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I-4 Ultimate project enters it's second year with more changes ahead

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MAITLAND, Fla. - As the I-4 Ultimate project enters its second year, work can be seen along most of the 22-mile stretch.

One of the "hot spots" according to I-4 Ultimate spokesperson, David Parks, is the Maitland exchange. Crews can be seen placing interlocking panels that will make up retaining walls. The walls will eventually form the lanes of the new roadway.

"We're installing a mechanically stabilized earth wall," Parks says as heavy equipment moves the huge panels into place. "Each one of these panels is about 2,000 pounds each."

Parks says Maitland Boulevard is considered one of the bonus elements of the \$2.3 billion project.

"Contractor incentives to get this work done sooner than the overall entire project," he says. "So we're looking at a three-year window of construction here in the Maitland area."

On the southern end of the project crews are busy rebuilding the Kirkman interchange. Parks says work will soon begin north of Maitland into Seminole County.

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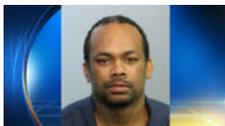
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