

US 98 Widening from W Socrum Loop Road to CR 54 436673-1-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Widening
Phase	Construction
Limits	north of W Socrum Loop Road to south of CR 54
Project Start	July 26, 2023
Length	9 miles
City	Lakeland
County	Polk
Road	US 98
Construction Cost	\$123.3 million
Estimated Completion	Early 2028
Contractor	Prince-Ajax US 98 Constructors



About

This design-build project will widen US 98 from a two-lane undivided roadway to a 4-lane divided highway from W Socrum Loop Road / Hall Road to the Pasco County line (just south of CR 54 in Pasco County). The contractor is responsible for finalizing the design plans and building the improvements. The final design portion of the contract is working towards completion. Construction began January 3, 2024 for project work items, such as clearing and erosion control, that have completed and approved plans.

Two roundabouts will be built at the US 98 intersections at Big Cypress Boulevard and at SR 471. Shared use paths will be constructed on both sides of the highway from Hall Road / W Socrum Loop Road to just north of Rock Ridge Road.

Other work items along the corridor include drainage improvements, wildlife crossings under the roadway, and pedestrian crosswalks at the Rock Ridge Road and Big Cypress Boulevard intersections.

A separate widening project in Pasco County is being constructed by the same contracting team. Information on that project can be found at <https://www.fdotampabay.com/project/885/443368-3-52-01>.

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