



[RIVER ROAD REFURBISHMENT
PROJECT TO INCLUDE RAISED, WIDENED ROADS](#)

VENICE — Local politicians and the Florida Department of Transportation celebrated the beginning of construction on River Road during a groundbreaking Friday morning [4/22/22].

Construction for the 5-mile section of River Road, from Interstate 75 to U.S. 41, began in February and is scheduled to finish in early 2025.

Spearheaded by [FDOT](#) and in partnership with local government, the \$47.5 million project will raise and widen the road to four lanes from U.S. 41 to Center Road, six lanes from Center Road to I-75, and will include a double U-turn intersection at Center Road. Courtesy Morgan Simpson/[Port Charlotte Sun](#)

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“Although the work is in the very early stages, WCG has been able to achieve great production,” the company said in a Tuesday night news release. “As a part of the outlined scope for this project, the 7,000-foot main line runway [Runway 4-22] will be fully reconstructed, along with new blast pads to prevent future erosion, and updated energy-efficient lighting.”

It noted the second phase will include “rehabilitation of the wetlands as part of the work within the airport limits to provide an improved and more suitable environment for the native wildlife.”

The firm said the work should be completed by late December. Courtesy Staff Report/[Port Charlotte Sun](#)

[NEW I-75 EXIT PROPOSED IN CHARLOTTE
COUNTY BETWEEN KINGS HWY AND TOLEDO
BLADE](#)

Yorkshire Street is getting considered for the new interchange on and off I-75 for a few reasons. “We’re going to have growth in the area,” Bill Truex, the Charlotte County commissioner says. “People are going to find the area and if you build channels of traffic now it’s less impact than when the area does start to develop.”

Charlotte County and the city of North Port need to agree on everything first. Then, it could be 10 years or more for the new interchange on I-75. Courtesy Andrea Guerrero/ & Paul Dolan/WINK News

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The new space will include a main ballroom and a junior ballroom, two executive boardrooms, 12 meetings rooms, and an “ideation suite” with three separate breakout rooms. In addition to the event space, Sunseeker is planned to house 596 state rooms and 189 “Sunsuites,” along with an 18-hole golf course, multiple pools, and seven on-site restaurant destinations.

The resort is expected to open in early 2023. Courtesy Staff Report/[Port Charlotte Sun](#)

Thought for the day: “When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world.” – George Washington Carver

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