



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### STATE ROAD (S.R.) 7 EXTENSION PROJECT

From S.R. 704/Okeechobee Boulevard to Northlake Boulevard Palm Beach County, Florida

Financial Project Identification Numbers: 2296646 and 2296647

The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) S.R. 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.

**PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Extend S.R. 7 to provide a safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive connection between Okeechobee Boulevard and Northlake Boulevard to improve community connectivity for western Palm Beach County.

#### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

##### 2296647 (from Okeechobee Boulevard to 60th Street)

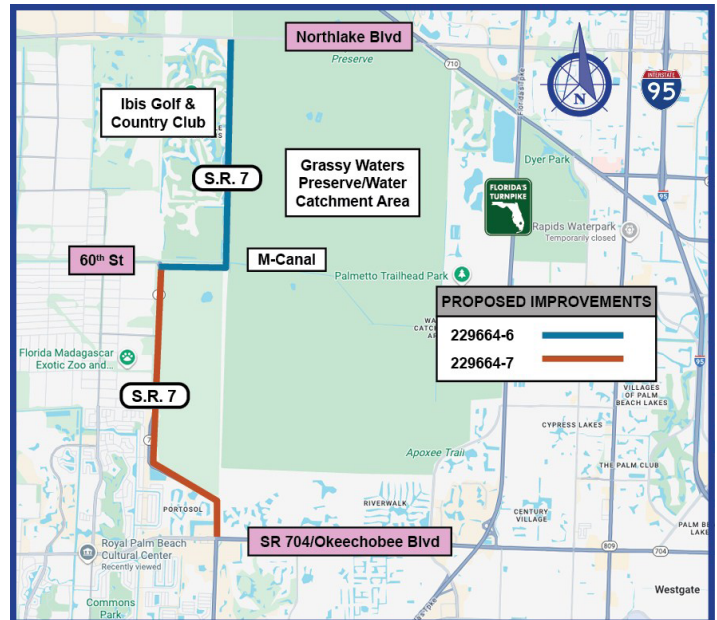
- Construct two new travel lanes between Okeechobee Boulevard and 60th Street to provide two lanes in each direction.
- Modify the 60th Street roundabout from a onelane to a twolane roundabout.

##### 2296646 (from 60th Street to Northlake Boulevard)

- Construct a fourlane divided roadway on a new alignment from 60th Street to Northlake Boulevard.
- Construct new 4lane bridge crossings over the MCanal and the Ibis Preserve spillway.
- Construct a 12foot shareduse path from 60th Street to Northlake Boulevard to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility.
- Construct a robust drainage system to improve the resiliency of our infrastructure.

#### CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Work will be done in phases to reduce the effects of construction on the community.
- Shortterm, 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.
- Another public meeting (Construction Open House) will be held prior to construction. Detailed information about how to keep informed of potential construction impacts will be provided at that meeting.



#### CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

##### 2296646

- Anticipated Construction Start: **Fall 2028**
- Anticipated Construction End: **Fall 2031**
- Estimated Construction Cost: **\$94.2 Million**

##### 2296647

- Anticipated Construction Start: **Spring 2028**
- Anticipated Construction End: **Spring 2031**
- Estimated Construction Cost: **\$43.4 Million**

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

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

Financial Project ID's: 229664-6 & 229664-7

## 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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