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Major widening project underway on Starkey Road
Lane closures from 84th Lane North to 82nd Avenue North

Work is underway on an extensive road project to improve traffic flow on a section of Starkey Road/Park Street North from 84th Lane North to 82nd Avenue North in Seminole.

The project will cause lane closures from now through next year as Pinellas County contractors transform sections of the road from four lanes to a six-lane divided roadway and make enhancements to major intersections.

The work is expected to be completed in 2017.

Motorists can expect travel delays with various sections of the road reduced to one lane throughout the course of the project.

In addition to widening the road, the work also includes improvements to turn lanes, sidewalks, accessibility ramps, pavement markings, drainage and traffic signals.

Project information and updates can be found at www.pinellascounty.org/roadwork.htm.

These traffic enhancements are part of Pinellas County's Capital Improvement Program.

The traffic program focuses on alleviating congestion on major routes, improving safety and adding sidewalks and other features for better pedestrian use.

The \$13-million project is funded by the 1-cent Penny for Pinellas sales tax along with a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and other county enterprise funds.

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners awarded the Starkey Road project contract to David Nelson Construction Co. in Palm Harbor.

Another segment of the Starkey Road/Park Street North corridor is planned for future improvements between 54th Avenue North and Tyrone Boulevard, but dates for that work have not yet been scheduled.

