



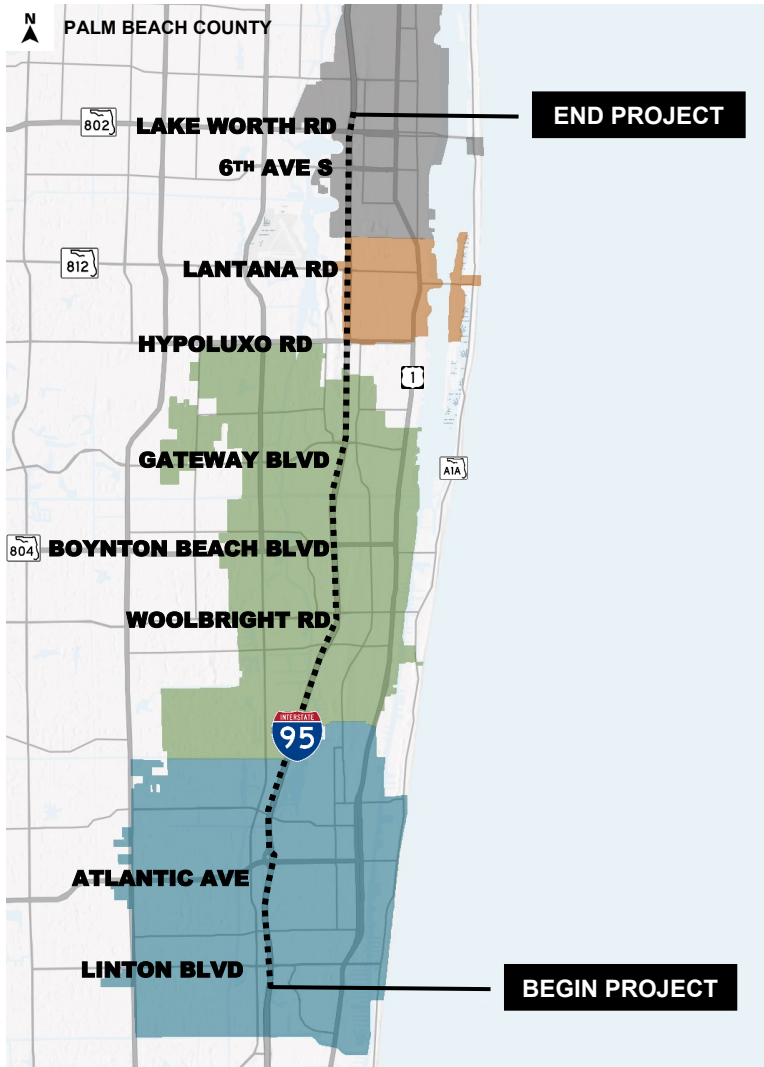
SR 9/I-95 PD&E Study  
Palm Beach County



# Florida Department of Transportation NEWSLETTER #1

I-95 Managed Lanes Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from South of Linton Boulevard/CR 782 to North of 6th Avenue South in Palm Beach County, Florida  
Financial Project ID: 444202-1-22-02 | Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM): 14508  
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#### MUNICIPALITIES

- Delray Beach
- Lantana
- Boynton Beach
- Lake Worth Beach

A presentation for this project was given to the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 9:00 am. A recording of the meeting is available for your viewing at <https://palmbeachtpa.org/meetings-events/tpa-governing-board-meeting-12-14-2023/>.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has initiated a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the I-95 Managed Lanes from south of Linton Boulevard/CR 782 to north of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, a segment of approximately 13.5 miles. This segment of I-95 is located within Palm Beach County and traverses the municipalities of Lake Worth Beach, Lantana, Boynton Beach, and Delray Beach. I-95 is a high priority network of transportation facilities important to the state's economy and mobility, and it is also an emergency evacuation route. To address the project needs the PD&E Study will evaluate managed lanes within the project limits.

