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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 will widen Florida's Turnpike from two to four lanes in each direction, for a total of eight lanes within the project limits. Work 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 has been 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 \$183M. The project is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Current project activities include ongoing southbound Florida's Turnpike and median construction involving drainage installation, subgrade preparation, asphalt placement, and existing box culverts rehabilitation. Construction of the Fosgate Road bridge over Florida's Turnpike is slated for completion between by end of August 2025.

The toll buildings at the northbound Florida's Turnpike exit ramp and southbound entrance ramp to SR 50 (milepost 272) are expected to be complete in the coming months.

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.

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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 north of 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, and interchange improvements at US 27 South, which includes a new Southbound exit and new Northbound entrance. The project also includes installation of new LED lighting at the Minneola interchange and the US 27 South interchange and under Turnpike bridges over CR 561 and SR 19. This project also includes the installation of new guardrails, highly reflective signage, Closed Circuit Television devices, ITS, and pavement markings.

The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$251M. The project is anticipated to be completed in early 2027.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: The contractor continues to make significant progress in various aspects of the project. The new median barrier wall has been completed between Hancock Road and CR 561. Excavation and embankment along the median for the new inside northbound Turnpike travel lanes is near completion. Additionally, lime rock base and structural asphalt are being placed for the northbound and southbound Turnpike inside travel lanes.

A traffic shift on southbound Turnpike has been completed between milepost 286 and milepost 284.5 allowing for additional roadbed construction activities on what will become the new southbound travel lanes. In June, the contractor anticipates southbound Turnpike traffic shifts between milepost 282 and 280.5.

The bridge deck at the SR 19 overpass has been completed and the removal of the existing SR 19 bridge is expected to be completed in June. Following the bridge removal, construction will start for the SR 19 southbound bridge overpass.

The CR 561 bridge construction is ongoing, and the bridge deck for the northbound roadway section is completed. Construction on the southbound bridge section will start in the coming months. Bridge construction is expected to be completed by August 2025.

Stormwater drainage system construction, including the installation of box culverts, continues at various median and southbound locations. Temporary ITS and conduits for fiber optic lines are being installed throughout the project limits. The toll equipment building and toll gantry, over both northbound and southbound Turnpike lanes (milepost 281), have been installed. Electrical power, interior finishes, civil site work, and toll device installation are ongoing at this site.

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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/>.
