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# **KICK-OFF MEETING HANDOUT**



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SR 869/SW 10th Street (SW 10th Street) is an east-west principal arterial that connects three limited access facilities: Florida's Turnpike, Sawgrass Expressway, and I-95. SW 10th Street is part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System and the National Highway System, SW 10th Street from Florida's Turnpike to I-95 is a missing link in the existing and planned regional express lanes network. Traffic volumes along SW 10th Street from Sawgrass Expressway to I-95 have consistently increased over the past 15 years and are projected to grow. During peak times, existing traffic levels exceed the capacity of the roadway. The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) completed a consensus building initiative which identified recommended improvements along the corridor. During the consensus building initiative, the MPO formed a Community Oversight Advisory Team (COAT) comprised of community business and homeowner representatives to obtain input. COAT recommendations will be evaluated during this study.



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) initiated a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study to continue the efforts of the MPO. This study will evaluate two facilities within the corridor. One roadway facility will address the regional network connectivity needs and provide a connection between the Turnpike/Sawgrass Expressway and I-95. Improving this linkage will improve safety, mobility and contribute to the economic vitality of Southeast Florida. The other roadway facility will be a local facility to address the community and business needs in the corridor. This facility will be a lower-speed roadway and include bicycle lanes, sidewalks and additional aesthetic features. Together these facilities will help to improve access, safety and operational issues and encourage future transit in the corridor.

#### WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering evaluation process that follows all requirements set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Federal and State laws and regulations. These evaluations help determine the social, economic, physical and environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. One goal of the PD&E Study is to address the project objectives while minimizing adverse social and environmental effects. An important component of the process is agency and public outreach which is continuous throughout the study. The COAT representatives will continue to be a key asset to the PD&E team during the study. Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA) is the final step in a PD&E study and occurs upon approval of all environmental documents.



## **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

- Provide connectivity between the adjacent limited access, SIS facilities (Florida's Turnpike, Sawgrass Expressway and I-95)
- Enhance local access for businesses and communities
- Provide multimodal, bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Allow for future express bus service
- Increase capacity and eliminate various existing operational and safety deficiencies along SW 10th Street

## PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE



Design scheduled for Spring 2019. Construction is funded in 2025 and may be advanced.



SW 10th Street at Powerline Road



SW 10th Street at Military Trail

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.



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