



US 441 CORRIDOR

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Quick Facts

Projects 1 & 2

- Tavares and Leesburg (with FDOT grants) started landscaping and beautification projects in the completed sections of US 441.

Project 3

- Mills St. to Ice Cream Rd. is finished and open to traffic!
- Southbound section between Gator Harley Davidson and Wilco Drive is also complete.
- Traffic shift expected soon in the car dealership area.

Project 4

- Southbound side of the road throughout project is complete.
- Traffic shift for northbound lanes expected soon.
- All traffic will move to the new southbound roadway to construct northbound road.

Work continues on Project Three

Since the last update on project three (Mills Street to College Drive), northbound traffic from **Gator Harley Davidson to Bill Bryan Kia** has been shifted to temporary lanes and crews have been hard at work building the new roadway. D.A.B. first removed the old roadway, then began the excavation process. They have already started placing limerock for the new road and curb, sidewalk and driveway construction are also in progress.

The recent detours in the CR 44 area allowed the construction crews to place the initial limerock on CR 44 Leg A as well as place asphalt base on Professional Drive. The remaining side streets in this area will be constructed over the coming months.

From **Bill Bryan Kia to College Drive**, the northbound roadway is close to completion. Once the tie-in to the new road has been completed, traffic will be shifted onto the new lanes.

At **Sleepy Hollow Road**, Leware is working on extending the existing box culvert. The St. John's Water Management District (SJWMD) is also working at the box culvert. They are constructing the tie-ins from our box culvert to both Lake Griffin and Lake Harris.



Project 4 enters next phase: Construct Northbound Roadway

Southbound traffic on project 4 (Lake Eustis Drive to SR 44) was shifted to the new lanes and D.A.B. has been hard at work building temporary pavement and preparing for the northbound lane switch in early March. These preparations include removing sections of the old roadway, paving, moving signs, adjusting signals and resetting the barrier wall.



Once the northbound lanes are moved, D.A.B. will continue milling up the remaining roadway and begin excavation work. Also, the concrete slabs at the Lake Junietta area will be removed in this phase.

Currently, D.A.B. plans to start work at the north end of the project (Inn on the Green) and head south with their drainage and excavation crews. Curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway construction will follow. After this work is complete, crews will begin placing the limerock for the new road.

Atlas TMS, the signal and lighting contractor, has installed all light poles for this project in Tavares and Mount Dora. They continue to work on the electrical connections and wiring to place these lights in service.

Meet Dennis: the "Super-Superintendent" on Project 4

A native Floridian from Kissimmee, Dennis Raulerson is the superintendent for Project 4 with D.A.B. Constructors. In a nutshell, Dennis is responsible for planning and initiating how D.A.B. will build your new US 441.

Dennis recently joined D.A.B. in 2006, but has worked in the road building industry for 26 years. Dennis began his career as a laborer with a local roadway contractor a few years after high school. He held a variety of positions while progressing to his current job. His journey even took him as far out as Nevada and Colorado, working on construction projects there. His "ground level" knowledge gives him the insight it takes to make the tough decisions on the project.

Throughout his career, Dennis has most enjoyed the challenge of working with the many diverse personalities in the industry. He is especially fond of the group he found here on US 441.

On a personal note, Dennis and his wonderful wife, Joann, have two children and one grandchild on the way!



We Love to Hear From Our Neighbors!

If you have questions or comments regarding the US 441 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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US 441 CORRIDOR NEWSLETTER...



In order to improve communications between state agencies and the public, Governor Charlie Christ signed the new "Plain Language Initiative." In accordance with this we have made a few changes to the format and content style of our newsletter.

We hope you noticed the slightly different look to this issue and that you find the project updates easier to understand. Look for more changes over the coming issues!



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