

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION US 301 at CR 675 / RUTLAND ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN MANATEE COUNTY



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What will be built?

The Florida Department of Transportation has evaluated the intersection of US 301 and CR 675/Rutland Road to determine what improvements could be made to improve safety. It was determined that a median modification would improve safety while best serving the needs of the community. Staff coordinated with the county to account for future infrastructure plans, and developments. The new high school and college were also considered to ensure a harmonic balance between this project and the community. With the upcoming project to align SR 62 with Erie Road, the Department wanted a holistic approach this corridor.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

- A new median will be installed from CR 675 to 71st Street East.
- A new northbound left turn lane onto 71st Street East.
- A southbound left turn lane onto CR 675/Rutland Road.
- A new acceleration/merge lane for vehicles turning left out of CR 675 to go south on US 301.
- This is similar to the median in front of the Parrish Fire Station.



Why Not Install a Signal?

- A decision not to install a signal has nothing to do with the potential cost of a signal.
- Signals are known to create more crashes when installed. Staff looks for other solutions to safety concerns before considering traffic signals.
- Traffic Signals must meet a series of Warrants, outlined in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This location does not meet Warrants for a traffic signal at this time.
- An additional challenge to installing a signal is that the current structure would not support a full signal. If it were determined that a signal was the best option, it would need to be redesigned and the intersection re-built.

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