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Persimmon Avenue Improvements Complete and New Directional Signage Unveiled

The City improved a portion of Persimmon Avenue between the Amtrak Auto Train entrance and SR 46, a distance of one quarter mile. The improvements now include separate left and right turn lanes at the north end of Persimmon Avenue with a significant extension of the existing right turn lane into Amtrak's Auto Train terminal at the south end.

Persimmon Avenue is an important road, as it is the main thoroughfare used by Amtrak Auto Train passengers. The improvements were needed to provide better access to and from the Auto Train terminal helping to address the traffic issues and long back-ups within this section of Persimmon Avenue. The project also enhances pedestrian access by extending the existing sidewalk along the west side to provide a connection with SR 46.

The million dollar project was jointly funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Seminole County 1-cent sales tax.

In tandem with this project, the City of Sanford has been working hard to further expand economic development opportunities through heritage tourism. As part of the road improvements, the City recently installed a new "Visit Downtown" sign, which will direct Auto Train passengers and other visitors to the City's historic downtown and award-winning RiverWalk. The vintage inspired, postcard-styled sign will make passengers aware of the food, art, entertainment and shopping opportunities in Sanford's "hip and historic" downtown. (Road improvements and new "Visit Downtown" sign attached).

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