

I-10, between Davis and Scenic Highways

Work is concentrated near the Ninth Avenue overpass where crews are lowering the roadway by 10-inches to add needed clearance for the overpass. As shown in the photo to the right, traffic is shifted to the inside of the roadway while crews remove old asphalt on the outside of the roadway.

Further east on Scenic Highway (U.S. 90/Exit 17), the team is completing the median traffic separator, making drainage improvements, and installing lights on the on-and-off-ramps.



"Due to major weather impacts, the entire project is now slated for completion summer 2017," says Project Administrator, Doug Pritchard. "We were dealt some challenging cards during this project including an ice storm in January 2014, flooding in April 2014 and a tornado in February 2016. We appreciate the community's patience as we work diligently to complete the work."

To view a graphic depiction of Scenic Highway's current traffic configuration on Scenic Highway, [CLICK HERE](#). This traffic configuration will remain in place until the project concludes in summer 2017.

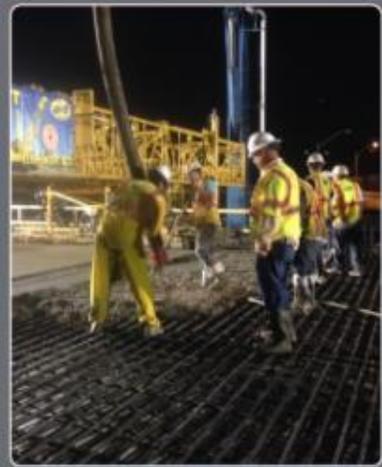
I-10/Scenic Highway Project: By the Numbers



More than **1,200** cubic yards of concrete used on the project.



16 beams installed for the new Scenic Highway overpass. Each weighing approximately **60** tons.



Approximately **225,000** pounds of steel used for the new, wider Scenic Highway bridge.



More than **28,000** linear feet of drainage pipe installed.



5 miles of sound walls installed, including **1,800** concrete posts.



Approximately **52,000** tons of new asphalt placed on the project for the new, wider roadways.

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I-10, between Avalon Boulevard and the Escambia Bay Bridge

Crews have completed the center portion of the new Avalon Boulevard overpass, completed rigid inclusion (soil stabilization) work for the new, higher I-10 inside travel lanes and placed 21,520 linear feet of asphalt for the new inside travel lanes.

The team is now working to complete the inside travel lanes and approaches for the Avalon Boulevard overpass, widening the on- and off-ramps, and constructing three stormwater retention ponds.



Crews perform "rigid inclusion work" at the I-10/Avalon Boulevard ramps. This process stabilizes the soil so that it can be built at a higher elevation.

The construction team anticipates a major milestone in early 2017 when they shift traffic to the new inside travel lanes and bridge to begin reconstructing the outside lanes and outside portion of the Avalon Boulevard overpass.

"With the drier weather, the contractor has been able to accomplish quite a bit over the past several months," said Project Administrator Rod Rowell. "Barring inclement weather or other unforeseen impacts we're looking to complete the project by next summer."

A look back: 2016 Project Milestones



Pile driving operations begin for the center portion of the Avalon Boulevard overpass. February 2016.



Columns installed for the center portion of the overpass. April 2016.



Limerock base installation for the new inside lanes of I-10. May 2016.



Beams installed for the new Avalon Boulevard overpass. July 2016.



Crews pour concrete for the new bridge deck. September 2016.



Concrete median barrier wall installed on I-10. November 2016.

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I-10/U.S. 29 interchange

The most recent of the three I-10 improvement projects is underway at the U.S. 29 interchange where crews have:

- Shifted I-10 traffic to the outside in advance of widening work.
- Begun stormwater pond construction and drainage enhancements.
- Installed the concrete piles, columns and caps for the new, wider I-10 eastbound bridge, and poured the concrete for the bridge deck.
- Begun drainage enhancements and widening work on U.S. 29.

Over the next several months, crews will focus on widening efforts on I-10 and U.S. 29, as well as completing the new, wider I-10 eastbound bridge that crosses over the U.S. 29 north to I-10 westbound ramp.

Widening U.S. 29 will accommodate the new "Exit 10" from I-10 westbound to U.S. 29. In addition, the work at this location will create a through lane that will allow U.S. 29 southbound drivers to access I-10 eastbound without the need to stop at the new traffic signal.

Widening the I-10 eastbound bridge will eliminate the left-side merge onto I-10 eastbound from U.S. 29 south.

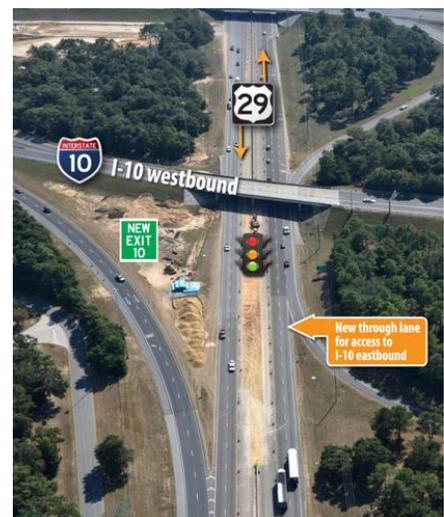
Below are aerial photographs taken in November that show the improvements underway.



Crews are excavating the area to the left for the new stormwater pond. At the top of the picture,



In this area of I-10 east of the U.S. 29 interchange, the construction team is installing the concrete ditch and



Crews are working in the U.S. 29 median to widen the roadway.

crews are setting beams for the new, wider I-10 eastbound bridge. *stabilizing the soil for the wider travel lanes.*

During the winter months, traffic may be shifted to the inside on U.S. 29 so work can begin on the outside lanes. Drivers may also experience a traffic shift to the inside on I-10 westbound for widening work.

"We encourage drivers to obey the posted construction signs and speed limit and refrain from using mobile devices while driving," said Senior Project Engineer Erica Jernigan. "Safety is our top priority. The Florida Highway Patrol will continue to be on-site to enforce traffic laws."

The I-10/U.S. 29 interchange improvement project is slated for completion in summer 2017.

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