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### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE LAKE/SUMTER MPO CONSTRUCTION UPDATE REPORT

**PROJECT: NORTHERN TURNPIKE MAINLINE/SR 91 WIDENING PROJECT FROM SR 50/CLERMONT TO HANCOCK ROAD/MINNEOLA (MILEPOSTS 273 TO 279)**

**DETAILS:** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is widening Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 from four to eight lanes from Clermont/SR 50 to Minneola/ Hancock Road, in Lake and Orange counties.

**DESCRIPTION:** This project includes constructing a new Fosgate Road bridge over the Turnpike. The bridges at County Road (CR) 438 and CR 455 will also be replaced, as well as the Turnpike bridges over Jones Road, Old Highway 50, and Blackstill Lake Road. The West Orange Trail bridge over the Turnpike will be replaced with a prefabricated structure. New electronic tolling gantries and buildings will be installed, and the existing toll booths and canopies at the SR 50/Clermont entrance and exit ramps will be demolished. Safety improvements for this project include a new Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), new signage, new pavement markings, new signalization, new lighting, and new drainage systems.

**The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$162.3M. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-2026.**

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** Throughout the month of June, the contractor will begin demolition of the northbound Turnpike bridge over Jones Road and Old Highway 50 bridge with pile driving and substructure work following demolition. Pile driving and substructure construction for the Fosgate Road and Blackstill Lake Road bridges is ongoing and scheduled for late 2023 completion.

Construction on the West Orange Trail bridge is ongoing. The water main tie in is anticipated to be completed in June and the bridge opened in August 2023.

Other work within the project limits includes pond construction, temporary and permanent lighting, box culvert extensions, embankment, subgrade and base placement, temporary asphalt, fencing, temporary and permanent retaining wall construction along with temporary and permanent drainage. The next phase of construction for Phase III (the reconstruction of the northbound mainline) has begun. Toll

building foundation and conduit work at Highway 50 (milepost 272) has begun and is scheduled for mid-2024 completion.

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**CONTRACTOR:** Jr. Davis Construction Company

**PROJECT: NORTHERN TURNPIKE MAINLINE/SR 91 WIDENING PROJECT FROM MINNEOLA TO O'BRIEN ROAD (MILEPOSTS 279 TO 286)**

**DETAILS:** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is widening Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 from four to eight lanes from Minneola/Hancock Road to O'Brien Road, in Lake County.

**DESCRIPTION:** This project will widen Florida's Turnpike from two to four lanes in each direction, for a total of eight lanes within the project limits. It also includes reconstruction of all bridges within the project limits, interchange improvements at US 27 South, and installation of new continuous LED lighting from the Minneola interchange to the US 27 South interchange and under Turnpike bridges over CR 561 and SR 19. This project also includes the installation of taller guardrails, highly reflective signage, Closed Circuit Television devices, ITS, and pavement markings.

**The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$233M. The project is anticipated to begin in late 2022 and be completed in mid-2028.**

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** Throughout the month of June, the contractor will continue clearing and grubbing operations within the project limits. Sub-soil excavation continues ahead of earthwork and includes moving excavated materials from backslopes and new pond areas to fill locations. The contractor will work on temporary base and asphalt operations for upcoming traffic control shifts.

Work continues on the new storm water drainage system throughout the project with the construction of box culverts to extend the existing structures. MSE walls will be constructed at the Scrub Jay Lane and the US 27 off ramp bridges and bridge substructure work will follow. Pile driving operations will also begin for the new CR 561 bridge.

Other work within the project limits includes installation of temporary ITS.

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**CONTRACTOR:** The Lane Construction Corporation

**PROJECT: SOUTHBOUND NORTHERN TURNPIKE MAINLINE/SR 91 RECONSTRUCT AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FROM MILEPOST 289 TO MILEPOST 297**

**DETAILS:** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is resurfacing the southbound lanes of Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 from Milepost 289 to Milepost 297 in Lake County.

**DESCRIPTION:** This project includes resurfacing the southbound lanes of Florida's Turnpike, rehabilitating culverts, replacing existing guardrails, installing signage, and adding new pavement markings. Bridge deck expansion joints will be replaced at the Palatlahaha Creek and CR 48 bridges.

**The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$8.7M. The project is anticipated to be completed in late 2023.**

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** Throughout the month of May, the contractor completed asphalt replacement to cover the rumble strips along the shoulder and the dewatering and de-silting of 12 box culverts that required repairs. The contractor is working on permanent signage throughout the month of June. Deep mill paving operations began June 4, and will continue through mid-June, weather permitting. Mainline paving operations will begin once the deep mill operations have been completed.

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**LANE CLOSURE INFORMATION:**

Lane closures will generally take place during off-peak hours to minimize traffic congestion and delays for most drivers. Closures will be announced in advance in the Central and West Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory. <https://floridasturnpike.com/traveler-resources/construction-updates/>.