

# Construction To Begin On Fort Hamer Bridge

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The long anticipated Fort Hamer Bridge will soon be under construction. Yesterday, the Manatee County Commission unanimously awarded a \$32 million dollar contract to the Hillsborough County company to build the 2,300 foot long bridge plus mainland road improvements including turn lanes and signalized intersections. The bridge will be an alternative to Interstate 75, linking Fort Hamer Road on the north shore and Upper Manatee River Road on the south shore. This means drivers from Parrish will have a direct link to destinations like Lakewood Ranch Boulevard. Work is expected to start by mid-March and be completed within two years.