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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/State Road (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: Current project activities include ongoing median construction involving drainage installation, subgrade preparation, asphalt placement, box culvert rehabilitation/reconstruction, and bridge demolition, continuing until April 2024. Fosgate Road bridge construction is also underway, slated for completion by late 2024.

Additionally, work within the project area encompasses pond construction, both temporary and permanent lighting installation, box culvert extensions, embankment, subgrade and base placement, temporary asphalt, fencing, temporary and permanent retaining wall construction, as well as temporary and permanent drainage systems. Demolition of existing bridges/culverts is also underway.

The toll building at the northbound exit ramp to SR 50 (milepost 272) is set for completion by mid-2024, while the toll building foundation at the southbound entrance ramp from SR 50 has commenced and is expected to be completed by late 2024.

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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 be completed in mid-2028.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: The contractor has made significant progress in various aspects of the project. Clearing and grubbing operations are mostly complete, with sub-soil excavation finished in the northbound lanes. The remaining excavation will commence after traffic has transitioned to the new northbound lanes. Earthwork is ongoing, shaping material for slopes along the roadway and in ponds. Lime rock base and structural asphalt are being laid on the northbound outside lanes, with a new northbound roadway section already opened.

Temporary pavement is being installed at the southbound off-ramp to Exit 279 in preparation for asphalt resurfacing. Stormwater drainage system construction is underway, including the installation of box culverts and MSE wall construction at specified locations. Additionally, progress includes the installation of temporary ITS and conduits for fiber optic lines.

Phase 1 of the US 27 bridge is now accessible via the new northbound exit ramp at Exit 285, while demolition of the existing US 27 bridge has commenced.

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CONTRACTOR: The Lane Construction Corporation

PROJECT: FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE/SR 91 AND CLAUDE PEPPER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY/US 27 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MILEPOST 289)

DETAILS: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is improving traffic operations at the interchange of Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 and Claude Pepper Memorial Highway/US 27 at milepost 289 in Lake County.

DESCRIPTION: This project will add a new left turn lane at the exit from Florida's Turnpike to Claude Pepper Memorial Highway. Additional improvements include installing mast arm signals, new drainage structures, and wrong way driving counter measures.

The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$2.6M. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-2024.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: The Contractor has installed all drill shafts, mast arms and signal heads. Underground conduit installation for signalization and ITS is complete. One of the two power transformers has been installed and the second one is expected to be installed in late March to early April. Structural pavement has been completed, and friction course will be scheduled within two weeks.

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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/>.