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FDOT begins U.S. 17 widening project in Putnam County

Palatka – Work is underway to widen U.S. 17 to four lanes between State Road 100 in San Mateo to Horse Landing Road in Satsuma. The \$13.8 million project by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to be complete by late 2017.

The 2-mile-long project includes building a 12-foot-wide bike and pedestrian path on the eastside of U.S. 17. The new roadway will also feature grassed center medians with openings for turns and crossovers. Northbound left turn lanes will be constructed at River Road, Horse Landing Road, Tropic Avenue, Dunns Creek Baptist Church, Troupe Road, Divi Divi Road, Browns Road, Dunn Avenue, Spring Creek Drive and between Weerts and Crosby roads. Southbound left turn lanes will be constructed at Currie Road, between Culpepper and Browns roads, Divi Divi Road, Dunns Creek Baptist Church, Tropic Avenue and Horse Landing Road.

Retention ponds will be built along the west side of U.S. 17 from south of State Road 100 to Marina Road for collecting rainwater through open ditches and new culverts. A new water line is being constructed on the west side of U.S. 17 as a separate project in conjunction with the roadway widening.

An open house was held for the public on Tuesday and drew more than 150 residents and business owners from around the community. FDOT, its contractor Watson Civil Construction, Inc. of St. Augustine and the consultant, engineering and inspection staff from RS&H were on hand to answer questions and provide information.

FDOT urges caution while driving through construction zones. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 miles-per-hour throughout the project limits for the duration of work. Speeding fines are doubled in construction zones when workers are present. Lane closures are expected weekdays but are not allowed between 6 and 8:30 a.m. and periodic weekend lane closures may occur. No construction will be allowed during major holidays.

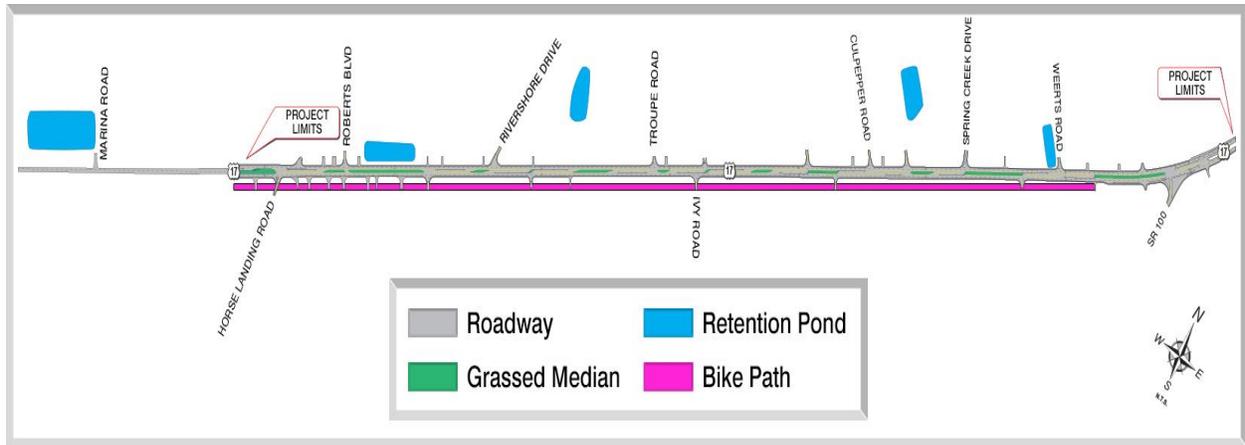
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