



PD&E STUDY
— TREASURE COAST —



Florida Department of Transportation NEWSLETTER

I-95 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
State Road (SR) 9/I-95 from Indiantown Road to the Martin/Palm Beach Line and SR 9/I-95 from the Martin/Palm Beach County Line to CR-708/Bridge Road
Palm Beach County, Florida
Financial Project Identification Number: 413252-2-22-02; 413253-2-22-02
Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Number: 14549
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To view the adjacent PD&E studies, visit here: fdot.gov/projects/i-95tcpde

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) completed the I-95 Multimodal Master Plan (Treasure Coast) in December 2020 for I-95 in Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River Counties. The primary purpose of the Master Plan was to identify long-term transportation needs along I-95. This PD&E Study for I-95 from the Martin/St. Lucie County Line to SR 70 will evaluate multiple transportation concepts and their effect on the social, cultural, natural and physical environment. Throughout the Study, the public will have opportunities to shape the project.

WHY IS THIS STUDY NEEDED?

The primary purpose of this PD&E Study is to evaluate interstate managed lanes and truck parking improvements that will maintain the roadway level of service within the project limits for both current and future travel conditions. The Study will also evaluate safety, and interchange operations. The project's goals and objectives align with the FDOT's vision to *improve safety, enhance resiliency, support the supply chain, and promote economic development.*

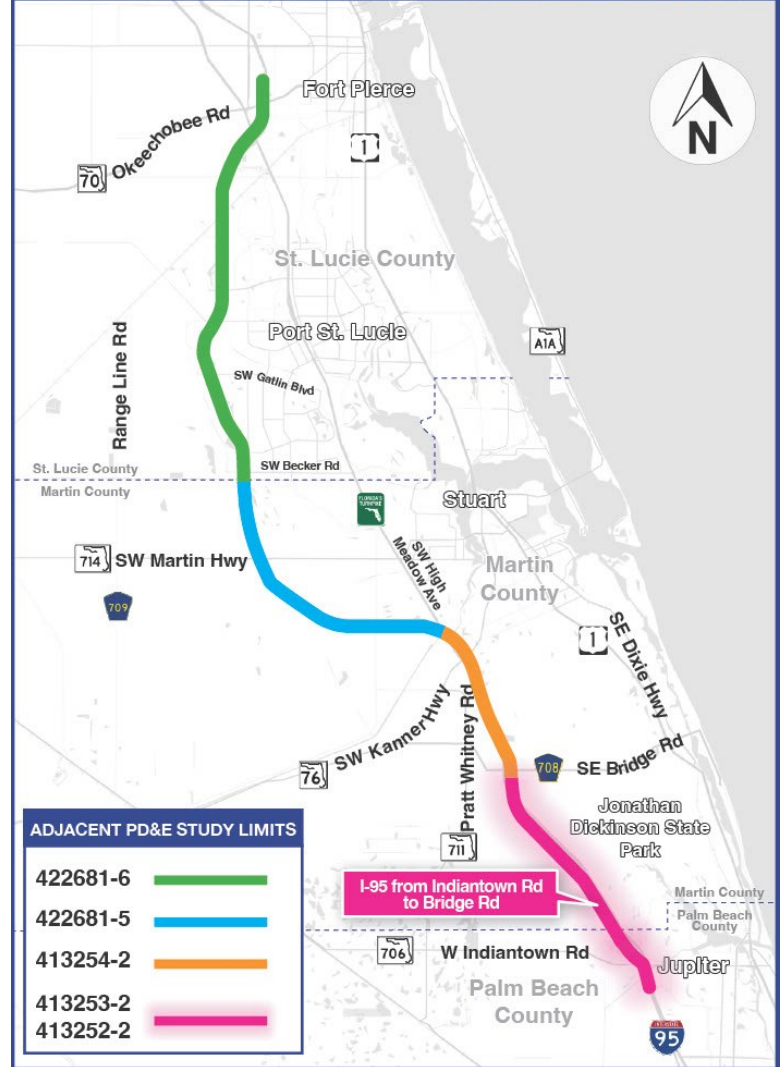
STUDY COMPONENTS

- Managed lanes are highway facilities or a set of lanes where operational strategies are proactively implemented and managed in response to changing traffic conditions.
- Managed lanes may include accommodations for carpool vehicles, transit vehicles, trucks, and long-distance trips.
- The increasing number of long-haul freight deliveries via trucks have increased the need for additional truck parking locations to provide safe refuge and rest for truck drivers.
- Interchanges will be examined to improve traffic operations, safety, bicycle-pedestrian accommodations, and aesthetics.

BENEFITS OF MANAGED LANES

- Provide Travel Choices
- Manage Traffic Congestion
- Offer Predictable Travel Times
- Support Transit Usage
- Reduce Fuel Consumption
- Decrease Air Pollution

I-95 TREASURE COAST PD&E STUDY MAP



Increase Capacity to Meet Travel Demand



Improve Roadway Safety and Traffic Operations



Enhance Connections Between Different Modes of Transportation, Support Supply Chain, and Improve Freight Accommodations

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Florida Department of Transportation is to provide a safe statewide transportation system that promotes the efficient movement of people and goods, supports the state's economic competitiveness, prioritizes Florida's environment and natural resources, and preserves the quality of life and connectedness of the state's communities.



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WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is FDOT's procedure for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and associated federal and state laws and regulations. The objective of a PD&E Study is to support decisions concerning if, where, and what project improvements should be made to address identified transportation needs.

1 Planning

2 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

3 Final Design

4 Right of Way Acquisition (if needed)

5 Construction

6 Maintenance

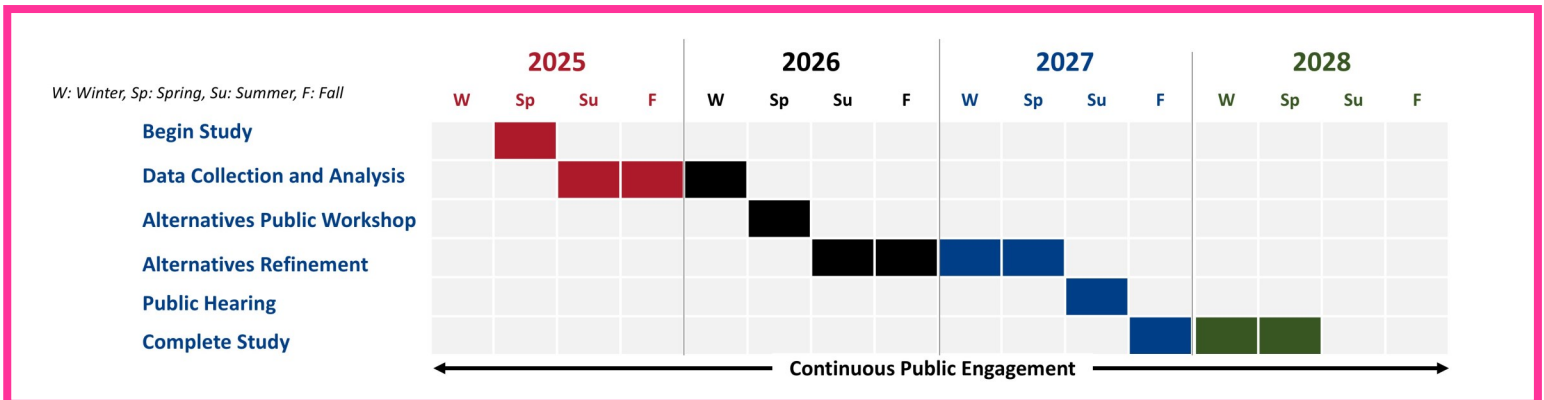
Why it's done:

- Evaluate project feasibility and potential environmental impacts (social, cultural, natural, physical)
- Comply with federal and state environmental laws
- Meet federal funding requirements

What it involves:

- Conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies
- Developing Build Alternatives that meet the project purpose and need
- Evaluating options to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential environmental impacts
- Coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies
- Engaging the community and soliciting input in project development
- Selecting a preferred alternative for Final Design (Step 3)

PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE



Schedule is Subject to Change

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public engagement is a critical component of the PD&E Study process, and we encourage you to become and stay involved throughout the entire project. Please visit the project website often to get the most up-to-date information. The proposed project is being developed in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.



STAY INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED: Community feedback is at the core of all we do. FDOT works with the public to balance their community vision with the community's transportation needs. This is routine on all our projects to ensure Florida's infrastructure is safe, resilient, and efficient for many years into the future. If you would like to obtain additional project information, to be added to the mailing list, to request information, to arrange a meeting, or to submit a written comment, please visit the project website at: fdot.gov/projects/i-95martincosouthpde or scan the QR code provided.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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