



US Highway 17 (SR 35)

Between the Hardee/Desoto County Line and Sweetwater Road/CR 634
Hardee County, Florida



Financial Project ID: 414547-1-52-01

The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) contractor, Watson Civil Construction, is making improvements to US 17 (SR 35) from the Desoto / Hardee County line to Sweetwater Road (CR 634) in Hardee County, Florida. Improvements include widening the roadway from two lanes to four lanes, and building new two-lane bridges over Charlie Creek and Charlie Creek Overflow. The contractor is also installing new roadside drainage swales and stormwater ponds to manage water running off the roadway. A 64-foot wide grassed median is being built to separate the northbound and southbound lanes. Driveways may be modified in slope to accommodate the new alignment and higher roadway, however property owners will still continue to have access to US 17. This project is expected to be complete in Summer 2018.



Public Meeting / Open House – Tuesday, September 6, 2016

The FDOT will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hardee County Agri Civic Center, 515 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, FL 33973. Team representatives will be available to answer questions about this project.

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION:
Hardee County Agri Civic Center
515 Civic Center Drive - Wauchula, FL 33873
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Lane closures: Minimal lane closures are expected. If necessary, traffic will be directed around the work zone by flaggers. FDOT will maintain access to businesses and residents at all times.

Median Openings: Full Median Openings – northbound and southbound left turn lanes from US 17 to side streets and left turn opportunities from side streets onto US 17.

Construction start:
Mid-September 2016

Anticipated completion:
Summer 2018

Project Cost:
\$23.5 million

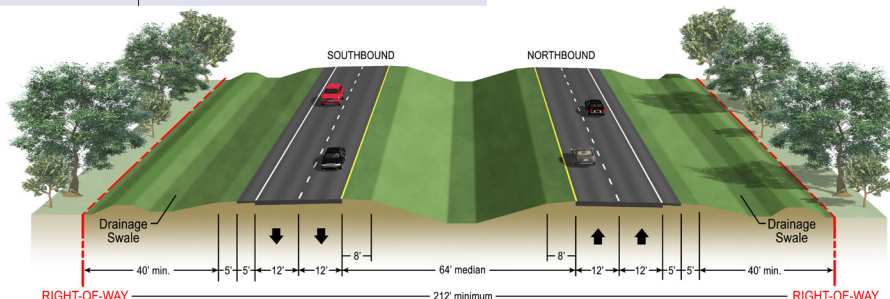
• Tennessee St. (existing to remain)	• Bluffs Golf Course	• Bronco Drive
• Oak Lane	• Brooks Bluff Entrance	• Sweetwater Rd. (CR 634) (existing to remain)
• Fish Branch Road	• Private Drive – 7045 US 17	

Directional Median Opening – northbound left turn lane from US 17 to:

- Secure Public Storage Entrance

Directional Median Opening – southbound left turn lane from US 17 to:

- WZZS Radio Station (106.9)



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