



U.S. 17 Four-Lane Project

From the Charlotte/DeSoto County Line To SW Collins Street in DeSoto County

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Start: November 29, 2010

Estimated Completion:
End of 2012

Cost: \$13.9 Million

Contractor:
Better Roads, Inc.

Safe Driving Tips

-  Always buckle up
-  Pay attention
-  Don't tailgate
-  Watch your speed

***Work zone safety is
everyone's job!***

Questions?

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Public Information Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2010

WHAT: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to an informal public information meeting about widening U.S. 17 from two to four lanes. Please stop by anytime during the "open house" to discuss the job, ask questions, or speak one-on-one with members of the project team.

WHEN: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2010

WHERE: Fort Ogden First Baptist Church on River Street in Fort Ogden (follow signs along U.S. 17 and River Street)

Project Description

In this four-mile segment of U.S. 17, construction crews will build two new travel lanes and a new two-lane bridge just east of the existing two travel lanes. Existing travel lanes will be reconstructed and resurfaced. At project completion, the new two lanes will carry northbound traffic and existing, improved lanes will carry southbound traffic. A grassy median with paved median openings will separate northbound and southbound travel lanes. During the job, crews also will install new storm drains and stormwater detention ponds.

About Construction Work

Crews are scheduled to start the project on Monday, November 29, 2010 with placement of construction signs and installation of erosion control. Early work involves clearing land for the two new travel lanes and starting drainage activities. After the new lanes and the bridge are paved and striped, traffic will be shifted to them so work to resurface and, in some areas, to reconstruct existing lanes can begin.

In the early stages of construction, the contractor's crews will work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The work week may expand to six days in some stages of the job. Construction activities predominantly will occur during daytime hours, although some work will be done at night. The contractor will maintain two-way traffic (one lane in each direction) during most of the job. Flagmen will be present for some operations requiring one-lane traffic.

Public information staff will update the media weekly about work underway. Please e-mail Ken Nelson at knelson@aimengr.com to have this information about construction activities and lane closures sent directly to your e-mail address.