



Section 6 Fact Sheet (Lake & Seminole Counties)

Financial Project ID: 238275-7



PROJECT DETAILS

The Florida Department of Transportation – District Five will build Section 6 of the Wekiva Parkway in Lake and Seminole Counties.

This design-build project consists of nearly 6 miles of limited access toll road that will be largely elevated along the existing State Road (S.R.) 46 corridor from the State Road 429 interchange east of Camp Challenge Road to near Longwood-Markham Road. The project includes a parallel, non-tolled, service road for local travel, and a new, much higher bridge with a slightly arched design and other aesthetics over the Wekiva River.

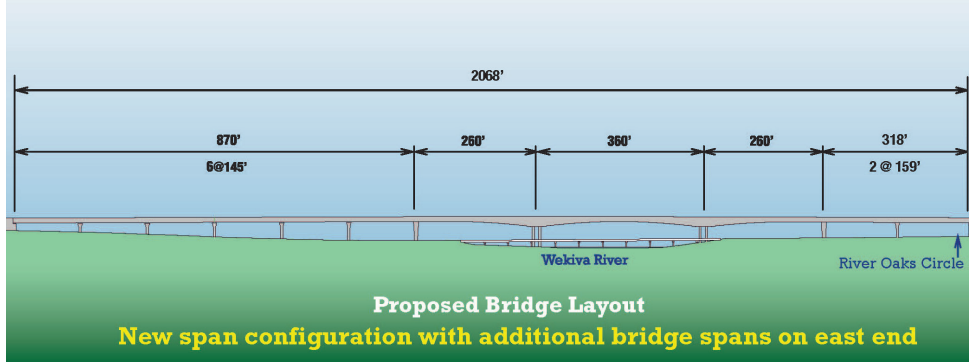


Three bridges will be built over the river for the eastbound and westbound parkway lanes, and for the non-tolled service road. Environmental precautions will be taken when building the bridges over the Wekiva River, which is designated as a National Wild and Scenic River.



Along with the river bridge, three other wildlife bridges will allow animals to pass safely between the Seminole State Forest, Rock Springs Run State Reserve and Lower Wekiva River Preserve. The wildlife bridges will total nearly 7,700 feet in length, providing nearly 100 times the safe passageway for animals as the current two wildlife tunnels under S.R. 46 in this area. This section also will feature wildlife fencing to discourage animals from entering the corridor.

A multi-use trail will be included along the service road. This section is expected to enhance access to the adjacent state conservation lands. Construction will include connector roads between remaining sections of County Road (C.R.) 46A and S.R. 46 to maintain private property access. Work also will include drainage, lighting at bridges over cross streets, utilities and other roadway features.



At a Glance:

Construction Cost:
\$240 Million

Construction Start:
Fall 2017

Project Completion:
Spring 2021

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WORK ZONE SAFETY

Drivers should be aware that construction will require lane closures, traffic shifts and other changes to travel patterns. There will be night and weekend work on this project.

For the safety of motorists and work crews, speed limits will be strictly enforced during construction. Speeding fines are doubled in work zones when workers are present. Motorists should obey all construction signs and devices, and be alert for large trucks and other equipment entering and leaving the travel lanes.