

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
 RE-EVALUATION FORM**

1. GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Re-evaluation Type(s): Right of Way Phase, Design Change, Construction Advertisement

B. Original approved Environmental Document:

Document Type: SEIR

Date of Approval: 02/06/1998

Project Numbers:

N/A

405270-1-32-01
 405270-3-32-01
 405270-4-32-01
 442764-2-52-01
 442764-3-52-01

ETDM (if applicable)

Financial Management

Project Name: SUNCOAST PARKWAY 2 - US 98 TO HERNANDO/CITRUS COUNTY LINE

Project Location: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Hernando County)

Project Limits: US 98 in Hernando County to US 19/98 in Citrus County

C. Prior Re-evaluation(s):

FM Number	Type(s)				Date District Approved
	PE	DC	ROW	CON	
405270-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	08/24/2010
Description of Approval: Design Change Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis along 26-mile corridor.					
405270-1, 405270-3, 405270-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	02/17/2017
Description of Approval: Design Change Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis along 26-mile corridor.					
442764-1-52-01	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	06/07/2021
Description of Approval: Design Change and Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from SR 44 to CR 486.					
442764-1-52-01	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	02/17/2022
Description of Approval: Design Change, ROW, and Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from SR 44 to CR 486.					
442764-2-52-01	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/18/2023

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Description of Approval: Design Change and ROW Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from CR 486 to CR 495.					
442764-3-52-01	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	08/01/2024
Description of Approval: Design Change and ROW Re-evaluation for changes in alignment to Dunnellon Road, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street bridge laneage, and over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from CR 495 to US 19.					
442764-2-52-01	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	08/02/2024
Description of Approval: Design Change, ROW, and Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements at CR 495 and West Tom Mason Drive, cross street laneage, and over/under analysis and stormwater ponds along design segment from CR 486 to CR 495.					
442764-3-52-01	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	06/12/2025
Description of Approval: Design Change, ROW, and Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation for changes in alignment, typical section, design criteria, interchanges, ROW, access road requirements, cross street bridge laneage, and over/under analysis and changes in the pond site location at Dunnellon Road along design segment from CR 495 to US 19.					

D. Project or project segment(s) being evaluated

FM Number	Project/ Segment Name	Project/ Segment Location	Type(s)				Project/ Segment Letting Type
			PE	DC	ROW	CON	
442764-2-52-01	SUNCOAST II-PHASE 3A (SR589)-CR 486 TO CR 495	District 7 - CITRUS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design-Bid-Build

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The original Suncoast Parkway - Project 2 SEIR was completed in 1998. The original project description was a proposed multi-lane, divided limited access toll facility to be located primarily within Citrus County. Suncoast Parkway - Project 2 would begin approximately 4 miles south of the Hernando/Citrus County line and extend to US 19, north of the Crystal River area and south of the Citrus/Levy County line. The proposed typical section for the original 1998 SEIR was a four-lane rural roadway separated by a 64-foot grassed median. The design speed was proposed at 70 MPH and had a 400-foot-wide right-of-way typical section.

Following the approval of the SEIR in 1998, the project was broken down into four design segments, identified as Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3A, and Phase 3B.

This re-evaluation is being conducted to evaluate design changes since the original 1998 PD&E SEIR for Suncoast Parkway Phase 3A (extend Suncoast Parkway from CR 486 to CR 495), FPID 442764-2. The project was discussed in detail in the previous Re-evaluations for FPID 442764-2 approved on October 18, 2023, and August 2, 2024. The reader should refer to those documents for a detailed description of the project re-evaluation.

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The purpose of this re-evaluation is to document changes for the construction of a soil borrow pit adjacent to Suncoast Parkway Phase 3A.

3. CHANGES IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION

Are there changes in federal or state laws, rules, regulations, or guidance that require consideration since the date of the original Environmental Document or most recent Re-evaluation(s)? Yes

