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New Arlington River Bridge on University Boulevard Opens Saturday

Jacksonville – Construction of the Arlington River Bridge is in its final stages and the new bridge is scheduled to open to traffic on Saturday. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will shift traffic from the temporary bridge to the new bridge on University Boulevard by Saturday afternoon, weather permitting.

The original two-lane bridge was demolished during the second phase of the project. The new, two-lane concrete replacement bridge has 6 ½ -foot wide sidewalks and four-foot wide bicycle lanes. The new bridge has been realigned slightly to reduce the curve at the east end.

Construction for FDOT's \$11.5 million Arlington River Bridge Replacement project began in November, 2014 and is expected to be complete this winter. The project extends from Cesery Boulevard to Clifton Avenue and includes a new signalized intersection at Cesery Boulevard. The project also included improvements to the interchange between University Boulevard and the Arlington Expressway with a roundabout at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colcord Avenue. The third and final phase of the project includes removal of the temporary bridge and final resurfacing of the entire project. The new bridge will have decorative lighting, architectural railing and landscaping at both ends.

Local residents were able to view the new bridge prior to its public opening. Parsons Engineering, Superior Construction Company and FDOT hosted an informal walk over the bridge on Friday, August 21. Click <http://youtu.be/HsJvge0ve90> to see the video.

For more information regarding this project or other FDOT projects around the Northeast Florida area visit www.nflroads.com. Follow FDOT on Twitter @MyFDOT_NEFL or http://twitter.com/MyFDOT_NEFL and <http://facebook.com/MyFDOTNEFL> for the latest updates.

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The new Arlington River Bridge includes bike lanes and sidewalks.

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The south bank view of the Arlington River Bridge featuring Florida-friendly landscaping.

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