

ABOUT THE PROJECT



Construction starts: May 2023
Contractor: Johnson Bros./American Bridge

Estimated completion: 2030
Cost: \$595 million

This project includes all investigation, design, permitting, coordination, final approved construction documents, and construction activities necessary for the construction of the First Coast Expressway (SR 23) from east of the CR 16A Spur to east of CR 209 and additional improvements. This 6.5-mile project includes construction of a new 9,300-foot bridge over the St. Johns River just south of the existing Shands Bridge.

The new St. Johns River bridge will consist of two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction; 12-foot wide outside shoulders; and a 12-foot, 8.5-inch wide shared use path on the northbound side of the bridge to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. The 65-foot vertical clearance will provide enhancements for marine commerce in the region.

Once the new bridge is completed, FDOT will demolish most of the existing Shands bridge, leaving a portion of the bridge on both the Clay and St. Johns sides of the river for recreational purposes. FDOT investments in these new recreational facilities include barrier walls, parking, lighting, ADA accommodations and sidewalks.

During construction, no lane closures will be allowed from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and no detours will be allowed from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on SR 23, SR 16, SR 13, CR 16A, CR 210 and Longleaf Pine Parkway. No lane closures or detours will be allowed on the existing Shands Bridge. No lane closures will be allowed from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Leonard C. Taylor Parkway.

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