

Transportation Improvements – Florida at Work

SR 281 Avalon Blvd from North of CSX R/R Bridge to Commerce Road



connector between I-10 and the Milton/Pace areas.

Fast Facts

Costs:

*Design and Engineering—
\$ 1,204,000*

*Construction/Inspection—
Approximately \$10,034,000*

*Project Total—
Approximately \$11,238,000*

Schedule:

*Contract Advertisement:
May 2009*

*Contract Award:
June 2009*

*Beginning of Construction:
August 2009*

*Anticipated Completion:
Early 2012*

Jobs Created/Supported
Estimated: 315

Project Summary

The SR 281 Avalon Boulevard project is the reconstruction and widening of the existing two (2) lane urban/rural corridor to a four (4) lane urban section with bike lanes and sidewalks. The project runs approximately one (1) mile from the CSX railroad bridge to just south of the new intersection at Commerce/Mulat with Avalon Boulevard. There will be one retention pond construction for this project. Improvements also include a service road on the east side of SR 281 running

from just south of Cactus Drive to just north of Admirals Drive. Side road improvements will also be constructed.

HISTORY:

This project lies within Santa Rosa County. This is the first portion of the corridor to be constructed. The entire corridor runs from I-10 in the south to the terminus at US 90. Starting from the south this corridor is broken up into 4 segments, Segment 8, 7, 6 and 5.

Project Support (as of 3/3/09)

SR 281 serves as the main connector between I-10 and the Milton/Pace areas. This has been a highly congested area for several years due to development along this corridor and further north. It is number 1 on the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization, TPO, lists of projects for improvement. The evolution of this project has been a collaborative effort between numerous entities and agencies including:

- Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization
- West Florida Regional Planning Council
- Florida Department of Transportation, District Three
- Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners

This project is being funded through the

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For more information,
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