



**PROJECT:** Widening of SR-AIA  
Florida DOT

**CLIENT:** Florida Department  
of Transportation

**LOCATION:** Jacksonville, Florida

The widening of SR-AIA involved the conversion of 4.6 miles of existing two-lane roadway into four-lane divided highway. The converted section of SR-AIA is located along the east coast of Florida in St. Johns County south of Jacksonville, Florida.



This project was identified as a priority project with a contract duration of 295 contract days. Due to the addition of the new two-lane southbound highway, there were a number of utilities that ran parallel to and under the existing roadway that needed to be relocated by the responsible utility companies. The project was completed in 381 contract days and the contractor submitted a claim for damages in excess of \$1.5 million alleging utility delays.

CCL performed a detailed analysis of the contractor's claim which included construction of a data base from FDOT daily diaries and a detailed as-built schedule showing both the type and location of work performed each contract day. Based on this analysis, CCL concluded that the contractor was delayed by weather conditions, subcontractors and equipment availability and not utilities. During construction, FDOT had granted the contractor a time extension for weather as requested which accounted for the unusually severe weather encountered at the beginning of the project.

CCL also analyzed the damages claimed through a detailed reconstruction of the contractor's job cost and accounting information. The largest portion of the claimed damages was in idle and unproductive equipment. CCL found that the contractor's equipment claim which was based on published rental rates greatly overstated the actual equipment costs incurred. Further, a review of the contractor's unabsorbed home office and field overhead claims were also analyzed and reduced.

Memoranda summarizing CCL's findings were submitted to FDOT along with copies of all pertinent documents and exhibits. CCL was deposed and testified to its findings at trial. FDOT considered the judgement to be favorable.