



# Widening Florida's Turnpike from Osceola Parkway to the Beachline (SR 528)

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## Project Overview

In order to safely accommodate increasing traffic volumes on Turnpike facilities just south of Orlando, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), is proposing to widen a segment of the Turnpike from the Osceola Parkway interchange to the Beachline (SR 528) interchange. Improvements to this approximately five mile segment of Turnpike will double the number of lanes (from two to four) in each direction for a total of eight lanes. The project will be developed to match the current number of lanes that were recently constructed north of the Beachline interchange.

The Turnpike widening project is developed to tie seamlessly with the fully directional SR 417/Turnpike Systems Interchange. The construction of a fully directional interchange at this location will benefit drivers by improving access to and from SR 417, Turnpike and many destinations including tourist attractions, Orlando's International Airport and the "Medical City" facilities in the Lake Nona area.

## Project Benefits

The construction of this project will benefit drivers by:

- Providing sufficient roadway capacity to accommodate the increasing demand of traffic for many years
- Improving safety and traffic operations for all motorists.

## Delivery and Schedule

While currently not planned for construction until 2023, plan documents will be developed to allow construction to begin as soon as traffic demand requires. FTE will deliver the project as a traditional Design-Bid-Build project. This project will create hundreds of jobs in the fields of construction, material and supply, technology, accounting landscaping, engineering and inspection.

