



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIVER ROAD (SR 777) FROM US 41 TO SOUTH OF I-75

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation is widening River Road (State Road 777) in Sarasota County to six lanes from US 41 to Center Road, and to four lanes from Center Road to I-75. This five-mile, design-build project also includes installing 10-foot-wide, shared use paths, wildlife crossings, streetlights and concrete pads to accommodate boarding buses. To enhance roadway safety, a raised grassed median will be added with openings in various locations throughout the corridor. **Stay informed on the project by visiting: www.swflroads.com/riverroad/us41toi75**

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

- Widen the roadway
- Enhance safety by installing medians and streetlights
- Construct shared use paths
- Build wildlife crossings
- Place concrete pads to help those boarding buses
- **Estimated completion: 2025**



PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Work began in February 2022 and is expected to finish in 2025
- **Estimated construction cost: \$47.5 million**



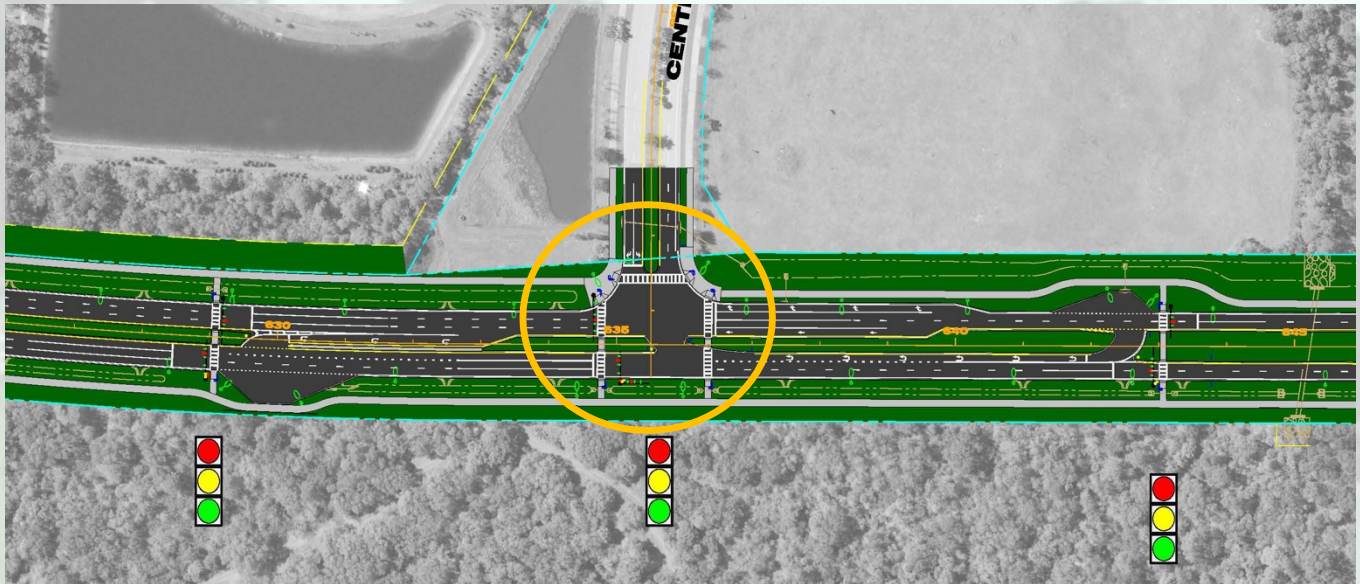
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ADDITIONAL PROJECT DETAILS

A partial median U-turn will be installed at Center Road to reduce the conflict points and potential for crashes. Northbound vehicles wishing to access Center Road will proceed through that intersection to a signalized, directional median opening about 700 feet to the north to make a U-turn. Southbound vehicles wishing to make a U-turn will be able to do so about 600 feet south of Center Road at a signalized intersection. The traffic signals will provide arrows to protect the U-turn movements. Signals also will enhance safety for pedestrians crossing River Road.



River Road: Partial Median U-Turn at Center Road

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Throughout construction, at least one lane will remain open in each direction. Drivers should expect lane closures, which may cause some delays. Access to all businesses and residences will remain.

Private property owners are advised to remove landscaping, signs, irrigation and other amenities from the state right of way prior to construction to avoid damage. FDOT is not responsible for damage to private items on the state right of way.

Construction Phasing: Initially, clearing will occur on both sides of the state right of way from the existing travel lanes. Crews will build the new southbound River Road lanes and portions of the shared use path. Work in this phase could take 14-18 months.

During the next phase, traffic will move onto the new southbound lanes. The area of the previous two-lane road will be rebuilt to house the new northbound lanes and portions of the shared use path. This phase also could take up to 14-18 months. Crews subsequently will build the median area and all remaining portions of the project.