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## Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Hosts Ground Breaking for Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 2

*New Roadway from State Road 44 to County Road 486 in Citrus County*

**WHAT:**

Ground breaking event to mark the construction of the Suncoast Parkway 2/State Road (SR) 589, Phase 2 project, from SR 44 to County Road 486. This \$103 million project improves mobility, providing a direct route from Citrus County to the Tampa Bay Metro Area, connecting Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, and Hillsborough counties. This important project will also extend the award-winning Suncoast Trail.

**WHO:**

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director & CEO Nicola A. Liquori, Florida Department of Transportation District Seven Secretary David Gwynn, P.E.

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
**Media Arrives** at 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:**

W. Norvell Bryant Highway/County Road 486 & W. Pine Ridge Boulevard (South Side)  
Crystal River, FL 34429

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The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the state's environment and communities. The department is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida's residents and visitors, but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. The unique nature of the Sunshine State and its year-round warm climate provides numerous opportunities to achieve the department's mission through multiple transportation modes including highways/streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, transit, and the ever-expanding deployment of bicycle & pedestrian facilities.