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## **Florida Department of Transportation Fast-tracks HAWK Construction on State Road 5 in Key West**

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*Miami, FL* – The State Road (SR) 5/North Roosevelt Boulevard High-intensity Activated Cross Walks (HAWKs) construction contract will be awarded later this month, more than eight months ahead of schedule, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Six officials announced today.

The project includes modifying five existing mid-block pedestrian crosswalks along State Road (SR) 5/North Roosevelt Boulevard between the Triangle and 2 Street in Key West. Street lights, pedestrian signs, high-emphasis pavement markings and asphalt pavement will also be updated at these five locations. Design for this project began in late 2017.

“In response to City officials and local law enforcement, we have worked very diligently to accelerate the design project,” said James Wolfe, P.E., FDOT District Six Secretary. “We are pleased to announce that we can deliver this safety project sooner than anticipated.”

Studies show that HAWKS significantly reduce pedestrian crashes in areas of high incidence. HAWKs installed on North Roosevelt will be similar to the one currently operating on Overseas Highway at Mile Marker (MM) 99.7, in Key Largo.

Construction is expected to begin in February 2019 and last about seven months. Installation will be performed in phases to minimize construction impacts. Please note that the schedule may change due to bad weather or other unforeseen conditions.

For more information, please call FDOT’s Public Information Office at 305-470-5349 or Community Outreach Specialist Paulette Summers at 786-510-3921. Information regarding this and other FDOT projects can be found on [FDOTmonroe.com](http://FDOTmonroe.com). For around-the-clock, real time traffic information, call 511.