

Transportation Improvements – Florida at Work

State Road (SR) 87 from north of Five Forks Road to Eglin AFB boundary,
Santa Rosa County



Anderson Columbia crews work on drainage on State Road 87 project.

Project Summary

State Road (SR) 87 is an important north/south highway, which connects US 98 in the Navarre area of southern Santa Rosa County to Interstate 10 (I-10) and US 90 in the central portion of the county. SR 87 is the only roadway in Santa Rosa County which connects US 98, I-10 and US 90, the three major east-west roadways in the county.

The roadway is primarily a two-lane undivided facility, which carries commuter, commercial, tourist and military traffic. The highway is crucial to the economy of many small businesses and is the only designated north-south hurricane evacuation route located in this region of Santa Rosa County. The closest alternate north-south evacuation routes are the Garcon Point Bridge in Santa Rosa County located approximately 12 miles to the west, Interstate I-110 located approximately 18.6 miles to the west in Escambia County, and SR 85 located approximately 18.6 miles to the east in Okaloosa County. Only US 98 connects the Navarre area to these alternate routes.

This project consists of reconstruction and widening of the existing two-lane rural corridor to a four-lane urban/rural section. The project runs from north of Five Forks Road to Eglin Air Force Base boundary. There will be three retention ponds constructed for this project. The project length is approximately three miles.

Project Update

Drainage work continues on the trunk line drainage system and embankment work is complete on the north side of Dean Creek. Embankment continues. Concrete curb and gutter installation have also begun North of Dean Creek.

People at Work

Winfield Scott Pratt, Anderson Columbia Dozer Operator, stated, "Well, I've been out of work for 1 1/2 years and it's hard for old disabled vets to get work. This job gave me an opportunity to get back to work and put food on my table."

Fast Facts

Costs:

*Design and Engineering—
Approximately \$2.5 million*

*Right of Way Easement
from Eglin Air Force Base—
Approximately \$8 million*

*Construction & CEI—
Approximately \$17.1 million*

*Project Total—
Approximately \$27.6 million*

Schedule:

*Contract advertised
May 2010*

*Contract Awarded:
June 2010*

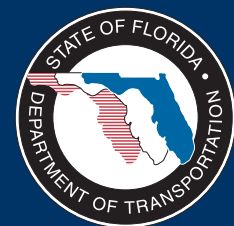
*Anticipated Completion:
Approximately Two (2)
years.*

**Contractor: Anderson
Columbia**

**Inspection Team: Metric
Engineering**

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