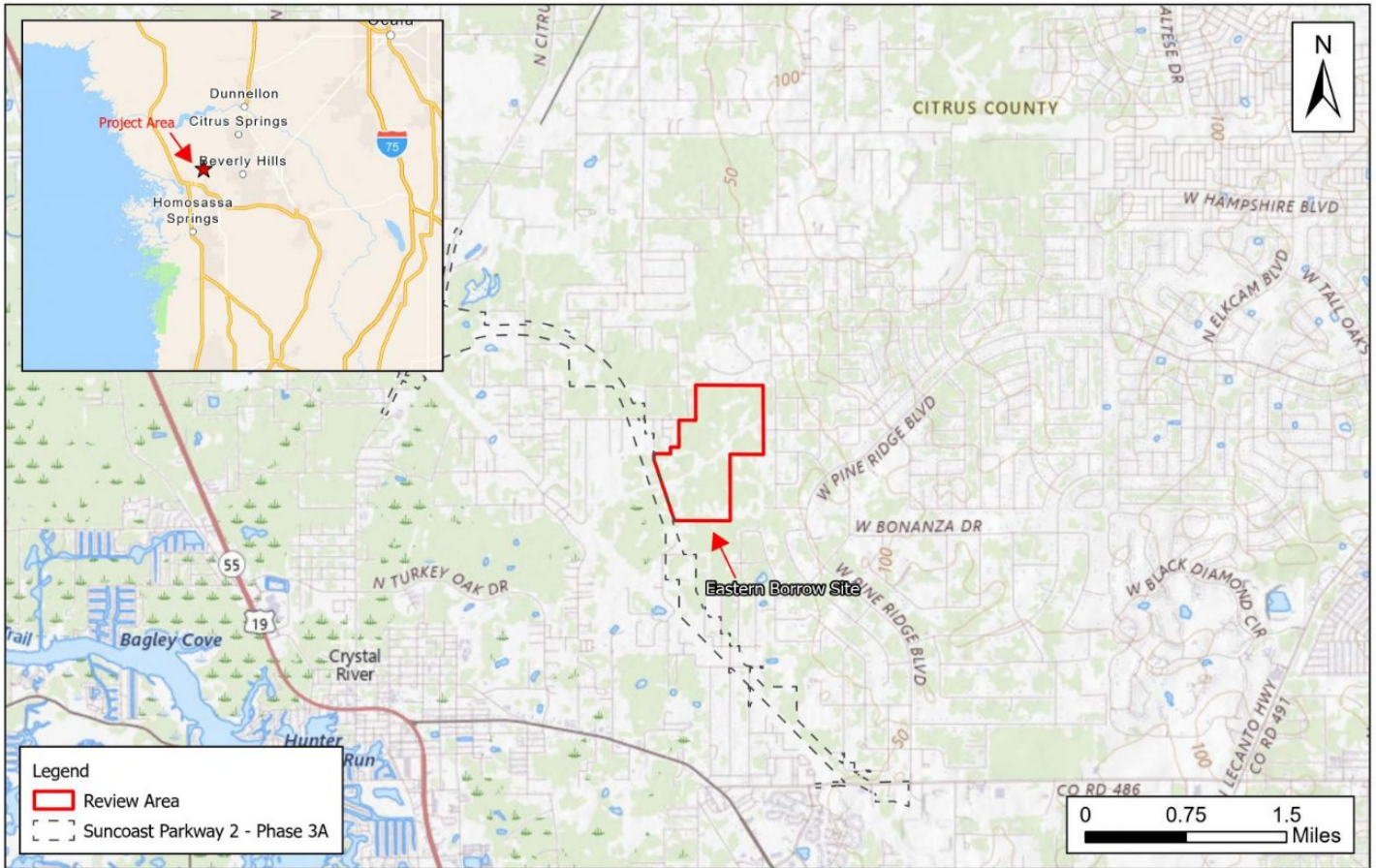
The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has removed the Southeast U.S. distinct population segment of the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The final rule removing the wood stork from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife was published by the USFWS in Federal Registrar (91 FR 5826) on February 10, 2026, effective March 12, 2026. The wood stork remains a state-listed threatened species, occurring on Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species List with protections through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) who regulate and manage this species (68A-27, F.A.C.)

4. EVALUATION OF MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES AND REVISED DESIGN CRITERIA

Are there major design changes, including but not limited to changes in the alignment(s), typical section(s), drainage/stormwater requirements, design control and criteria, or temporary road or bridge? Yes

The Eastern Borrow Site for Suncoast Parkway 2 (SR 589) Phase 3A is a proposed excavation, which will provide most of the embankment material required to complete this segment of new alignment. The site is located adjacent to the proposed Phase 3A segment of the SR 589 alignment. The proposed borrow site total project area is approximately 346 acres, with 313 acres of excavation limits, resulting in over 5.1 million cubic yards of suitable roadway embankment material. The proposed site will be split into two cells - Cell A and Cell B. Cell A is approximately 117 acres and extends down to elevation 9.0'. Cell B is approximately 196 acres of excavation and extends down to elevation 6.5'. The entire site design will consist of a 15-foot maintenance berm, followed by a 1V:4H side slope extending down to the gradual slope that leads towards the natural infiltration location of each cell. These two infiltration locations are to be maintained throughout all phases of construction.

