Frequently Asked Questions

What will be completed as part of this project?

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is constructing Suncoast Parkway 2/State Road (SR) 589, Phase 2, a new four-lane tolled roadway, that extends Suncoast Parkway three miles northward from its current terminus at SR 44 to W. Norvell Bryant Highway/County Road (CR) 486.

This project will complete the interchange at SR 44, construct an at-grade intersection at CR 486, construct one mainline electronic tolling gantry, as well as related drainage, lighting, highway signing, traffic signalization, guardrail, and sidewalks. This project will also expand the Suncoast Trail for three miles.

What safety improvements are being made as part of this project?

The Enterprise is completing the interchange at SR 44 to accommodate northbound traffic movements.

The Enterprise will also install Wrong-way driver detection technology at all interchange exit ramps to monitor, detect, and deter wrong-way drivers, lighting, highway signage and traffic signalization to improve visibility, as well as guardrails and sidewalks.

Why is this project being completed?

This new roadway will serve the future traffic needs of Citrus County. It will provide better options for moving people and goods, create less congestion on existing area roadways, improve regional connectivity, improve emergency evacuation times, and accommodate future population growth and land use.

The project also provides a more direct route from Citrus County to the Tampa Bay Metro area, connecting Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, and Hillsborough counties.

How much will it cost?

Construction of this project will cost approximately \$103 million.

Where does the funding come from?

This project is funded through toll revenue from Florida's Turnpike facilities.

How long will construction take?

The Enterprise anticipates construction continuing through 2026.

Will noise walls be built as part of this project?

Noise was studied as part of the earlier phases of this project, in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and Design. State and federal criteria for noise abatement was not met, so noise walls are not being constructed as part of this project.

Where can I find more information about this project?

For more information about this project, please visit <u>FloridasTurnpike.com</u> and click on Projects, then Featured Projects.

How can I stay updated on this project's progress?

The best way to stay updated is by visiting the <u>FloridasTurnpike.com</u> website. You can also email the Community Outreach Specialist for this project, Louis Grisoglio, at <u>Louis.Grisoglio@dot.state.fl.us</u> for project-related questions, or to be added to the project's distribution list.