Florida Department of Transportation, District Four **NEWSLETTER**

July 2020 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Atlantic Avenue/SR 806 from Florida's Turnpike to Jog Road in Palm Beach County Financial Management #: 440575-3-22-02 Efficient Transportation Decision Making #: 14423

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four, has initiated a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study along Atlantic Avenue (SR 806) from Turnpike to Jog Road in Palm Beach County.

ABOUT THE STUDY

Within the study limits, Atlantic Avenue intersects three major north-south roadways, Florida's Turnpike, Hagen Ranch Road, and Jog Road. Currently, Atlantic Avenue is an inadequate link between these multilane roadways. Expanding Atlantic Avenue to six lanes will better serve the regional transportation network and the local collector roadways.

The primary purpose of the project is to improve the local and regional transportation network while also providing enhanced multimodal interrelationships alongSR 806/Atlantic Avenue from Florida's Turnpike to Jog Road within unincorporated Palm Beach County, a distance of approximately 1.8 miles. The study will evaluate widening of the existing four-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway in addition to bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Atlantic Avenue contains a sidewalk on the northside throughout the study limits. There is an existing sidewalk gap on the southside of Atlantic Avenue from Michelangelo Boulevard to Jog Road. Four-foot wide bicycle lanes are generally present along the corridor. Designated buffered bicycle lanes will be proposed for this project in addition to sidewalks. Stormwater drainage ponds will also be evaluated within the study area.

A presentation for this project will be given to the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Information for attending the presentation virtually is available at <u>https://www.palmbeachtpa.org/Virtual-Meetings</u>. If you have any comments or questions following the presentation, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, Alexander Estrada, P.E. via email at <u>alexander.estrada@dot.state.fl.us</u> or phone at 954-777-4319 or 866-336-8435 ext. 4319.



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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 documents FDOT's procedure for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and associated federal and state laws and regulations. During this study, FDOT performs preliminary engineering, evaluates the project's impacts to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments, conducts 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 are to support decisions concerning if, where, and what should be built to address the identified transportation needs.

PLANNING	Why it's done:
2 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY	 Evaluate project feasibility and potential environmental impacts (natural, physical, social, cultural)
	Comply with federal and state environmental laws
3 DESIGN	Required to secure federal regulatory approval
_ RIGHT OF WAY	What it involves:
	Conducting preliminary engineering
	• Evaluating options to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential environmental impacts
5 CONSTRUCTION	Coordinating with federal, state and local agencies
	Engaging the public in project development

Selecting a preferred alternative for Final Design and Right of Way (if needed)

PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	2020				2021				2022	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Begin Study	Feb.									
Newsletter			July							
Public Alternatives Workshop					Mar.					
Public Hearing								Dec.		
PD&E Study Approval										May
Public Involvement	-									

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FDOT is required to comply with various non-discrimination laws and regulations, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

FDOT encourages the public to get involved throughout the study by providing comments, concerns, questions, and suggestions to the study team. 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 contact the FDOT Project Manager noted below:

