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New Maintenance Contractor Begins Work On State Roads in Eastern Polk County

Bartow, FL — Today, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) turned the maintenance of state roads in eastern Polk County over to VMS, Inc.

VMS will perform all routine maintenance activities on US 27, from the Lake County line to SR 60, on SR 60, from US 27 to the Kissimmee River Bridge, and on all state roads east of US 27 and north of SR 60, except for Interstate 4 and US 17/92 (please see map on next page). Prior to this agreement, in-house FDOT crews maintained these roadways.

“For this contract, we chose roads in the eastern portion of the county because they are the furthest away from our facility in Bartow – an hour away in many cases,” stated FDOT Director of Operations, Debbie Hunt. “This is another way for us to maximize our resources, using contractors in addition to our in-house crews.”

This new contract will allow FDOT crews to dedicate more time to maintaining the remaining 460 lane miles of state roadway in Polk County.

