

# SUNCOAST PARKWAY 2 (SR 589), PHASE 2-DESIGN From SR 44 to CR 486, Citrus County, Florida Financial Project ID Number: 442764-1



### **NEWSLETTER NO. 1 – JANUARY 2020**

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Suncoast Parkway 2 (SR 589), Phase 2 is a new four-lane (two lanes in each direction), limited access tolled roadway that will extend the Suncoast Parkway northward from SR 44 to CR 486 (W. Norvell Bryant Highway), a distance of approximately three miles. The project is currently in the final design phase. The proposed design includes a multiuse recreational trail along the west side of the alignment that will be an extension of the existing multi-use trail along Suncoast Parkway.

The project includes completing the interchange at SR 44 to accommodate traffic movements to and from the north. Construction for traffic movements to and from the south, at SR 44, is currently underway as part of the construction of the Suncoast Parkway 2, Phase 1 from US 98 to SR 44. Access to Suncoast Parkway 2, Phase 2 from CR 486 will be by an at-grade intersection. Signals will be added at SR 44 and CR 486 at the interchanges with the Suncoast Parkway.

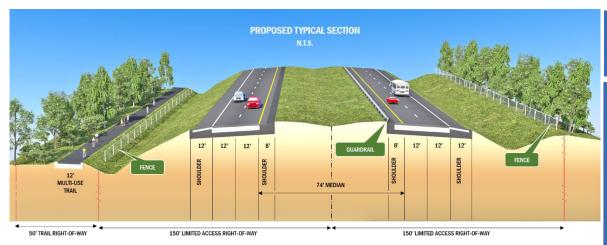
The initial design and construction will provide four, 12-foot travel lanes (two in each direction) with 8-foot paved shoulders on the inside, 12-foot paved shoulders on the outside, and a depressed grass median which will accommodate future widening.

The proposed right of way for the road will be 300 feet in width and the right of way for the multi-use trail will be 50 feet wide. Open drainage ditches will be constructed along both sides of the roadway (see proposed typical section below).

This new Suncoast Parkway 2, Phase 2 facility will serve the future traffic needs of Citrus County as well as the public traveling to or from the Tampa Bay area through Citrus County.

Suncoast Parkway 2, Phase 1 is currently under construction from US 98 to SR 44 in Lecanto. This southern section is 13 miles long and includes fully directional interchanges at US 98 and W. Cardinal Street and a partial interchange (movements to and from the south only) at SR 44. There is an approved alignment that was included in the 1998 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and Reevaluated in 2010 from US 98 to US 19. The Suncoast Parkway 2, Phase 3 from CR 486 to US 19 is not currently funded for construction.

Although not a primary evacuation route, the project will assist with the evacuation and recovery in the event of a hurricane or other evacuation emergency.



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### TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE

Begin Final Design January 2019

Public Meeting January 2020

Public Hearing Spring 2020

ROW Acquisition Summer 2020

Final Plans Complete Fall 2022

Start Construction Late 2022



#### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Final design for the project began in January 2019. Tasks underway include the following:

- Typical sections have been developed for a 4-lane roadway. Future widening could be accommodated in the median.
- Property access letters have been sent to property owners to notify them surveyors will be in the area.
- · Surveying and mapping has begun.
- Meetings with local agencies are occurring. Coordination will be ongoing.
- Environmental survey/site visits and meetings with environmental agencies are underway.
- Alignment alternatives and interchange configurations have been developed.

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### WHAT'S NEXT?

- A public hearing is tentatively planned for Spring 2020, to give the public an opportunity to express their views regarding the project's preferred alternative.
- Public involvement will continue throughout the design process.
- There will be coordination with numerous utility companies throughout the project corridor.
- There will be coordination with the Suncoast Parkway
  2, Phase 1 construction project to the south from US
  98 to SR 44.
- Additional right of way needs will be identified.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020

Time: 4 P.M. – 7 P.M.

**Location: Citrus County National Guard Armory** 

8551 W. Venable Street Crystal River, FL 34429

The meeting will be an informal open house from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. There will be no formal presentation. This Public Information Meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to ask the project team questions and provide written comments. Displays illustrating alternatives for the proposed design will be available for review.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