## WHY IS THIS STUDY NEEDED?

The following goals and objectives have been defined for this study:



**Increase Capacity to Meet Travel Demand**



**Operational and Safety Needs**



**Modal Interrelationships**

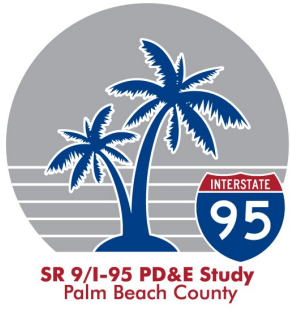
## WHY MANAGED LANES?

Managed lanes are highway facilities or a set of lanes where operational strategies are proactively implemented and managed in response to changing traffic conditions. Also, managed lanes:

- Provide travel choices
- Offer predictable travel times
- Manage time congestion
- Reduce fuel consumption
- Decrease air pollution
- Support transit usage

### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.



## 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. During this phase, FDOT performs preliminary engineering, evaluates the projects impacts to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments, completes interagency coordination, and engages the public. Public involvement is a key aspect throughout the life of a project. The objectives of a PD&E Study is to support decisions concerning if, where, and what should be built to address the identified transportation needs.

- 1 Planning
- 2 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
- 3 Design
- 4 Right of Way Acquisition (if needed)
- 5 Construction
- 6 Maintenance

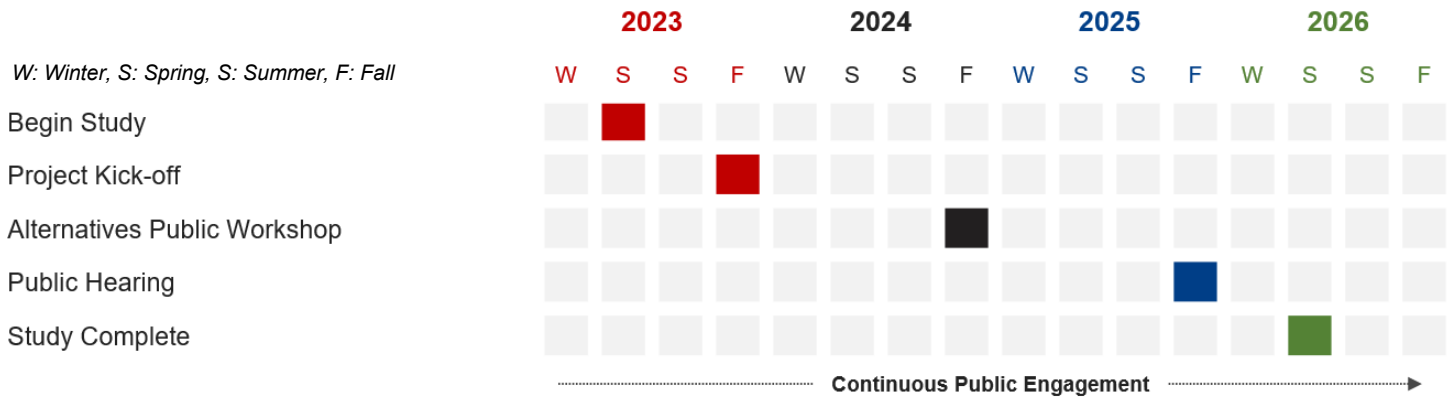
### Why it’s done:

- Evaluate project feasibility and potential environmental impacts (natural, physical, social, cultural)
- Comply with federal and state environmental laws
- Required to secure federal regulatory approval

### What it involves:

- Conducting preliminary engineering
- Evaluating options to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential environmental impacts
- Coordinating with federal state, and local agencies
- Engaging the public in project development
- Selecting a preferred alternative for Final Design

## PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE *Schedule is Subject to Change*



**Project Funding:** Design and Construction: Unfunded

## 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, be added to the mailing list, request information, arrange a meeting, or submit a written comment, please visit the project website at [www.i95ML-Linton-6ave.com](http://www.i95ML-Linton-6ave.com) or scan the QR code provided.