



US 441/SR 500 CORRIDOR Construction News



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Traffic flowing smoothly at SR 44/US 441 intersection

You may have noticed a big change at the north end of the project since our last newsletter...it's complete! D.A.B. Constructors and their subs worked up to the last minute to finish the section from **Mills Street to Ice Cream Road** for their milestone bonus. Their diligent work paid off and they opened the completed roadway to traffic in time to make the deadline. To the public, this means 500 less orange barrels, a safer and less congested intersection at SR 44 and one less

mile of construction on US 441!

After finishing the bonus section, D.A.B. moved their crews to work on roadway construction between **Gator Harley Davidson and Bill Bryan Kia**. Currently, they are working on the south side of the road preparing for a traffic shift in July. This will place southbound traffic on the new southbound roadway. Northbound traffic will be shifted once temporary construction in the median is complete. Driveway, sidewalk, curb, shoulder and side streets are all underway in this area.



Once the traffic is shifted, Leware Construction will begin working on a box culvert extension at Sleepy Hollow Road.

D.A.B. has finished excavation of all the retention ponds on the project. They will continue sodding the ponds over the coming weeks.

Their signal contractor, Mastec, is on the project as well working at the CR 44 intersection. They have started installation of the new mast arms and placed conduit throughout the project.

Estimated Completion: Spring 2007



New roadway construction continues throughout Project Four

Currently, D.A.B. Constructors is working on building permanent southbound roadway from **SR 19 to SR 44** (formerly CR 44B). They are placing the subgrade and base in this area and laying drainage pipe along the south side of the road. They will begin the same work in the area from **Lake Eustis Drive to SR 19** shortly. From **Lake Woodward to SR 44** they have completed most curb construction and will be finishing it over the coming months.

The drainage outfalls at Lake Gertrude and Lake Saunders are complete and the area will be



sodded and finished up shortly. Leware has completed the gravity wall at SR 19 and is working on the box culverts at Lake Junietta and Lake Woodward. Work will continue on the retaining walls.

At **Lake Junietta**, D.A.B. removed the old concrete roadway and now WRS is installing drainage pipe. South Marion Underground continues to work on the potable and non-potable waterlines for the City of Tavares and Mount Dora. They are completing tie-ins as sections are finished and cleared and removing the old lines as well.

The signal contractor has started placing conduit throughout the project and will also be installing light pole bases.

Estimated Completion: Summer 2007

Be prepared: Hurricane safety in the construction project

Floridians may not have the pleasure of shoveling snow throughout the winter, but we certainly have had our share of unfortunate events during hurricane season. It's that time again and we would like to remind our residents of some crucial tips to ensure your family's safety in the event of a hurricane.

If a storm is projected to hit the Central Florida area, D.A.B. Constructors and FDOT will make sure the project is safe for residents and the traveling public. This may include removing barrels, signs or barricades for the duration of the storm depending on wind strength and storm conditions. If possible, avoid the roadways during and after any storm. State and local government agencies will let residents know when it is safe to drive.



After the storm clears, and the area is safe to work in, D.A.B. and FDOT will clean up the roadway and make any necessary repairs to return to the roadway to the pre-storm condition.



We Love to Hear From Our Neighbors!

If you have questions or comments regarding the US 441/SR 500 Corridor Construction, or would like to schedule someone to speak to your civic, business or homeowner's group, call our Public Information Specialist, Jenifer Montgomery.



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Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

We would like to wish you a happy and safe 4th of July! As usual, our contractor, D.A.B. Constructors, will begin their summer vacation on July 1st and return to normal operations on July 10th. However, several subcontractors will still be working in the area, so continue to be careful in the construction zone during this time.



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