The Northwest St. Johns County Transportation Capacity Improvement Map:

St. Johns County is one of the fastest growing counties in Florida. I receive frequent questions about how our existing road network will handle current businesses and residents and future growth. There are special concerns about strain on William Bartram Scenic Highway (SR 13) and Roberts Road Corridor. CR 210 and Race Track Road capacity improvements are also needed. Some ask where will 9B connect to St. Johns County and how will we deal with congestion on I-95 and our interchanges like CR 210 and 95 and CR 210 and US 1.

There are plans to move traffic towards a partially constructed spine road that will run parallel to I-95. That road is called CR 2209 or “St. Johns Parkway.” The construction of this road was mandated by FDOT years ago to reduce local traffic on I-95. Vehicles traveling on St. Johns Parkway will be able to access 9B and I-95 with connections near the St. Johns County line as anticipated by this map. Construction is funded and currently underway to extend 9B to just north of Race Track Road. There are also efforts to make a useful connection of 9B just south of Race Track Road.

The CR 210 overpass at US 1 improvement also funded and solicitation for a design-build contractor is underway. The improvement is being designed to allow an intersection in lieu of the sharp curve on CR 210 west of US 1.

We have benefitted from incremental safety improvements at the 210-95 intersection, but as you can see from the map, more will be needed in the future.

Road projects are often planned decades in advance. Growth rates and funding affect implementation dates. It is helpful to think of the road network as something that will be built, incrementally over time. When one improvement is made, it can improve the effectiveness of the entire road network. Our development patterns and personal choices also affect the levels of congestion we experience on our roadways. With fuel prices high and the economy slow, we may choose to carpool, or consolidate errands into other trips or choose to ride bikes or walk.

Although not always in the news, there are always people working on improving the transportation network that serves our community and thinking about our needs decades in advance. Transportation improvements support economic activity and growth. That includes moving raw materials, finished goods and services that support our economy. We rely on a complete transportation network to get to work, shopping, errands and recreational opportunities.

I hope this map helps answer some of the questions you might have about how the road network is planned to grow with our community. Please note: This map was prepared from multiple sources and is for reference only as described in the disclaimer.