



# SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY (SR 869) WIDENING  
FROM SOUTH OF US 441 (SR 7) TO POWERLINE ROAD (SR 845)  
MILEPOST 18.0-22.0  
FINANCIAL PROJECT ID NUMBER: 437153-1-22-01

Newsletter 2 - April 2018

### ABOUT THE STUDY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, is performing a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Sawgrass Expressway (SR 869) from south of US 441 (SR 7) to Powerline Road (SR 845), in Broward County, Florida. The study will address existing and future traffic needs, improved travel time reliability, enhanced safety and long-term mobility options along the corridor (see Project Location Map below). This PD&E Study is evaluating express lanes along the corridor and improvements to the interchanges at US 441, Lyons Road and Florida's Turnpike as well as the Powerline Road intersection. The PD&E Study will evaluate the social, economic, physical and environmental impacts associated with the potential improvements.

This PD&E Study is being coordinated with other adjacent studies/projects along the Sawgrass Expressway, Florida's Turnpike, and SW 10th Street corridors.

### WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process conducted by FDOT to determine 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 impacts.

The PD&E process is an integrated work effort involving engineering analysis and environmental evaluation, all

### NEWSLETTER

*This is the second in a series of newsletters about the Sawgrass Expressway PD&E Study. Through these newsletters, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will notify the public about upcoming meetings and provide periodic updates on study activities.*

accomplished within the context of a public participation program. The following are the key components of the process:

- Data Collection
- Traffic Forecasts
- Alternatives Analysis and Development (including a No-Project Alternative)
- Engineering Analysis
- Environmental Analysis
- Documentation
- Public and Agency Involvement

The final phase of the PD&E process involves the preparation of preliminary engineering and environmental documentation.

### NOISE

The PD&E Study will include the evaluation of potential noise impacts that may result from the proposed improvements. Noise specialists will use the approved federal and state procedure for evaluating whether a noise barrier would benefit property owners. The analysis identifies qualifying noise barrier locations and preliminary heights. The findings are documented in a Noise Study Report. For additional information on traffic noise, please go to [www.floridasturnpike.com/construction.html](http://www.floridasturnpike.com/construction.html) and click on "Turnpike Traffic Noise Video".



Project Location Map

## PROJECT CONTACT

If you would like to obtain additional project information, be added to the mailing list or arrange a meeting, please visit our website at [www.Sawgrass.FloridasTurnpike.com](http://www.Sawgrass.FloridasTurnpike.com) or contact:

### Abra Horne, AICP

Project Manager for  
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (HNTB)  
P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, FL 34761-3069  
Phone: (407) 264-3019  
E-mail: [Abra.Horne@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Abra.Horne@dot.state.fl.us)

### Victoria Williams

Metropolitan Planning Organization Liaison for  
South Florida Turnpike Facilities in Districts 4 and 6  
P.O. Box 9828, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310  
Phone: (954) 934-1104  
E-mail: [Victoria.Williams@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Victoria.Williams@dot.state.fl.us)



## PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE

PROJECT MILESTONES	2016				2017				2018				2019			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Begin Study		◆														
Data Collection		■														
Public Kick-off Meeting				◆												
Engineering and Environmental Analyses		■														
Alternatives Public Information Meeting													◆			
Public Hearing															◆	
Final Documentation																■
Study Completed																◆
Public Involvement		■														

Schedule Subject to Change



## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two more public meetings are anticipated to be held to involve the public and stakeholders in the project development process. These public meetings will provide information regarding the project's status and seek public input. The next public meeting will be the Public Information Meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for early 2019. The purpose of this meeting is to present to the public the results of the study to date and to obtain comments regarding the alternatives being considered. A Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2019. The purpose of this hearing will be to present to the public the recommended alternative and seek public input. Notifications will be distributed prior to each meeting/hearing.

## COMMUNITY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise encourages the public to get involved throughout the study by providing comments, questions and suggestions to the study team. Project-related information will be provided to interested people, property owners, tenants and leaseholders within 300 feet of the project limits, including state and local officials, government organizations and other groups. Information will be available through newsletters, website, public information meetings and public inquiries. Newsletters will be available prior to each public meeting/hearing. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. All comments or suggestions may be mailed or emailed to the project manager at the addresses noted above.