

# U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive Tallahassee, FL

## Status Report

### Financial Project Numbers.:

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219843-1-52-01

219843-1-52-02

**Contract Amount:** \$ 19.5 Million

**Contract Day:** 1305

**Days Remaining:** 1165

## Meet the Team

- PB Americas, Inc.: CEI
- Sandco: Contractor
- The LPA Group: Design Firm
- FDOT: Owner
- QCAusa: Public Involvement

## Construction Activities for October 2009

The contractor will continue embankment construction along eastbound in Segment 1. Activities on the Segment at U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive in Segment 1 will include continuing storm drainage construction, preparing for soil surface stabilization, beginning limerock base installation on the mainline and installing curb and gutter.



Embankment work on eastbound Mahan Drive just north of Dempsey Mayo.

## Previous Construction Activities

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The following activities have begun in Segment 1 eastbound on the U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive project: installation of the mainline drainage pipes, embankment construction, clearing and grubbing activities, construction of Pond 1 and soil surface stabilization.



Drainage activities in Segment 1.



Highland Oak Tree

## 73" Oak Tree on Highland Drive will Remain

Your voices and concerns have been heard. The 73" Oak Tree on Highland Drive will remain. The designers and FDOT will relocate Highland Drive to the west of the oak tree, thereby avoiding the tree.

## U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive Second Construction Public Meeting



FDOT Public Information Director Tommie Speights speaks to the media during the meeting.

Nearly 200 interested citizens packed in the Cross Creek Driving Range Banquet Room on July 28, 2009 at a second construction public information meeting to listen to Florida Department of Transportation representatives speak about the redesign of roadway improvements to U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive. Maps, drawings, and other information were on display to make it easier to visualize the finished product. Local media including news crews from both television and radio interviewed project representatives along with vociferous citizens.

The meeting was held to notify local governments, affected property owners, tenants and other members of the public of roadway improvements which had been revised as a result of comments received at the May construction public information meeting.

The current plan will reconstruct the existing 3.8 mile two-lane roadway to a four-lane urban facility with many improvements such as having the addition of a 22' median, bike lanes, a 5' straight sidewalk on the north side of the corridor and a meandering 5' to 10' sidewalk on the south side of the corridor.

Since this was such an important meeting, extra efforts were made to notify the public. Public Information Officer, Mellisa McColley tried new, innovative ways to attract citizens to the meeting. Signs were erected throughout the project corridor announcing the meeting date, flyers were passed out to local business owners, emails were sent to everyone listed in the project database, newspaper ads were placed, notification was placed on the project website and notifications were sent by

snail mail to citizens and elected officials. Notification of the meeting was also placed on local media website calendars and media releases were sent to a variety of media outlets. All these techniques plus word of mouth helped achieve a very successful turnout. Most importantly, area citizens were pleased with the outcome of the meeting which is an improved corridor that retains many more cherished trees than originally planned.

## Back slope changes will keep more trees

Constructing roads according to an engineered design is the best way to assure that roads are environmentally acceptable, economically feasible, and physically able to meet the demands for which they are built. Recently, the Department has proposed changes to the back slope, the artificial face or slope cut into soil or rock along the inside edge of the road, from 1:3 to 1:2 which is 1 foot horizontal to 2 feet vertical slope, to accommodate the protection of existing trees. By changing the slope along the roadway, the Department anticipates that up to 66 trees will no longer require removal. Successful vegetation will be greater on gentler slopes. The angle of a back slope, shaped during construction, is determined by the natural angle of repose for the soil type. By changing the slope also eliminates erosion control to and around the trees.



Silt Fence Protects the Trees from Erosion Control Damage.

## Landscaping Plans

In cooperation with Leon County, landscaping will be added to the U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive project. The plans for landscaping were to be implemented after construction was complete. The Department will now conduct landscaping in coordination with the project.



Mowing on Right of Way

## Mowing on Right of Way

The contractor will continue to mow the Right of Way throughout the project during construction.

## Contact Us

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## The U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive Website is Live

The U.S. Hwy. 90/Mahan Drive Website is now live.  
Be sure to check it for project updates. The address is:

[www.mahandrive.com](http://www.mahandrive.com)

