

I-75 Road Expansion Project

Southwest Florida is getting a makeover and its name is iROX. Construction to widen I-75 from four to six lanes along a 30-mile stretch from Golden Gate Parkway in Collier County to Colonial Boulevard in Lee County began in October.

iROX includes resurfacing the existing four lanes of I-75 and adding one new 12-foot travel lane northbound and southbound with 10-foot shoulders. Crews also are reconstructing the Immokalee Road interchange (CR 846) in Collier County.

Using a design/build/finance (DBF) approach, the first of its kind in Florida, enables the iROX team to bring the \$430.5 million project to the people of Southwest Florida as soon as possible. The finance part of DBF delivers extraordinary value allowing Florida Department of Transportation to provide new lanes for drivers in just over three years while spreading payments to the construction team building the job over five years.

The new DBF approach means construction can be done on parts of I-75 while the iROX team finishes design plans for other segments. A highway project of this size traditionally could take eight years to complete.

Things are moving fast, but drivers need to slow down. Construction crews are working around the clock. To keep drivers and workers safe in this long work zone, remember to buckle up, don't tailgate, adjust your speed, and pay attention.

To learn more about iROX log onto www.iROX75.com or call 877-4-iROX75. The website provides an opportunity to sign up for the iROX quarterly newsletter keeping you informed of the project progress.