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### **FDOT to Host May 23 Hybrid Construction Open House for First Coast Expressway St. Johns River Bridge Project**

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a construction open house to preview upcoming construction of the new St. Johns River bridge as part of the First Coast Expressway project.

The hybrid construction open house will be held Tuesday, May 23 at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office, 500 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Project staff will be available to answer questions in person, online at [nflroads.com/VPH](http://nflroads.com/VPH) or by phone at (415) 655-0060, access code 677-379-051.

Interested parties may drop by anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. to learn more about project scope and timeline and view conceptual renderings of the project.

The design-build team of WGI, Inc., Johnson Bros. Corporation and American Bridge was selected to complete the project at a cost of approximately \$595 million. Construction work is expected to begin this month, with completion estimated in 2030, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Highlights of the 9,300-foot bridge include

- Two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction
- 12-foot wide outside shoulders
- 12-foot, 8.5-inch wide shared use path on the northbound side of the bridge to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists
- 65-foot vertical clearance to enhance opportunities for marine commerce in the region
- 70 mph speed limit

The bridge is a key component of the larger First Coast Expressway project, a 46-mile limited-access toll road that will cross parts of Duval, Clay and St. Johns counties. The First Coast Expressway will reduce congestion on other major roadways in the region, providing new options for daily commuters while delivering additional capacity for storm-related evacuations and other emergencies. More information about the project is available at [www.firstcoastexpressway.com](http://www.firstcoastexpressway.com).

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The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the state's environment and communities. The department is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida's residents and visitors, but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. The unique nature of the Sunshine State and its year-round warm climate provides numerous opportunities to achieve the department's mission through multiple transportation modes including highways/streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, transit, and the ever-expanding deployment of bicycle & pedestrian facilities.

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