



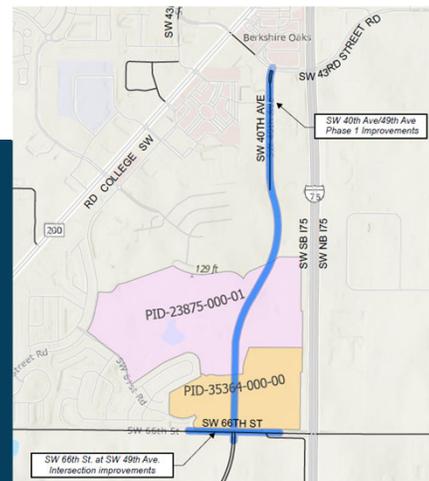
**ROADWAY PROJECT UPDATES
MARCH 2026
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER**

SW 49TH/40TH AVE PHASE 1

NEW 4-LANE ROAD FROM SW 66TH ST
TO SW 43RD ST RD



- SW 66th St Intersection Improvements
 - Phase 1 – Expected completion April 10th.
 - Mast arms for traffic signal in place.
- Turn Lane Extension – SW 43rd St Rd at SW 40th Ave
 - Construction began on March 2nd.
 - Extending westbound left turn lane by 350 ft.
- Finalizing property acquisition on SW 42nd Street Flyover LLC properties as heard today.



SW 80TH AVE SEGMENT 1

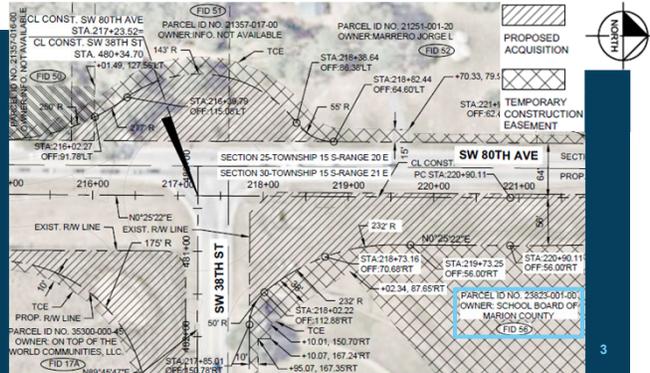
ADD 2 LANES FROM SW 90TH ST TO 0.62 MILE N OF SW 38TH ST

Phase 1A

- Notice to Proceed scheduled for March 16th.

Phase 1B

- School Board approved Interlocal Agreement for right-of-way acquisition at West Port High School.
- Coordinating with City of Ocala on property acquisition just east of West Port High School.
- Appraisals underway on remaining properties.



SR 40 AT NW/SW 80TH AVE INTERSECTION

ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT SIGNAL

- Site preparation and sediment control began Feb. 23rd.
- Utility relocation underway.
- Finalizing acquisition of last parcel for DRA near Sherman Oaks subdivision.
- Construction estimated completion in October 2026.



PROTECTING NATIVE WILDLIFE

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- Proactive surveys prior to ground disturbance.
- Certified biologists on-site to oversee all species relocations (e.g., gopher tortoises & burrowing owls).
- Relocation to pre-approved recipient sites.
- Active projects with species relocations:
 - SW 49th Ave Segment F
 - SW 145th Pl Rd (Florida Crossroads Commerce Park)
 - Emerald Road Extension
 - SR 40 at NW/SW 80th Ave Intersection



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