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15310 Amberly Drive Suite 310, Tampa Florida 33647 Phone: 813.265.9800 Fax: 1.833.811.3767	Eastern Borrow Site FPID: 442764-2 Section 11 & 12 Township 18S Range 17E USGS Quadrangle No. 4021 (Crystal River) Citrus County, FL	Project Location Map <small>Date Source: Imagery: ESRI 2025</small>	Figure 1
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[\[2 - 44276425201-PLANS-01-EASTERN-BORROW-SITE-2026-04-01\]](#)

5. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Were there additional public involvement activities? Yes

The Suncoast Parkway Public Open House was conducted by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise on October 9, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Lecanto Government Building in Citrus County. The event was open to the public, with optional sign-in for attendees. It was well attended and provided an opportunity for community members to learn about the project and engage with the project team.

6. PROJECT or SEGMENT(S) PLANNING CONSISTENCY

Planning Consistency is not required for this re-evaluation.

7. EVALUATION OF CHANGES IN IMPACTS

a. SOCIAL & ECONOMIC

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The proposed construction of the borrow site will result in changes to land-use when compared to the previous re-evaluation. The proposed borrow site will be located on 344.9 acres of currently un-developed property.

Are there changes in right-of-way needs? Yes

Since the most recent SEIR Re-evaluation for FPID 442764-2 completed in August 2024, six (6) parcels have been identified to obtain embankment material necessary for the construction of this proposed roadway. Construction plans for the proposed excavation have been developed as a component set and can be found in the Supporting Documentation. The proposed borrow site is located adjacent to the Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 3A mainline limited access right of way. The addition of these parcels increases the right of way need by 344.9 acres, resulting in a total project acreage of 2,027 acres for the Suncoast Parkway 2 corridor, from US 98 to CR 495.

Is there a change in anticipated relocation(s)? No

The proposed borrow site does not require any relocations.

b. CULTURAL

Are there changes in impacts to cultural resources pursuant to Chapter 267, F.S. (historic sites/districts and archaeological sites)? Yes

An October 2025 CRAS Addendum for FPID 442764-2 was prepared to evaluate the parcels proposed for fill excavation. The project area of potential effect (APE) was determined by evaluating the proposed project, which is a proposed borrow site. The archaeological APE consists of the six parcels which combined, totals 344.9 acres. The historic resources APE consists of the project area and a 150-foot buffer around it.

No archaeological sites were identified within the project area. One archaeological occurrence consisting of a single lithic artifact was identified. The utilized flake is not temporally or culturally diagnostic. Archaeological occurrences are considered National Register-ineligible and are not recorded on FMSF forms.

Background research and historic resources field survey revealed the presence of no previously recorded historic resources and three newly identified resources within the project APE. The three resources consist of three structures: 4585 N. Ellen Point (8CI1687), 4609 N. Ellen Point (8CI2198), and 7035 W. Hodges Lane (8CI2199). The newly identified resources are simple structures with no architectural or historical significance. Therefore, they are considered National Register ineligible under Criteria A, B, C, and D both individually or as part of a historic district.

The CRAS addendum determined that the project will have no adverse effect on archaeological or historic properties. SHPO concurred with this finding on October 24, 2025.

[\[3 - CRAS Addendum Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 3A Fill Parcels 2025-10-06\]](#)[\[4 - 40527013201_SHPO_Concurrence_102425\]](#)

Are there changes in impacts to lands purchased under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act? N/A

Are there changes in impacts to recreational areas or protected lands? No

c. NATURAL

Are there changes in impacts to protected species and habitat, wetlands and other surface waters, and/or

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essential fish habitat? Yes

Wetlands and Other Surface Waters

There were three (3) isolated wetland systems identified within the proposed borrow site parcels. The proposed project is expected to result in 2.48-acres of impact to on-site wetlands. While direct dredge or fill activity is not proposed within these wetland systems, it is expected that the proposed excavation activities adjacent to these wetland systems, would have an adverse effect on the function and quality of the wetlands. Impacts to wetlands will be coordinated with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) through the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application process. Mitigation for unavoidable wetland impacts will be provided through the purchase of wetland mitigation credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank prior to construction.

Protected Species & Habitat

Surveys for state-listed species such as the southeastern American kestrel, sandhill crane, and gopher tortoise were completed for the proposed borrow site. A 100% gopher tortoise survey was conducted in September 2025 within the parcels for the proposed borrow site which documented a total of 342 potentially occupied burrows. Of these, 258 were classified as Potentially Occupied - Active, 74 Potentially Occupied- Inactive, 23 Abandoned, and 10 Juvenile. An FWC Gopher Tortoise Conservation Permit has been applied for will be obtained to authorize relocation of tortoises from the project area. A species-specific survey for the southeastern American kestrel was completed in April 2026. No nest cavities or individuals were observed during the survey events.

