



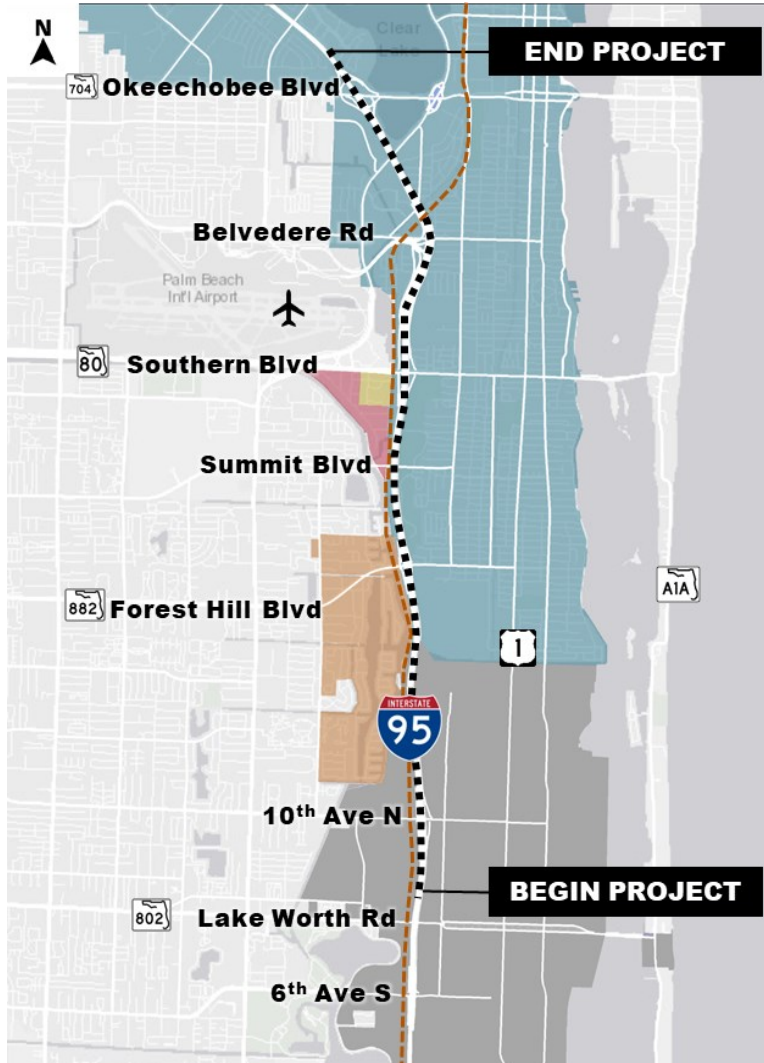
SR 9/I-95 PD&E Study  
Palm Beach County



# Florida Department of Transportation NEWSLETTER # 1

I-95 Managed Lanes Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study  
SR 9/I-95 from north of 6th Avenue South to north of SR 704/Okeechobee Boulevard  
Palm Beach County, Florida  
Financial Project ID: 444202-2-22-02 | Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM): 14509  
March 2024

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## MUNICIPALITIES

■ Lake Worth Beach ■ Glen Ridge ■ West Palm Beach  
■ Lake Clark Shores ■ Cloud Lake

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) is currently conducting a PD&E Study along SR 9/I-95 from north of 6th Avenue South to north of SR 704/Okeechobee Boulevard. A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project. The purpose of this project is to increase capacity by adding managed lanes in each direction and alleviate congestion at the SR 9/I-95 and SR 80/Southern Boulevard interchange. Additionally, it aims to find improvements to the issues that impact roadway traffic. These issues may include capacity, modal interrelationships, and safety.

## 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**

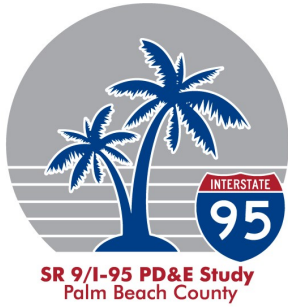
## WHY MANAGED LANES?

Managed lanes are highway facilities and a set of lanes where operational strategies are proactively implemented and managed in response to changing traffic conditions. The goal of Managed lanes is to improve operational conditions on a highway, improving traffic speed and safety. 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.



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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. 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

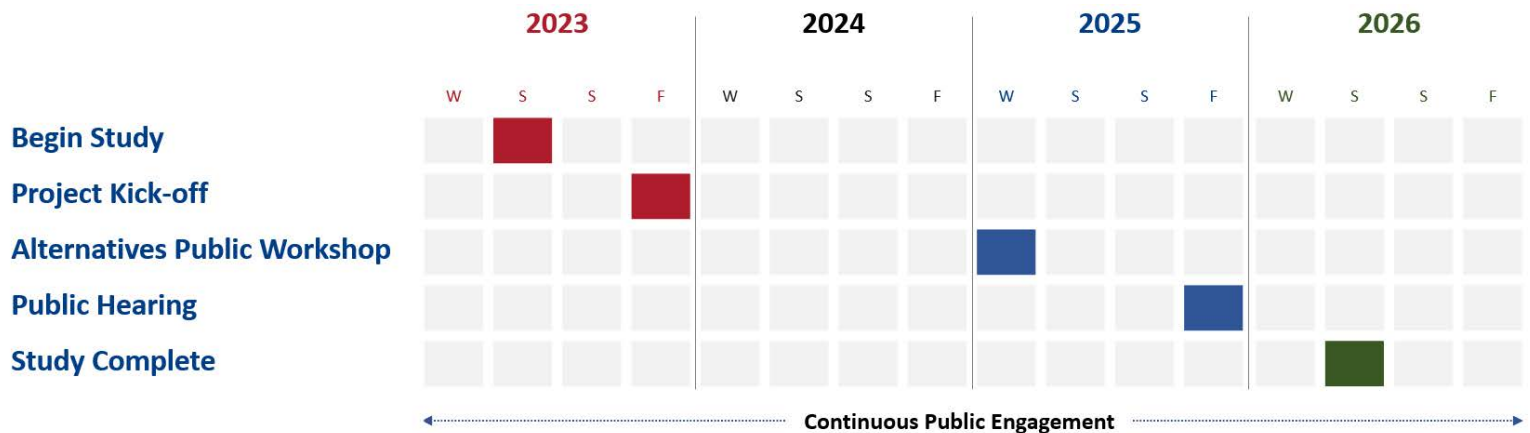
#### Why it's done:

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

#### 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 during the transportation decision-making process
- Selecting a preferred alternative for Final Design

## PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE *Schedule is Subject to Change / Public Workshop in the Winter of 2025*



Project Funding: PD&E: Funded | Design: Unfunded | 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:** 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-6ave-Okeechobee.com](http://www.i95ML-6ave-Okeechobee.com) or scan the QR code provided.

\*If you would like to receive more information about the project in creole or translation, please contact the project manager utilizing the information below.

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