

# Transportation Improvements – Florida at Work

S.R. 55 (US 19) From Whitney Road to S.R. 60

FPN: 256881-1 and 256881-2



## Fast Facts

### Costs:

Design and Engineering—  
\$ 14,900,000

Right of Way—  
\$ 48,200,000

Construction—  
Approximately \$144,500,000

Project Total—  
Approximately \$207,600,000

### Schedule:

Contract Advertisement:  
July 2009

Contract Award:  
August 2009

Beginning of Construction:  
November 2009

Anticipated completion:  
Late 2014

### Jobs Created/Supported

Estimated: 5,800



This project will ease congestion, improve safety, and provide quicker travel times for evacuations.

## Project Summary

This project improves U.S. 19 (S.R. 55) from North of Whitney Road to north of S.R. 60 in Pinellas County. U.S. 19 is the main north-south corridor within Pinellas County, Florida. The existing roadway has six lanes (three in each direction) with a grass or concrete median with a signalized intersection at Seville Boulevard and a functionally obsolete interchange at S.R. 60. The proposed roadway provides for six lanes (three in each direction) on U.S. 19 with two-lane, one-way frontage roads on each side of the mainline. Interchanges at Belleair Road, and Seville Boulevard are also proposed to allow for free flowing traffic along U.S. 19. Improvements along

S.R. 60 include dual left turn lanes and a right turn lane for eastbound traffic. The project length is approximately 2.6 miles.

### HISTORY:

U.S. 19 has been getting reconstructed throughout Pinellas County in order to eliminate traffic signals. The overall plan is to provide for uninterrupted travel throughout Pinellas County. This project will eliminate existing signalized intersections at Whitney Road, Seville Boulevard and improve the operations of the interchange at S.R. 60.

## Project Support

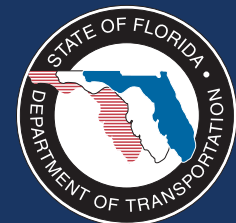
This section of U.S. 19 completes a twelve mile section of controlled-access highway running through the most densely populated county in the state. This project was originally proposed in a Project Development and Environmental study in 1990 and has been a goal of the FDOT and Pinellas County ever since.

The evolution of this project has been a joint effort between numerous entities and agencies including:

- Pinellas County
- Pinellas County MPO
- City of Clearwater
- Florida Department of Transportation District Seven

This project is eligible for funding through the

### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



### For more information,

Call the Florida Department of Transportation District Seven Public Information Office at: 813-975-6060.