



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
U.S. 17 (S.R. 35) AT STATE ROAD (S.R. 62) AND  
U.S. 17 FROM REA ROAD TO STATE ROAD (S.R. 62)**

Financial Project ID: 454456-1 & 454456-2

March 2026  
Hardee County, FL

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will begin safety improvements on State Road 17 (U.S. 17) in Hardee County on March 2026. These improvements will enhance traffic safety and roadway visibility along one of the county’s busiest corridors. Work includes installing new traffic signals at the intersection of U.S. 17 (S.R. 35) and S.R. 62, along with new roadway lighting on U.S. 17 from Rea Road to S.R. 62. The project covers about 2 miles and has an estimated cost of \$2 million. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures, along with changes in traffic patterns, will occur during construction.

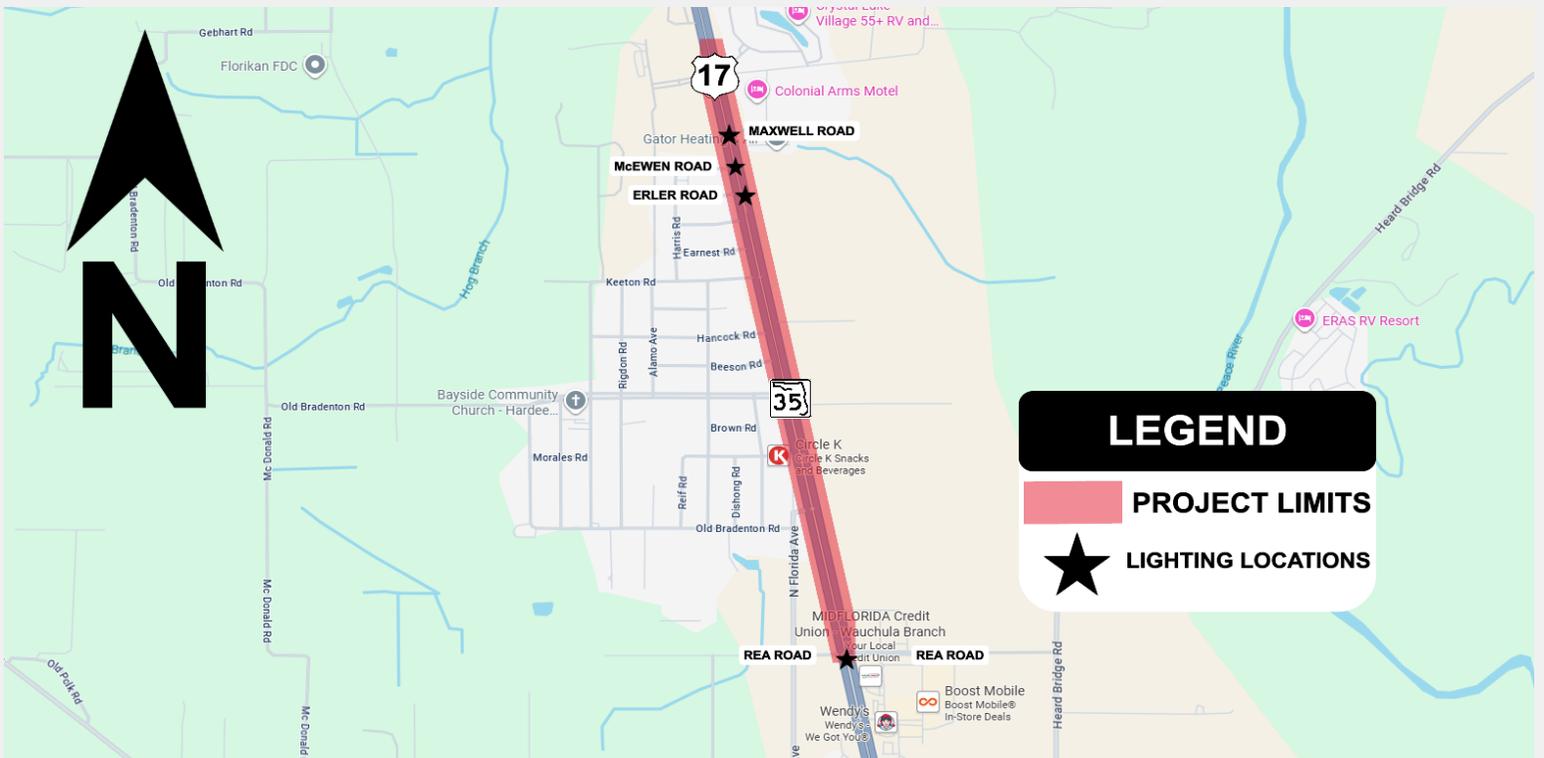
**PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS**

