



Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from South of Kissimmee Park Road to South of US 192

MP 238.5 to MP 242.5, Osceola County, FL

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Efficient Transportation Decision Making Number: 14329



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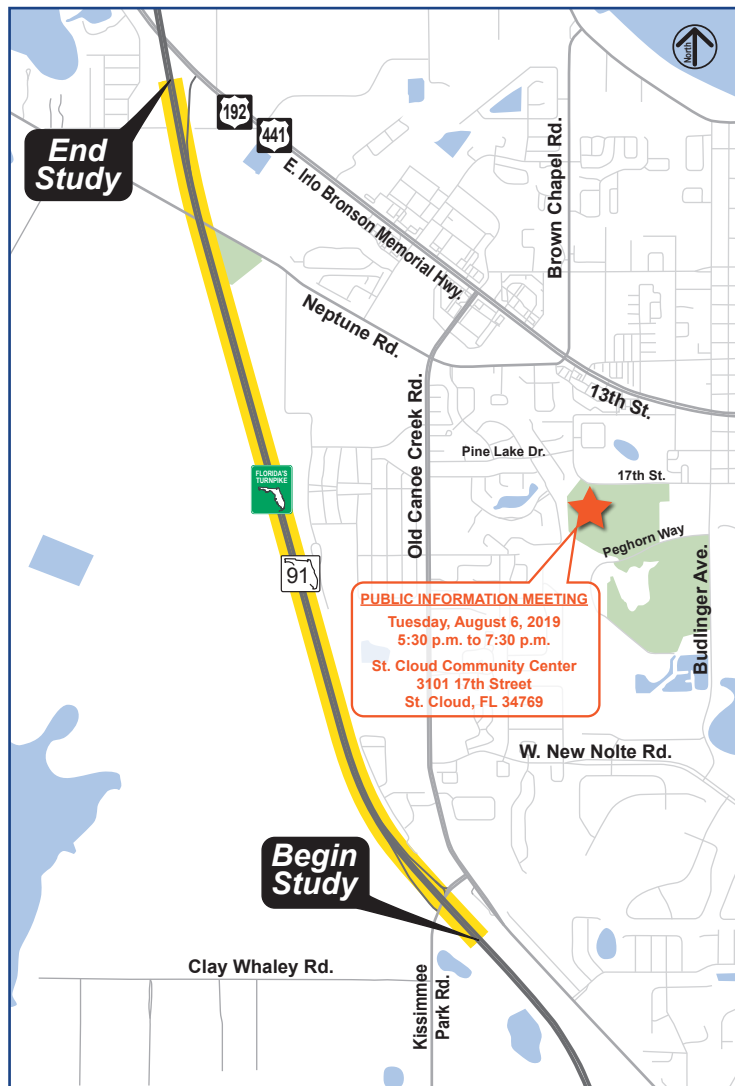
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate alternatives for the widening of Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from South of Kissimmee Park Road to South of US 192 in Osceola County. The project consists of widening Florida's Turnpike, a major evacuation route for Central and Southeast Florida, by adding general toll lanes and/or express lanes in each direction within the project limits. FTE identified the need to widen this portion of Florida's Turnpike to accommodate future traffic volumes of freight and passenger vehicles linked to projected growth in population and employment for the year 2045. The PD&E Study will also evaluate modifications to the existing Kissimmee Park Road and US 192 interchanges. FTE anticipates that the majority of the improvements will be within the existing FDOT right-of-way.

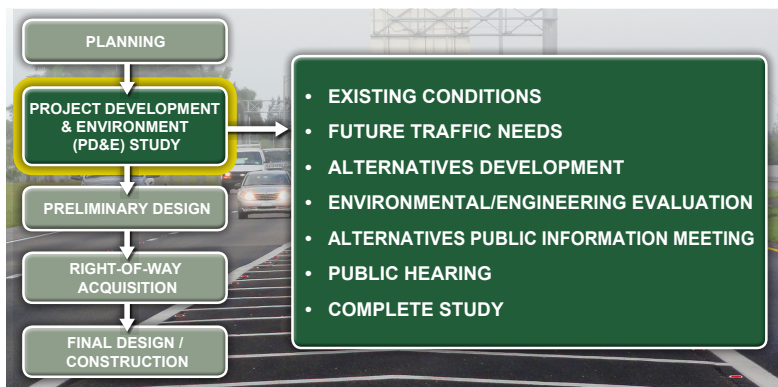
WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process that FDOT conducts to determine the social, economic, physical and environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. An important component of the process is public and agency involvement. The process follows federal and state laws and regulations. It requires the combined efforts of professional engineers, planners and scientists who collect and analyze project-related information to develop the best solution for a community's transportation needs while minimizing environmental impacts.

The PD&E process is an integrated work effort involving engineering analysis and environmental evaluation, all accomplished within the context of a public participation program.



Project Website: www.TurnpikeStCloud.com



KEY PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

The study will address:

- Noise and right-of-way impacts due to potential modifications to the existing partial interchanges at Kissimmee Park Road and US 192.
- Development of interchange concepts that reduce existing traffic congestion in the area.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Date:

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Time:

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location:

St. Cloud Community Center
3101 17th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769

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The meeting will be conducted as an open house with no formal presentation. This meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to review project information, ask questions and provide comments concerning the conceptual design, and potential social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Displays that illustrate the proposed improvements will be available at the meeting.

If the meeting cannot be held on August 6, 2019 due to severe weather or other unforeseen conditions, it will be held on the alternate date of August 27, 2019 at the same time and place.

This PD&E Study will include:

- Data Collection
- Traffic Forecasts
- Engineering Analysis
- Environmental Analysis
- Documentation
- Public Involvement
- Agency Involvement

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PROJECT SCHEDULE <i>*tentative, subject to change</i>	2018		2019				2020	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Begin Study	★							
Public Involvement								
Data Collection/Survey								
Alternative Analysis								
Prepare Draft Documents								
Public Information Meeting					★			
Revise Documents								
Public Hearing							★	
Final Documents								
Study Complete/Approved								★

TITLE VI/NON-DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM - POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Florida Department of Transportation, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Section 324 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973; Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987; and related statutes and regulations, that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap, or income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation under any federally or non-federally funded program or activity administered by the Department or its sub-recipients.