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Tamiami Trail Next Steps Phase 2 Construction Starts Week of April 26

Series of short bridges, culverts to help restore water flow into Everglades

MIAMI, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS) will begin construction of the remaining 6.7 miles of the Tamiami Trail Next Steps Phase 2 Project the week of April 26, 2021. This project will allow for an additional 75 to 80 billion gallons of water a year to flow south into the Everglades National Park and Florida Bay.

The project work includes building six new bridges, seven improved culverts and elevating sections of State Road (SR) 90/Tamiami Trail roadway from east of the ValuJet 592 Memorial and structure S-333 (MP 13.85) to 1.5 miles west of Krome Avenue/east of structure S-334 (MP 24.42).

In June 2019, Governor DeSantis announced that full funding had been secured to elevate the Tamiami Trail. The project is estimated to cost \$53 million and is expected to be completed in spring 2024, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Completed in 1928, Tamiami Trail is a crucial corridor between Southwest Florida and Miami but has long been recognized as a barrier to the flow of water into Everglades National Park. The Tamiami Trail Next Steps Phase 2 Project will enhance the connectivity and sheetflow between the marshes north and south of the Tamiami Trail while maintaining a vital transportation link. The project will allow additional water to move south from Lake Okeechobee, which is critical for the successful implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

It will be necessary to close travel lanes and use flaggers to build the road safely. Lane closures will be posted on the department's project page. Work will be done in stages to minimize construction-related impacts. Please use caution when traveling through construction zones.

For more information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at (305) 470-5349 or Senior Construction Community Outreach Specialist Heather M. Leslie at (305) 905-5876 or visit www.fdotmiamidade.com.

Drivers are encouraged to log on www.fl511.com to get real-time traffic and lane closure information.

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