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Media Advisory

FDOT, FHP Implement Limited Emergency Shoulder Use (ESU) Plan for Hurricane Irma on I-4 from 50th Street in Tampa to east of SR 429/Western Beltway in Orlando

Tallahassee, Fla. - The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), working with the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), has implemented a limited Emergency Shoulder Use (ESU) plan for Hurricane Irma evacuations on I-4 from 50th Street in Tampa to east of SR 429/Western Beltway in Orlando. This plan is anticipated to assist the large number of motorists evacuating from Florida's west coast. **Motorists may only use the left shoulder when directed by law enforcement and highway signs.**

- **There is no contraflow or one-way operation in use on Florida state roadways**
- **No other state roadways are currently approved for shoulder use**
- **Although there are heavy pockets of evacuation traffic in some areas; traffic is flowing on this section of roadway**
- **Law enforcement urges motorists to use caution when driving on the shoulder – right shoulder use is prohibited**
- **FDOT has 13 Traffic Management Centers where hundreds of DOT workers are monitoring traffic cameras 24/7 to ensure traffic flows continue and evacuations proceed without interruption.**