



Suncoast Parkway 2 - FAQs

What is the Suncoast Parkway 2 Project?

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) is extending the Suncoast Parkway from its current end at US 98 to County Road (CR) 486. It is completing the expansion, in three phases:

- Phase 1: From US 98 to State Road (SR) 44, which is currently under construction
- Phase 2: From SR 44 to CR 486, which is currently in Final Design. Construction is funded for fiscal year 2023.
- Phase 3: From CR 486 to US 19, is being broken into 2 phases:
 - o Phase 3A from CR 486 to CR 495, currently in Design, funded for construction in fiscal year 2026
 - o Phase 3B from CR 495 to US 19, currently in Design, not funded in FTE five-work program

What work does this project include?

The Phase 1 Project will extend SR 589 northward by 13 miles. The project work includes constructing full interchanges at US 98 and W. Cardinal Street as well as a partial interchange at SR 44, building five wildlife crossings, 15 new bridges, two electronic tolling gantries, related drainage, lighting, highway signing, traffic signalization, guardrail, sidewalk, Intelligent Traffic System devices including closed circuit TV cameras and dynamic message signs, and extending the Suncoast Trail to SR 44. The project also built a pedestrian overpass for the trail, over US 98.

How many lanes will the project include?

The Suncoast Parkway 2 will be a four-lane facility, two lanes in each direction.

When will the trail be open?

The Suncoast Trail is anticipated to open in Spring 2022.

Why are you building this project?

The project will increase capacity to ease current and future congestion and improve safety by creating full interchanges in areas undergoing significant residential development. The project also offers benefits to the local environment with the creation of a wildlife corridor, and five wildlife crossings which help protect the local wild animal population by providing them with safer options for movement

through the area. The extension of the Suncoast Trail to SR 44 will provide a benefit to the community by providing direct access to this scenic, award-winning trail.

Who is funding this project?

Funding for this project is entirely based on Turnpike toll and concessions revenue.

How much will tolls cost from US 98 to SR 44?

Driving the entire roadway will cost \$1.87.

When will tolling begin?

Tolling will begin when the roadway opens.

How will tolls be accepted?

Suncoast Parkway/SR 589 is an electronic tolling facility. Tolls will be accepted through SunPass, other interoperable transponder or via TOLL-BY-PLATE. SunPass is the most affordable option to pay for tolls, as SunPass customers save an average of 25% on tolls.

What is the speed limit of the roadway?

The speed limit on the Suncoast Parkway 2 is 70 miles per hour until SR 44, where it drops to 65 miles an hour.