



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATE AUGUST 2026

STATE ROAD (S.R.) 7 EXTENSION PROJECT

From S.R. 704/Okeechobee Boulevard to Northlake Boulevard

Palm Beach County, Florida

Financial Project Identification Numbers: 229664-6 and 229664-7

PROJECT PURPOSE: The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) SR 7 Extension Project will provide a safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive connection between Okeechobee Boulevard and Northlake Boulevard to improve community connectivity for western Palm Beach County. This project is vital to satisfying capacity and mobility needs due to increasing growth and travel demands in the region. The improvements will also help with emergency response and evacuation by improving network connectivity in the area.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

229664-7 (from Okeechobee Boulevard to 60th Street North)

- Construct two new travel lanes between Okeechobee Boulevard and 60th Street North to provide two lanes in each direction.
- Modify the 60th street North roundabout from a one-lane to a two-lane roundabout.

229664-6 (from 60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard)

- Construct a four-lane divided roadway on a new alignment from 60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard.
- Construct new 4-lane bridge crossings over the M-Canal and the Ibis Preserve spillway.
- Construct a 12-foot shared-use path from 60th Street North to Northlake Boulevard to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility.
- Construct a robust drainage system to improve the resiliency of our infrastructure and provide environmental mitigation.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Work will be done in phases to reduce the effects of construction on the community.
- Short-term, temporary detours are anticipated for construction of connections to Orange Grove Boulevard and Persimmon Boulevard. Both will be limited to one weekend each, and will not occur at the same time.
- Access to businesses and residences will be maintained during construction.
- A Construction Open House will be held prior to construction. Detailed information about how to keep informed of construction activities will be provided at that meeting.

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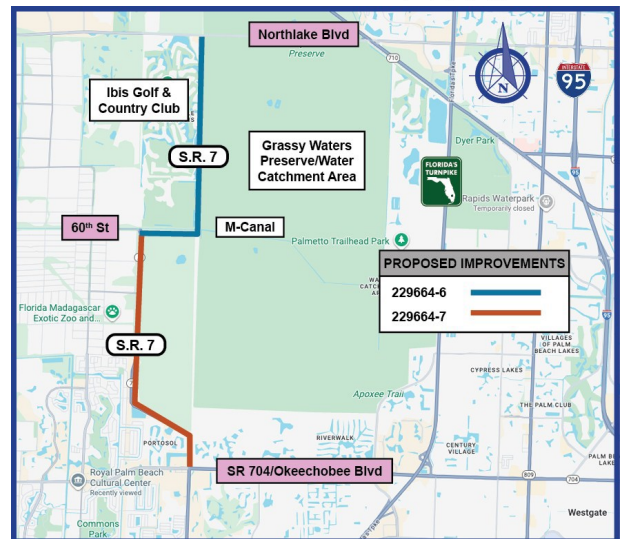
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PROJECT UPDATES

- A virtual and in-person meeting for this project was held on February 24, 2026 and February 26, 2026.
- South Florida Water Management District permit has been obtained. The City of West Palm Beach has filed an appeal against this permit, which is currently pending a ruling.
- A permit application has been submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and is expected to be issued in early 2027.
- The project is ranked as the # 1 priority roadway project by the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- The project remains on schedule for construction as per the dates below.

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CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

229664-6

- Anticipated Construction Start: **Fall 2028**
- Anticipated Construction End: **Fall 2031**
- Estimated Construction Cost: **\$81.3 Million**
- Letting Date: **July 26, 2028**

229664-7

- Anticipated Construction Start: **Spring 2028**
- Anticipated Construction End: **Spring 2031**
- Estimated Construction Cost: **\$45.2 Million**
- Letting Date: **December 1, 2027**

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Projects Website: www.sr7extension.com