In consultation with USFWS, it has been determined that the proposed project "may affect, and is likely to adversely affect" the eastern indigo snake, as greater than 25 acres of suitable habitat will be impacted, and the Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake will be followed during site preparation and project construction (A>B>C). An HCP and ITP for the incidental take of the EIS were approved through the USFWS on July 2, 2024 (Permit No. ESPER8411208). It is anticipated that an amendment to the USFWS ITP will be warranted due to changes in suitable habitat for the EIS from the project modifications.

Are there changes in impacts to designated Aquatic Preserves, Coastal Barrier resources, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Nationwide Rivers Inventory Rivers, and/or Outstanding Florida Waters? N/A

Are there changes in impacts to Floodplains or Water Resources? Yes

Floodplain impacts are to be compensated "cup-for-cup", and impact volumes have been calculated with the existing terrain and 100-year floodplain elevation determined by FEMA. Due to the nature of this excavation project, the impacted depressional areas are not as much impacts as they are expansions of the low area. Essentially, any proposed work that is impacting a floodplain is excavation rather than filling. However, for the interest of providing cup-for-cup compensatory volumes below the "impacted" floodplain, the floodplain impacts are calculated as if floodplain was filled, and the compensatory volume is retrieved from the available volume within the proposed excavation site. In summary, impacts to the floodplain depressional areas are fully accounted for and equally compensated immediately within the borrow site.

d. PHYSICAL

Are there changes in Air Quality? No

What is the status of Highway Traffic Noise?

A noise analysis was performed for the previous October 2023 re-evaluation for FPID 442764-2. The proposed construction of the borrow site covered in this current re-evaluation do not require any kind of re-assessment of noise

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impacts.

What is the status of Contamination?

A November 2025 CSER update addendum (attached) was prepared to supplement the 2024 Level 1 CSER for the proposed borrow site.

The FDOT Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Environmental Screening Tool (EST), the FDEP Map Direct, and FDEP Contamination Locator Map were reviewed to identify regulated facilities of potential contamination concern located in proximity to the proposed borrow site. No potential contamination sources were identified within a 1/2 mile of the proposed borrow site.

Level II contamination impact to construction assessment was conducted during September 2025 to evaluate potential soil contamination associated with suspected vehicle and equipment maintenance during the 2000s to early 2010s at the logging staging area formerly at the east portion of the site. No indications of soil contamination were identified. The CAR contractor also properly abandoned piezometers remaining from previous geotechnical investigations.

[\[1 - 442764-2 Suncoast 3A CSER Update Amendment, Eastern Borrow Site\]](#)

Are there changes in impacts to Utilities and Railroads? No

Are there changes in impacts to Navigation? N/A

8. COMMITMENT STATUS

Are there prior commitments from the Environmental Document or previously approved re-evaluation(s)? Yes

Are there new environmental commitments? No

[\[5 - Project Commitment Record Report\]](#)

9. STATUS OF PERMITS

Federal

Segment	Name	Descriptor	Status	Date
442764-2-52-01	USACE Section 10 or Section 404 Permit	USACE NPR Letter	Obtained	04/15/2026

State

Segment	Name	Descriptor	Status	Date
442764-2-52-01	DEP or WMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP)	ERP Modification	Applied For	02/17/2026
442764-2-52-01	FWC Gopher Tortoise Relocation Permit	FWC Gopher Tortoise Relocation Permit	Applied For	11/13/2025

Local

None anticipated.

Other

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None anticipated.

10. CONCLUSION

- The above Environmental Document has been re-evaluated. It is recommended that the project identified herein be advanced to the next phase.

11. DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Annemarie Hammond

May 6, 2026

District approving authority or designee

Date



12. OEM APPROVAL

Not Applicable

13. Links to Supporting Documentation

- 1 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-442764-2_Suncoast_3A_CSER_Update_Amendment__Eastern_Borrow_Site-2026-0414.pdf](#)
- 2 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-44276425201-PLANS-01-EASTERN-BORROW-SITE-2026-04-01-2026-0414.pdf](#)
- 3 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-CRAS_Addendum_Suncoast_Parkway_2_Phase_3A_Fill_Parcels_2025-10-06-2026-0414.pdf](#)
- 4 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-Completed106PaForm_SUNCOAST_P-2026-0414.pdf](#)
- 5 - [40527013201-SEIR-FTE-Project_Commitment_Record_Report-2026-0504.pdf](#)