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**Implementation of the Diverging Diamond Traffic Pattern
I-75/University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange
Construction Project**

SARASOTA/MANATEE

**I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
Sarasota/Bradenton: Construction Project:**

WATCH FOR NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN

Sunday, May 21. Details below:

FDOT is implementing a new traffic pattern on Sunday morning, May 21. The traffic pattern on University Parkway at the I-75/University Parkway interchange will be in the first phase of the diverging diamond traffic pattern. University Parkway will consist of 5 westbound lanes and 5 eastbound lanes. Upon completion of the project, there will be an additional lane in each direction, for a total of 6 westbound lanes and 6 eastbound lanes. Westbound traffic diverts (shifts) from the north side of University Parkway to the southside and eastbound traffic diverts (shifts) from the south side of University Parkway to the northside. Motorists wishing to enter the interstate will stay in the left two lanes. Please follow signage and lane striping.

Watch for uneven pavement. Speeding fines double when workers are present.

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>