evaluating Pedestrian Detection and Warning



# Development and Testing for Pedestrian Warnings



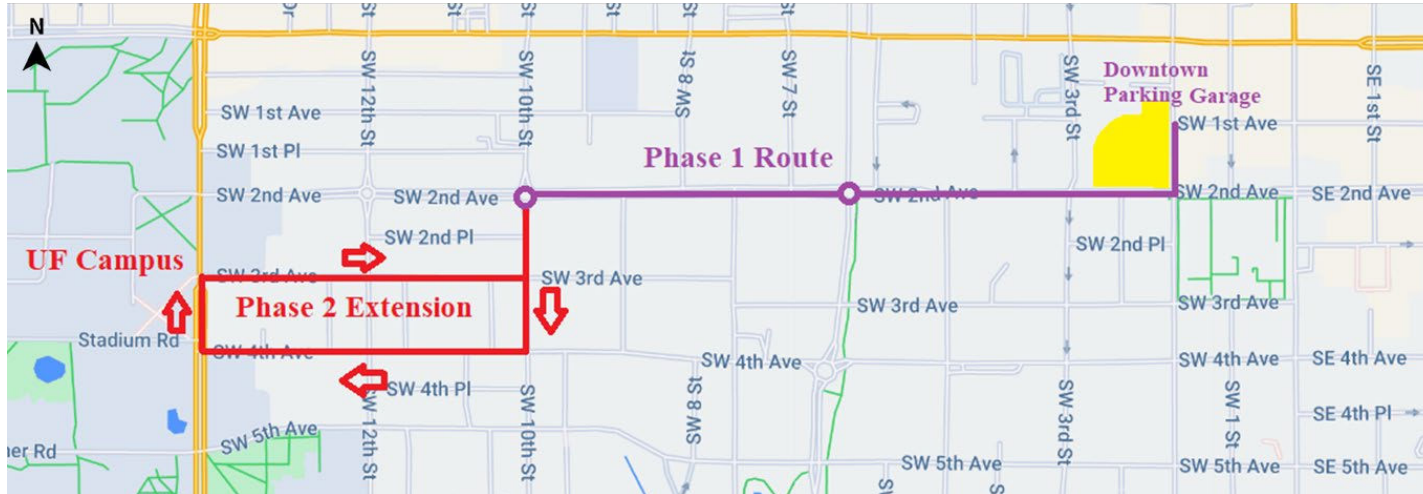


# Testing at Suntrax during OmniAir's Plugfest (May 2023)





# Gainesville Autonomous Shuttle



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# I-STREET Partners





# What is next:

- Working with I-STREET Industry Council and Advisory Board to expand collaborations
- Developing data platform
- Expanding our workforce development efforts and disseminating results related to I-STREET



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