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### **FDOT Announces the Opening of Suncoast Parkway Phase 2 Over 500 Days Ahead of Schedule**

**OCOE, Fla.** – Today, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), announced the completion of Phase 2 of the Suncoast Parkway in Citrus County more than 500 days ahead of schedule. The completion of this regionally significant roadway project showcases the Governor's dedication and support to advancing key infrastructure improvements that improve the lives of Florida families.

This major milestone marks the second phase of the roadway's extension, from State Road (S.R.) 44 to W. Norvell Bryant Highway/County Road (C.R.) 486, adding three miles of new highway, completing the S.R. 44 interchange and establishing a new connection point at C.R. 486. The \$103 million project, which began in 2023, enhances access and connectivity throughout the region while modeling the goals of efficiency and accountability the Governor is implementing statewide.

"Projects like this serve as a model, not just for Florida, but for the entire country," said **Florida Department of Transportation Secretary, Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** "The Suncoast Parkway extension will generate new opportunities for economic development, job creation, and improved quality of life for this region. This is a powerful example of prioritizing teamwork, quality, and future-focused planning to accelerate how we deliver projects."

"This new roadway is part of our commitment to meet the evolving needs of our customers and support connectivity across Florida's west coast," said **Enterprise Executive Director and CEO Nicola Liquori.** "With added capacity, safety features, and improved access for commuters and commercial traffic, this project brings meaningful benefits to Citrus County and the state as a whole."

In addition to increasing capacity, the project features key safety enhancements, including pavement designed to improve drainage and reduce standing water, and wrong-way vehicle detection technology at all exit ramps, supporting one of FDOT's top statewide safety initiatives.

This newly opened section is part of a broader effort to expand Suncoast Parkway in one of Florida's fastest-growing regions. Construction of Phase 3, which will extend Suncoast Parkway

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approximately 10 miles from C.R. 486 to U.S. 19 will be built in two segments: from C.R. 486 to C.R. 495, and from C.R. 495 to US 19. The \$244 million-dollar project from C.R. 486 to C.R. 495 began in mid-August and will continue for approximately five years. The \$192 million-dollar final segment, from C.R. 495 to U.S. 19 in Red Level, is scheduled to begin construction in mid-2026. Once complete, the Suncoast Parkway will provide direct access from U.S. 19 in northern Citrus County to the Tampa Bay Region.

For more information on these projects, please visit: [www.SuncoastParkway.com](http://www.SuncoastParkway.com)

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