

Hempel Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Over Spessard L. Holland East-West Expressway/SR 408

Project Overview

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Enterprise) is replacing the Hempel Avenue bridge over Spessard L. Holland East-West Expressway/State Road (SR) 408 in Orange County. The project is designed to improve safety, extend roadway service life, and support regional mobility for drivers, residents, and businesses.

Project Benefits

- Strengthening Infrastructure: Replacing the Hempel Avenue bridge and reconstructing the roadway approaches from Lake Hugh Drive to Broadway Street, providing one lane in each direction.
- **Enhanced Safety and Accessibility:** Adding a sidewalk in each direction across the bridge, enhancing pedestrian access and safety for the community.

Construction and Traffic Impacts

Construction activities will occur during both daytime and nighttime hours. Nearby residents and businesses may experience occasional impacts from construction-related light, noise, vibration, or dust. The Enterprise is committed to minimizing these disruptions and takes steps to limit traffic delays and noise.

Lane closures will generally take place during off-peak hours to reduce impacts to drivers. Information about closures will be provided in advance through the Central and West Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory.

Project Schedule and Funding

Construction Timeline: Work is anticipated to be completed by early 2027.

Project Cost: Approximately \$23 million.

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