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Timucuan Trail and Heckscher Drive Bridge Work Underway

Drivers should expect two-way, one-lane traffic utilizing temporary traffic signals or flaggers during construction

Jacksonville, Fla. – Construction of a new segment of the Timucuan Trail on the east side of Heckscher Drive (State Road A1A) from Little Talbot Island to Big Talbot Island began in late August.

The 10-foot-wide Timucuan Trail, a shared use bike and walking path, will connect to the existing trail at the Little Talbot Island State Park entrance and extend to the Big Talbot Island State Park Big Pine Trailhead north of Houston Avenue.

As part of the project, the Myrtle Creek and Simpson Creek Bridges along Heckscher Drive will be reconstructed to provide two 12-foot travel lanes, two 10-foot shoulders and the 10-foot wide shared use path. The bridges will be reconstructed sequentially and in phases to minimize disruption to traffic. Temporary traffic signals will be installed along Heckscher Drive to maintain two-way, one-lane traffic to allow for bridge reconstruction. The Myrtle Creek Bridge will be reconstructed first, followed by the Simpson Creek Bridge.

The 1.6-mile trail segment is part of the greater Timucuan Trail system, which will connect Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park in Duval County to the Amelia Island Trail in Nassau County. The trail will be a continuous paved path along 20 miles of State Road A1A, connecting to parking areas, trailheads and the St. Johns River Ferry along the way. The Timucuan Trail is a component of the larger trail network known as the East Coast Greenway, stretching from Florida to Maine.

Superior Construction Company, LLC of Jacksonville is expected to complete the \$10.8 million project, weather permitting, in spring 2023.

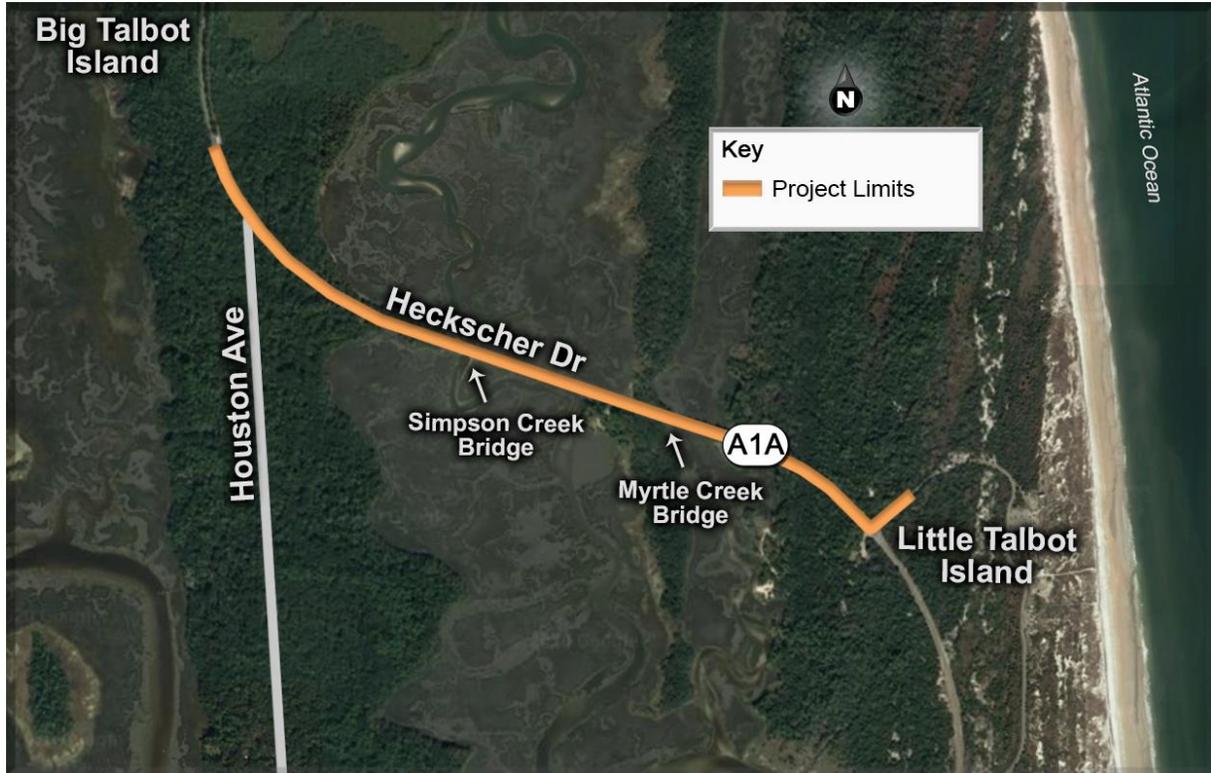


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