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## Drivers to See Lane Closures in Southbound Lanes of U.S. 17 in Palatka Next Week

**Palatka, Fla.** – As part of the widening improvement project on U.S. 17, daytime lane closures will be in place in the southbound lanes of U.S. 17 from just north of Hoot Owl Road to just north of the Dunn's Creek Bridge Monday, August 24 through Friday, August 28 from 8:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. The lane closures are necessary to stage transport trucks and beams as crews work to erect the beams onto the new bridge.

The improvement project includes widening U.S. 17 from Horse Landing Road to the north approach of the Dunn's Creek Bridge from two to four lanes approximately a half-mile south of the bridge. In addition, the existing Dunn's Creek Bridge will be converted to two northbound traffic lanes and a new bridge with two southbound lanes will be built adjacent to it.

The project also features a 12-foot wide multi-use path on the east side of the road, connecting to the new path on U.S. 17 south of Horse Landing Road and continuing across the new bridge.

Drivers are encouraged to adhere to posted regulatory signs and stay alert while driving through active work zones.

GLF Construction is estimated to complete the \$36.5 million <u>project</u> by summer 2021. Construction completion estimates are fluid and subject to change, weather and schedule permitting.