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### **TRAFFIC PATTERN TO CHANGE ON STATE ROAD 26 AT U.S. 301**

**GAINESVILLE** -- Motorists traveling on State Road (S.R.) 26 through the U.S. 301 overpass construction zone in Orange Heights will be shifted slightly north while crews construct the roads on both sides of U.S. 301 that will connect the new overpass to S.R. 26, according to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The shift will route traffic onto temporary pavement beginning the first week of May and will remain in place for several months.

Crews have been working south of S.R. 26 since July to construct the bridge portion of the overpass that will carry through traffic up and over U.S. 301 and the CSX Railroad. Construction is expected to be complete and the overpass open to traffic by next summer, weather permitting.

The new two-lane overpass will have 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders and will be nearly 25 feet high. It will improve safety and reduce congestion at the intersection and the railroad crossing for the approximately 9,500 vehicles traveling each day on S.R. 26 and more than 11,000 vehicles traveling each day on U.S. 301. Those numbers increase during University of Florida home football games when fans travel into Gainesville on these roads.

Southland Construction, Inc. of Apopka has been hired to construct the 1.7-mile, federally-funded project for \$9.9 million.

For more information about this or other state road construction projects in Alachua County, contact Laurie Windham at 800-475-0044 or [lkwindham@pbsj.com](mailto:lkwindham@pbsj.com). You can also visit [www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com) for information about FDOT projects around Northeast Florida.

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