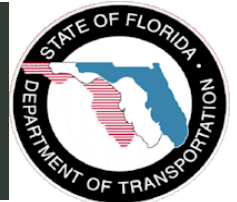




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FDOT District Five for the business owners & residents of US27

Road and bridge construction underway

Construction on Project 1 (CR 561 A to SR 50) is in full swing! Ranger is working hard throughout the project and plans to focus on constructing the two new bridges and the southbound roadway first.

Now that Ranger has shifted southbound traffic to the new temporary pavement throughout the project and the old roadway has been removed, new construction will begin.

Work on installing the new drainage system is also underway. USC, the pipe subcontractor, has finished installing all the drainage crossings under US 27 and is finishing up the roadway drainage pipe needed for this phase of construction. Ranger is in the process of excavating and finishing the four retention ponds on the project.

Leware Construction, the bridge subcontractor, has mobilized crews at the Minneola Trail and Pitt Street Bridges. They have already begun driving concrete piles during the day to minimize the nighttime noise impacts at both sites. Leware must construct a section of temporary bridge in



order to shift traffic to the northbound side of the roadway. Once traffic is shifted to the northbound bridges, demolition of both the old southbound bridges will begin.

Ranger is on track to meet the target completion date of summer 2008.



Road construction starts on Project 2

Ranger Construction remains ahead of schedule on Project 2 (Boggy Marsh Road to Polk County Line /US 192). They have shifted all traffic to the new temporary lanes on the east side of the road and the old roadway has been milled up. Currently, permanent roadway construction throughout the project is underway. In the next few months, Ranger will be working on the subbase and base construction of the road bed. Curb and sidewalk construction will follow.



Additionally, Ranger continues to work on the main drainage line on the west side of the road. Due to the extensive drainage system on this project, Ranger has brought in two extra crews to assist with the pipe installation. Crews began placing this line at the south end of the project and are working their way north. In the coming months, Ranger will be grading the ditches along the side of the roadway. Temporary sodding on the east side of the roadway is also expected to be done this month.

Project 2 is scheduled to be complete by spring 2008.

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Hurricane Safety Tips

It's hurricane season again and we would like to remind our residents of some tips to ensure your family's safety in the event of a hurricane.

If a storm is projected to hit the Central Florida area, Ranger Construction and FDOT will make sure the project is safe for residents and the traveling public. This may include removing barrels, signs or barricades for the duration of the storm depending on wind strength and storm conditions. If possible, avoid the roadways during and after any storm. State and local government agencies will let residents know when it is safe to drive.

After the storm clears, and the area is safe to work in, Ranger and FDOT will clean up the roadway and make any necessary repairs to return to the roadway to the pre-storm condition.



We Love to Hear From Our Neighbors!

If you have questions or comments regarding the US 27/SR 25 Corridor Construction, or would like to schedule someone to speak to your civic, business or homeowner's group, call our Public Information Liaison, Jenifer Montgomery.

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Traffic Safety Reminders

Just a reminder to all our friends and neighbors to please be careful driving through the work zones. Remember to slow down, maintain safe distances between vehicles, and look for the blue access signs for business driveways. **The speed limit throughout the work zones has been reduced.** In an effort to keep our workers safe, law enforcement will be aggressively patrolling the area. Speeding fines are doubled in active work zones, so save your money and obey the speed limit.

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