



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



November 8, 2016

US 17 (SR 35) from the Hardee / Desoto County Line to Sweetwater Road (CR 634)

Financial Project No.: 414547-1 **Project Cost:** \$23.5 million **Contractor:** Watson Civil

Project Description: Widen US 17 from two lanes to four lanes, add a 64 foot grassed median and build new two-lane bridges over Charlie Creek and Charlie Creek Overflow. New roadside drainage swales and storm water ponds will also be installed.

Keeping You Informed

Welcome to the first US 17 Construction Update. We are committed to keeping you informed about construction progress on US 17 from the Hardee / Desoto County Line to Sweetwater Road (CR 634). Throughout the project we will send periodic project updates to the community. If you have any questions or would like to unsubscribe to the updates please email lori.buck@dot.state.fl.us or call 863-225-0422.

Progress

Work on US 17 is underway. The project began in mid-September 2016 and is scheduled to be complete in Summer 2018. The contractor has marked the right of way area and installed construction signs throughout the project limits.

CLEARING: Crews are clearing trees and plants along US 17 to make room for the new roadway. Wood chippers are on-site and are being used to dispose of the trees and plant debris.



No lane closures are expected in the next two weeks

Upcoming Work

- Clearing trees and plants along the roadway
- Earthwork and grading
- Utility relocation and cable placement
- Bridge piles/foundations installation

Safety

Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility. Please drive with caution as you travel through the work zone. Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Please observe posted speed limits and remember speeding fines are doubled when workers are present.

UTILITIES: The project team is working closely with local utility companies such as FPL, Century Link, Comcast and others. Utility lines and power poles are being relocated and cable placement should begin in the next couple of weeks.

BRIDGE: Construction crews have completed installing the preliminary piles for the bridge. Piles are the concrete foundation for the bridge structure. Crews will continue installing piles over the next few weeks.



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