



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP HANDOUT

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

Willoughby Boulevard

From State Road (S.R.) 714/Monterey Road To U.S. 1/S.R. 5/Federal Highway

Martin County, Florida

Financial Management Number : 419669-3-22-03

Federal Aid Project Number: D423 042B

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Number: 14512

WELCOME

Thank you for attending the Alternatives Public Workshop for the extension of Willoughby Boulevard from S.R. 714/Monterey Road to U.S. 1/S.R. 5/Federal Highway. The purpose of today's meeting is to introduce you to the study and provide information on ways you can get involved and stay connected. The meeting will begin with a brief presentation followed by a comment period.

MEETING AGENDA

- What is a PD&E Study?
 - Project Overview
 - Purpose and Need
- Key Project Issues
- Public Involvement/Q&A



ABOUT THE STUDY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has initiated a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study along Willoughby Boulevard from S.R. 714/Monterey Road to U.S. 1/S.R. 5/Federal Highway within the City of Stuart, in Martin County.

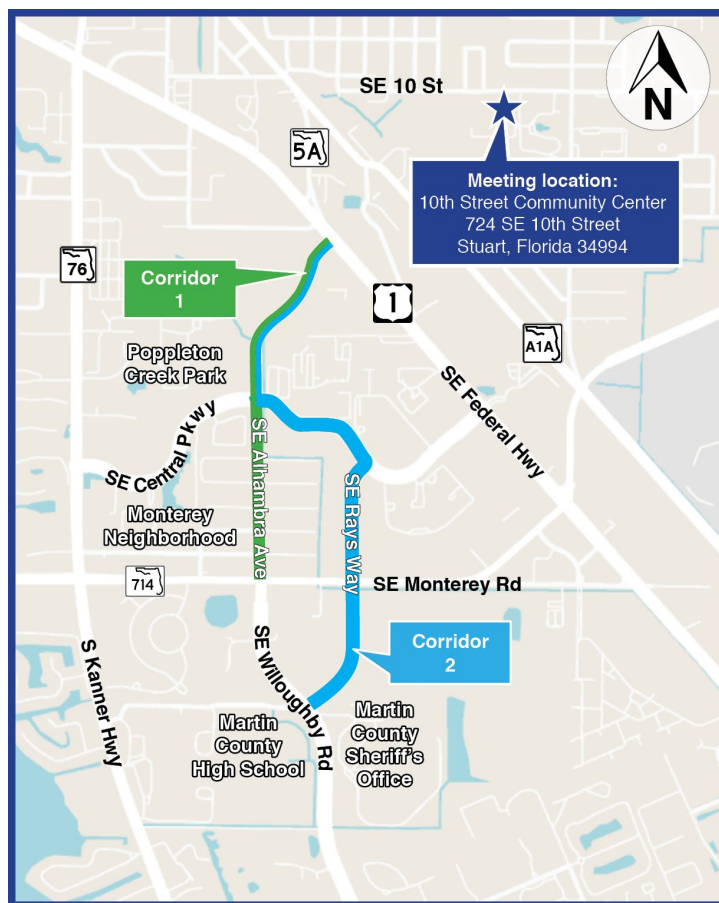
A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project.

The purpose of this project is to alleviate traffic congestion by connecting Martin County's roadway network by extending Willoughby Boulevard from its northern terminus at S.R. 714/Monterey Road to S.R. 5/U.S. 1/Federal Highway and safely accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians supporting the community's transportation needs. At this workshop, project alternatives will be presented for review and comment.

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

The project will analyze three corridors:

- **Corridor 1:** Extends Willoughby Boulevard north along SE Alhambra Avenue and across SE Central Parkway to connect with U.S. 1 near S.R. 5A.
- **Corridor 2:** Realigns Willoughby Boulevard to the east near the Martin County Sheriff's Office and continues north across SE Monterey Road along SE Rays Way. It then follows SE Central Parkway west to Poppleton Creek Park where it turns north to connect with U.S. 1 near S.R. 5A.
- **Corridor 3:** The No-Build Alternative will not provide any improvements; it will remain a viable alternative throughout the project.



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 May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Florida Department of Transportation's mission 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.

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

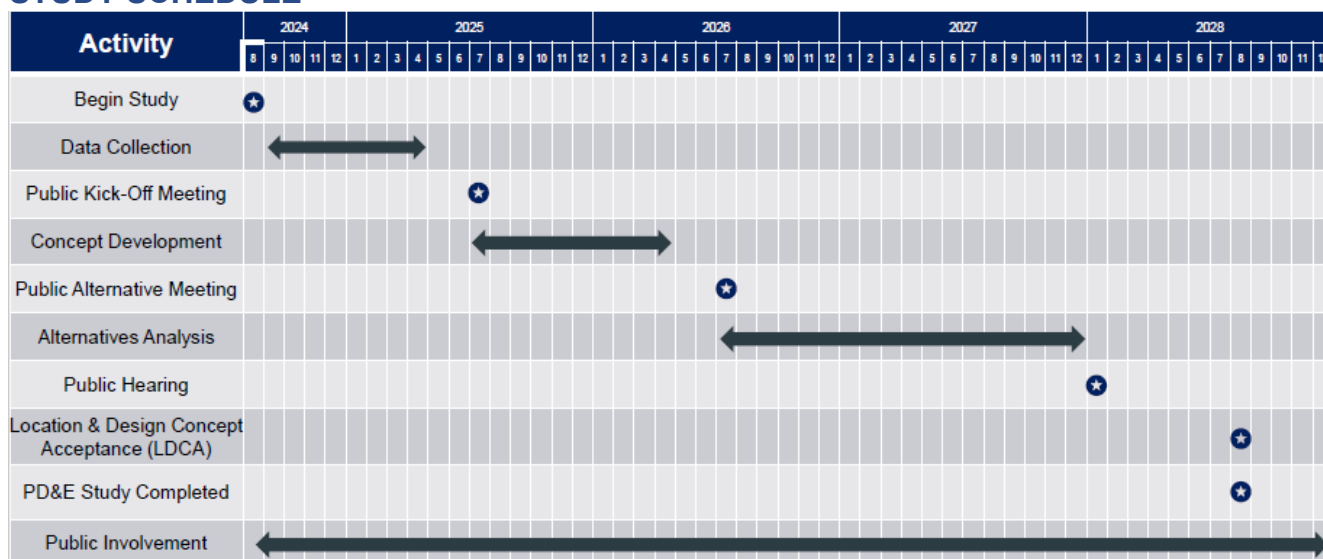
Why it's done:

- 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

PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE



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.

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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:**

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