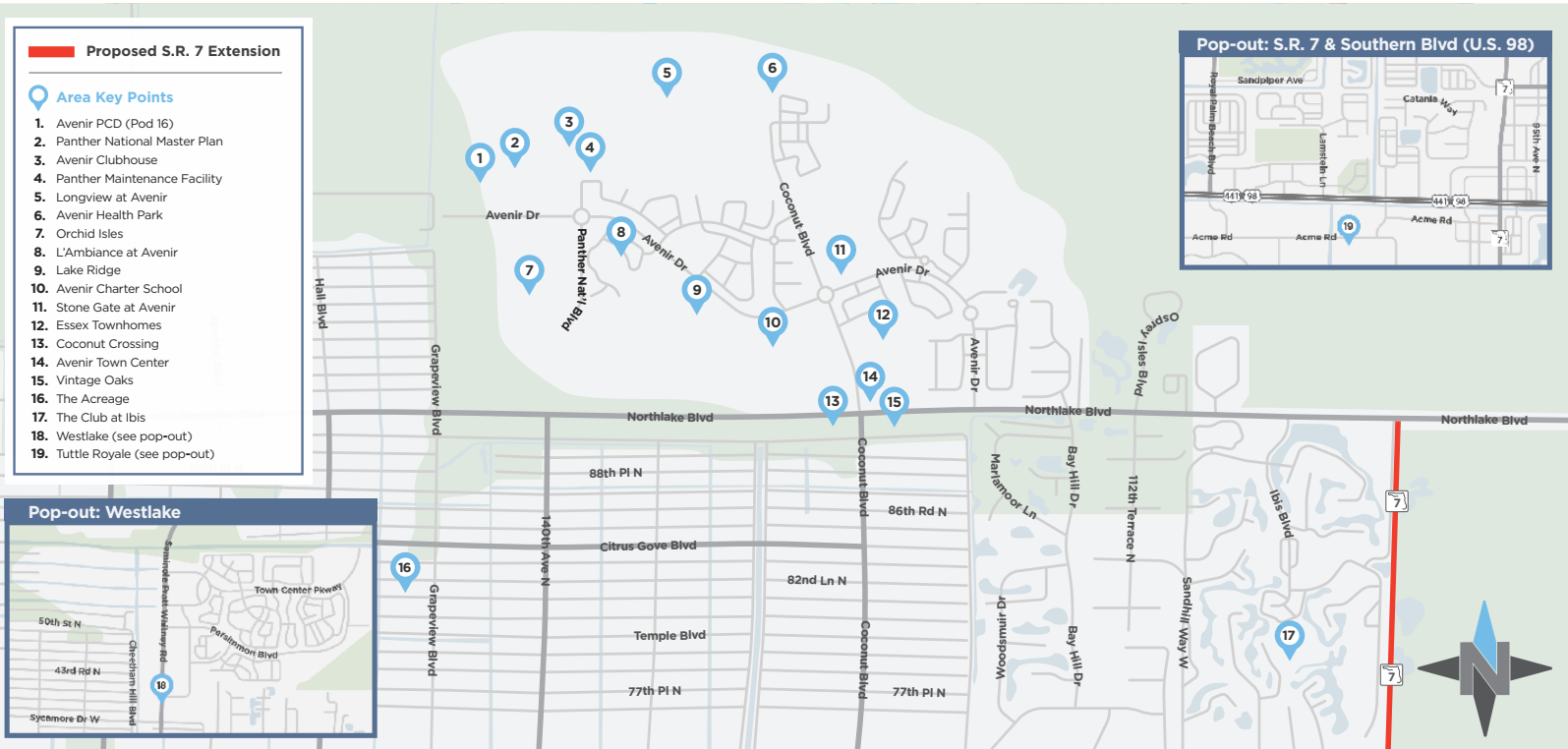
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State Road (S.R.) 7 Extension Project Need and Benefits

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AREA DEVELOPMENT



PROJECT KEY POINTS

IMPROVE REGIONAL TRAVEL CONNECTIVITY

- There are limited north-south corridors in the western Palm Beach County network.
- S.R. 7 is one of four roads that connect between Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

ACCOMMODATE THE TRAVEL DEMAND

- The need for additional linkage between Okeechobee Blvd and Northlake Blvd will continue to grow as travel demands grow.

SATISFY CAPACITY, MOBILITY, AND CONNECTIVITY NEEDS

- In addition to travel demand, the route will facilitate hurricane evacuation and emergency response times.
- The S.R. 7 Extension project adds four lanes of north-south roadway traffic capacity between 60th Street North and Northlake Blvd. and two lanes of north-south roadway traffic capacity between Okeechobee Blvd and 60th Street North.
 - This extension will help alleviate traffic volume on adjacent north-south parallel roads including Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Coconut Blvd., and the Florida Turnpike.

DISTANCE AND TRAVEL TIME BENEFITS

- The S.R. 7 extension provides a shorter route and shorter drive times than other parallel routes.
- Travel demand shows a need for another north-south route in Palm Beach County.
 - Data shows an increase in population by 50% from 2015-2045 and a job growth increase of 73%.
 - Three new developments in western Palm Beach County including Avenir, Minto West, and Indian Trails Grove relied on the S.R. 7 extension to accommodate their trips.

INCREASE SAFETY

- Reduce cut-through traffic in the residential streets of the Acreage, most notably Royal Palm Beach Blvd and Coconut Blvd.
- The S.R. 7 Extension route reduces the total overall predicted number of crashes on the adjacent north-south roads in the study area.

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