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An overview of the new diverging diamond

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Ride along on
a drive
through the
diverging diamond

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It sure would be helpful to see an aerial photo or drawing of the diverging diamond intersection at I-10 and I-110. Drivers could get familiar with it so they are not criss-crossing lanes at the last second. This intersection can be confusing to anyone who has not checked it out before driving it.

D'IBERVILLE — A Sound Off asked for an aerial photo of the diverging diamond intersection that opens Tuesday so drivers can get the lay of the road before crossing lanes “at the last second.”

Mississippi Department of Transportation provided an overhead view of the roadway — the first diverging diamond in the state and possibly the only half diverging diamond in the country. It shows how traffic signals, pavement arrows and signs will direct traffic once the intersection opens Tuesday.

A public ribbon cutting is planned at 10 a.m. at the new bridge on Galleria Parkway, formerly D'Iberville Boulevard.

The intersection was designed so drivers won't have to turn left in front of oncoming traffic to go north on the new bridge when exiting from Interstate 10 east or to take the ramp to I-10 westbound.

Mike Harter, project engineer for Department of Transportation, said the diverging diamond has worked

in 45 locations across the country and it will work in D'Iberville. A study shows it generally takes the public about 28 days to get used to a new traffic pattern, he



This photo from the Mississippi Department of Transportation looking south show the crisscross pattern of the new diverging diamond intersection in D'Iberville. Traffic lights at each end regulate traffic and arrows and signs direct drivers. The intersection on Galleria Parkway, formerly D'Iberville Boulevard, opens Tuesday.

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said.

The diverging diamond isn't the only new technology built into the I-10/I10 interchange improvements. Harter said the state's first soil nail wall, an innovative retaining wall, is also part of the project.