

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Construction on the third segment of the \$600 million State Road 408 (East-West Expressway) widening project has just begun. The expansion, which began in July 2003, will eventually extend 16 miles from Clarke Road to SR 417 (Central Florida GreeneWay) with completion expected in five years. As part of this project, all SR 408 toll plazas are being converted to Express Lanes, allowing E-PASS customers to travel through the plaza at the posted highway speed.

- ▶ Segment I West from the I-4/SR 408 interchange to Tampa Avenue began in summer of 2003
- ▶ Segment II West from Tampa Avenue to Clarke Road began in summer 2004
- ▶ Segment I East from Rosalind Avenue to Crystal Lake Drive began March 2005
- ▶ Segment II East from Crystal Lake Drive to Conway Road begins fall 2005
- ▶ Segment III East from Conway Road to Goldenrod Road should begin late 2005
- ▶ Segment IV East from Goldenrod Road to SR 417 is currently under design
- ▶ Segment V East, including the SR 408/SR 417 interchange, is currently under design

SEGMENT I EAST: More than 100,000 vehicles a day currently travel through this project area. That traffic volume is expected to double by 2025. To relieve increasing congestion, the Expressway Authority is widening SR 408 to six lanes - and to eight lanes between major interchanges - from Rosalind Avenue east to Crystal Lake Drive. The two-mile widening will be accomplished within the existing right-of-way and by reconfiguring the median and the road shoulders. Work also includes widening and/or resurfacing ramp lanes along this stretch.

- ▶ As part of this project, which began in March, the westbound on-ramp at Mills Avenue has been permanently closed. The area is being used for a safer, reconfigured Rosalind Avenue exit ramp. Motorists wishing to enter westbound SR 408 east of downtown Orlando need to use the Bumby Avenue ramp. The next available westbound on-ramp is at Orange Avenue.
- ▶ The project also includes widening four bridges over Summerlin Avenue, Mills Avenue, Bumby Avenue and Primrose Drive. Additionally, the new Rosalind exit ramp will create a bridge over Summerlin Avenue. Bridge work will include driving piles and other activities that will result in noise and vibration.
- ▶ Placing bridge beams and other structures will require intermittent traffic shifts or closing of the above cross streets throughout the life of this project. In the case of road closings, traffic will be detoured along adjacent cross streets.



Summerlin Avenue and Anderson Street - Proposed View



SR 408 west of Lake Underhill - Proposed View

AESTHETIC TREATMENTS: The project includes installing eight-foot tall, stepped sound barrier walls with decorative panels and post caps. As planned, the sound walls will stretch along the eastbound and westbound sides at roadway level for the length of this project. Each bridge will also feature decorative architectural pylons, columns, panels, planter walls and sound walls.

SEGMENT I EAST PROJECT START: SPRING 2005

SEGMENT I EAST PROJECT COMPLETION: SPRING 2007

SEGMENT I EAST PROJECT COST: \$60 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION

LANE CLOSURES: No lane closures on SR 408 will be allowed during peak hours from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. As a result, work requiring lane closures will be done at night and on weekends. Intermittent ramp closures will be required to accommodate road construction. Every effort is being made to minimize impact to the traveling public.

WORK ZONE SAFETY: For the safety of motorists and work crews, the 55 mph speed limit will be strictly enforced during construction. Speeding fines are doubled in the work zone when workers are present.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS: Any irrigation lines, landscaping or other amenities on the right-of-way should be relocated immediately to avoid damage. Neither the Expressway Authority nor the contractor is responsible for damage to irrigation lines and other items within the Expressway Authority's right-of-way.

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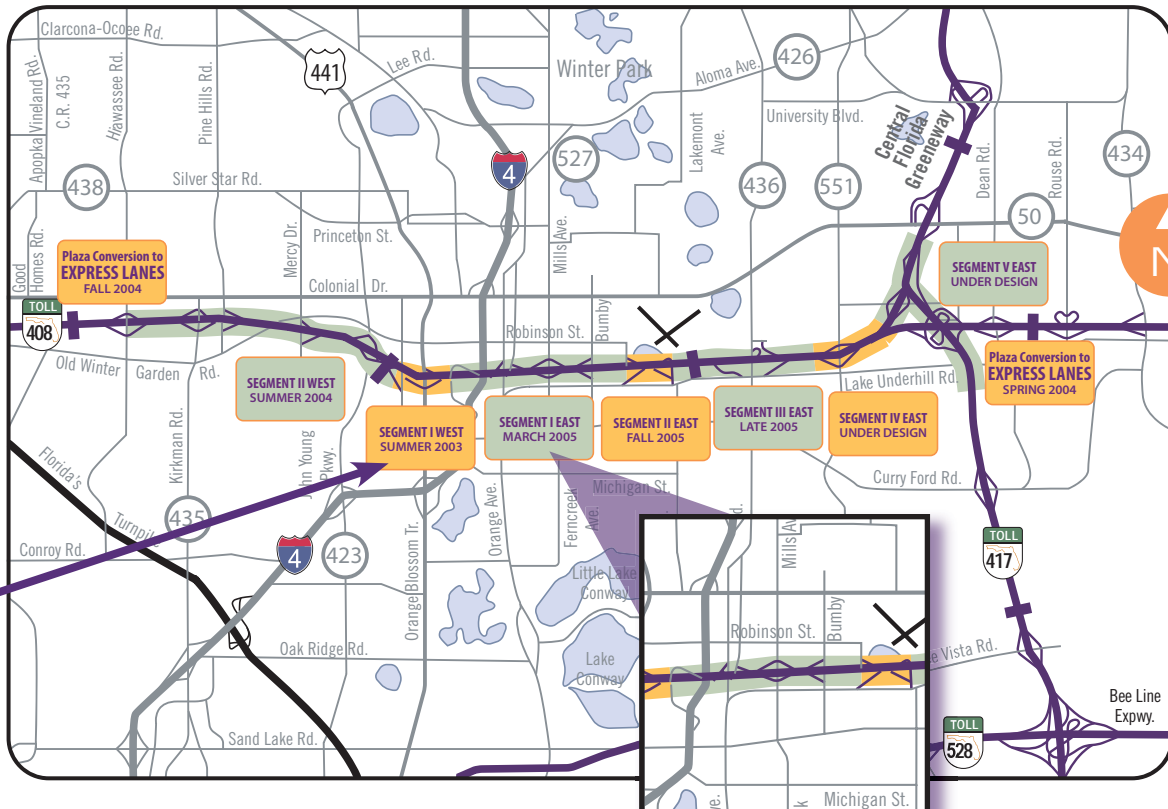
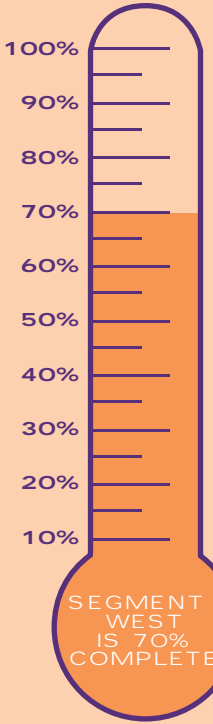


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EAST-WEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT MAP



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