

#### Multi-Use Trail

The FDOT is building a multi-use trail. The trail will cross over the Wekiva River on a new, high-profile bridge. The Wekiva Parkway trail will connect to a proposed extension of the West Orange Trail in Orange County, the Lake-Wekiva trail in Lake County and an extension of the Seminole-Wekiva Trail in Seminole County.

# **Public Meetings**

FDOT is planning the final parkway public meeting in advance of construction starting in 2019 on Section 7B. To find out the latest information about public meetings, project documents and other details, or to make comments, go to WekivaParkway. com. You can also follow the project on Facebook and Twitter for real-time updates.







<sup>\*</sup>Please be advised that schedules are subject to change.



For more information, visit **WekivaParkway.com**Or contact:

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### **Project Overview**

The Wekiva Parkway (State Road 429) will connect to SR 417 and Interstate 4, completing Central Florida's beltway while also helping to protect the natural resources surrounding the Wekiva River. The planned 25-mile toll road is providing travel alternatives and relieving US 441, SR 46 and other area roads of traffic congestion in Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties. The parkway also will help improve safety, particularly along SR 46.

This is a cooperative effort between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) and the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. CFX is primarily responsible for the Orange County portions and a small portion in Lake County, while FDOT is responsible for a small portion in Orange County, as well as portions in the rest of Lake County and Seminole County.

This estimated \$1.6 billion project features approximately \$500 million of non-toll road improvements including:

- Improving SR 46 in Lake and Seminole Counties
- Rebuilding the US 441/SR 46 interchange in Mount Dora
- Moving part of County Road 46A (CR 46A) out of the state forest to improve wildlife habitat connectivity
- Building a non-tolled service road along the parkway in parts of Lake and Seminole Counties providing property access and an option for local trips

FDOT opened its first sections in 2016. By the spring of 2018, CFX had opened its 10 miles of the parkway. The rest of the parkway is scheduled to open by the end of 2022. Schedules are subject to change on such a major transportation improvement.



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## **Protecting the Environment**

Authorized by the 2004 Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act (Chapter 369, Part III, F.S.), this expressway has been heralded as a shining example for transportation planning through an environmentally sensitive area.

Among the primary goals are to meet regional mobility needs while minimizing impacts to the Wekiva River, a National Wild and Scenic River, and surrounding habitat. Parkway development has included: purchasing more than 3,400 acres of land for conservation; building 1.5 miles of wildlife bridges between state-owned lands; and largely elevating the parkway to reduce accidents between vehicles and wildlife. Wildlife jump-outs, special fencing and bat houses are additional protections along the parkway.

# All Electronic Tolling

The Wekiva Parkway is the first expressway in Central Florida to feature All Electronic Tolling (AET). AET provides the greatest convenience, allowing customers to pay their tolls at safe highway and ramp speeds, without having to slow down or stop. There are no toll plazas. Both FDOT and CFX have programs for those who do not have an E-PASS or SunPASS transponder.

For more information on AET go to the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise website at www.floridasturnpike.com



