



First Coast Expressway—Phase 1

State Road 23 from north of Argyle Forest Blvd. to I-10 Duval County

Construction began September 16 on the first phase of the First Coast Expressway/Toll-23 along State Road 23 from north of Argyle Forest Boulevard to south of Interstate 10 (6 miles).

Construction activities include:

- Add two lanes between New World Avenue and 103rd Street (State Road 134).
- Resurface all existing pavement within the project limits.
- Construct interchanges at New World Avenue, Normandy Boulevard (State Road 228) and 103rd Street (State Road 134). Side roads will cross over the First Coast Expressway.
- Realign Chaffee Road to connect with Samaritan Way.
- Build automated tolling facilities for electronically paid tolls south of New World Avenue.
- Build noise walls for portions of the Bent Creek and Blue Lake Estates subdivisions.
- Construct drainage ponds and an underground stormwater system.

Dragados USA, Inc./TY Lin International began design on June 7, 2013. Construction should be completed in early 2016 at a cost of \$77 million.

Traffic Impacts:

- No lane closures will be allowed on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- The existing speed limits on State Road 23 and all side streets will remain the same during construction, however, speeding fines are doubled in the construction area while workers are present.

Other construction news:

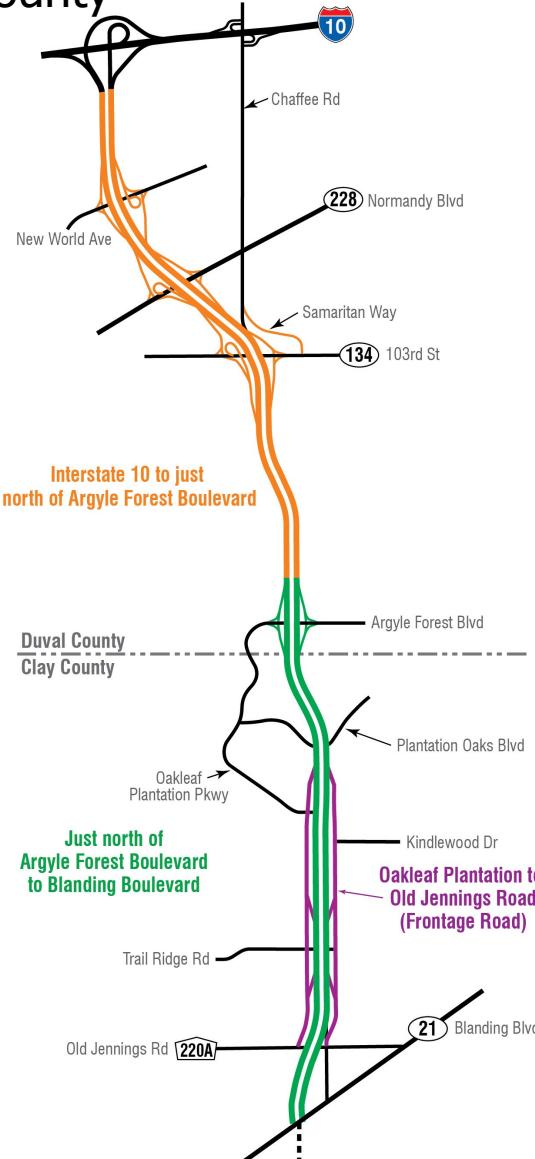
SR 23 frontage roads construction

Currently under construction are the frontage roads from Oakleaf Plantation to Old Jennings Road. This project began September 10, 2012. Hubbard Construction Company of Winter Park should complete this project in late 2013 at a cost of \$13.2 million. No tolls will be collected on the frontage roads.

The project includes:

- Adding two northbound lanes to the east of the proposed Toll-23 from Oakleaf Plantation Parkway to Old Jennings Road.
- Resurfacing the existing lanes of Branan Field Road and converting it into a two-lane southbound frontage road between Oakleaf Plantation Parkway and Old Jennings Road.
- Constructing sidewalks and bicycle lanes in both directions.
- Improving drainage.

A major traffic shift is planned in late September or early October. This shift will move traffic onto the new northbound lanes allowing for the existing southbound lanes to be resurfaced.



First Coast Expressway—Phase 2—Clay County

The second project between Argyle Forest Boulevard and Blanding Boulevard (State Road 21) (6 miles) will have construction bids opened later this year. Work is scheduled to begin in early 2014 and will take approximately 2 1/2 years to complete at an estimated cost of \$90 million. Tolls will not be collected until both segments are complete.

The First Coast Expressway will be a four lane toll road connecting I-10 in Duval County with I-95 in St. Johns County through Clay County, a total distance of 46.5 miles. It will include a new bridge over the St. Johns River near the existing Shands Bridge. Drivers will be able to avoid the congestion on the inner beltway (I-295) if their destination is Clay County or south of Jacksonville.



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