

# Transportation Improvements – Florida at Work

S.R. 826 (Palmetto Expressway)/S.R. 836 (Dolphin Expressway)  
Interchange Reconstruction



Crews construct a retained earth wall south of S.R. 836

## Project Summary

The S.R. 826 and S.R. 836 Interchange – used by over 430,000 drivers daily – will be reconstructed to enhance safety and reduce congestion for motorists using the Interchange. The construction limits are approximately just north of SW 8 Street to NW 25 Street on S.R. 826; east of NW 87 Avenue to NW 57 Avenue on S.R. 836. This reconstruction project includes widening along both S.R. 826 and S.R. 836, the construction of a four-level interchange as well as the reconstruction modifications of the Flagler Street/S.R. 826 and the Milam Dairy Road/NW 72 Avenue/S.R. 836 interchanges. The project will include the construction of over 40 bridges to the Interchange and will provide motorists direct access to their designated exit without having to use the expressway.

This project (also known as Section 5) is the final and largest section of the 12-part Palmetto Expressway (S.R. 826) Improvement Program which consists of major construction along a 16-mile corridor. The Project Development and Environment Study began in 1986 and ended in 1988.

## Project Update (as of 11/3/10)

The Joint Venture contractors are continuing to construct new roadways, ramps and bridge foundations. Crews have implemented several traffic shifts along S.R. 826 and S.R. 826 to open up new areas for construction. Sound barrier walls are being constructed east of S.R. 826 between West Flagler Street and NW 7 Street. New water and sewer mains have been installed and drainage pipes and structures are also being placed along the project limits.

## People at Work

John Cain worked various construction jobs in South Florida for years. A resident of Palm Beach County for 10 years, he found himself out of work and wondering how he would pay bills and expenses for his wife and children. For nearly two years, no work was available. He joined the contractor team in early 2010 and now works as a foreman on the project. Thanks to ARRA funding, John is secure financially and able to contribute by overseeing other newly-employed individuals on this mega-project.

## Fast Facts

### Costs:

Design/Build/Finance -  
\$560,000,000

Construction and  
Inspection - \$30,000,000

Project Total - \$590,000,000

### Schedule:

Contract Advertisement:  
April 2009

Contract Award:  
September 2009

Beginning of Construction:  
November 30, 2009

Anticipated Completion:  
2015

### Contractor:

Community / Condotte /  
de Moya, JV

### Designer:

BCC Engineering, Inc.

### Inspection Team:

AIM Engineering

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### For more information,

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