- Installing new traffic signals at U.S. 17 (S.R. 35) and S.R. 62
- Adding emergency vehicle preemption at the new traffic signal
- Add roadway lighting from Rea Road, Erler Road, McEwen Road and Maxwell Road
- Improve safety and nighttime visibility

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

- Construction begins March 2026; estimated completion is fall 2026
- Traffic may be reduced to one lane during work
- Daytime and nighttime lane closures may occur
- Be aware of changing traffic patterns, heavy equipment, and workers during construction
- For more information, see the back of this page

**U.S. 17 FROM REA ROAD TO S.R. 62  
PROJECT LOCATION**

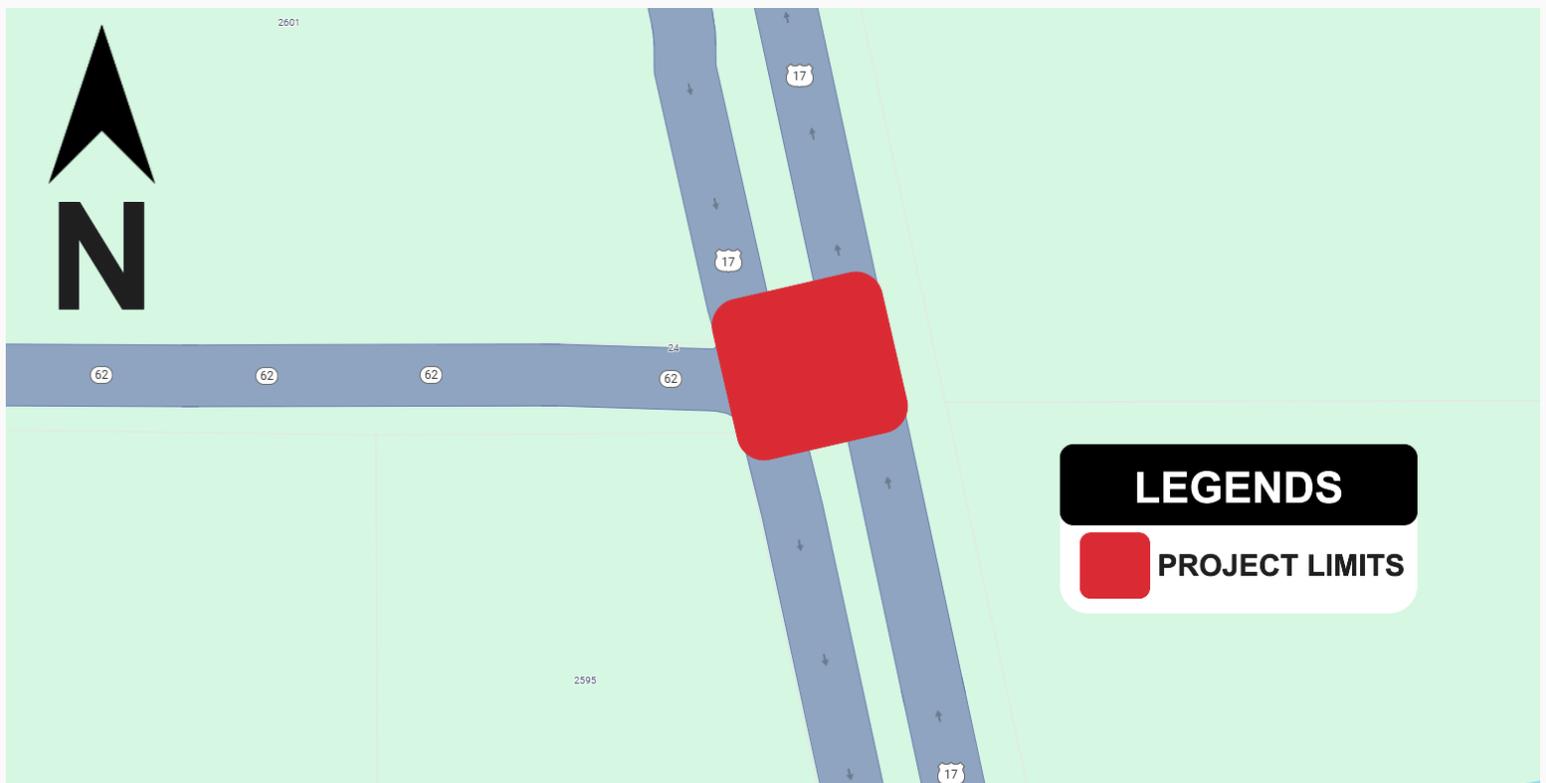




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U.S. 17 (S.R. 35) AT S.R. 62  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOCATION

- Installing new traffic signals at U.S. 17 (S.R. 35) and S.R. 62
- New signal equipment and intersection control devices
- Improve visibility and awareness of the intersection, especially at night



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