

Newsletter 1 – August 2022

About this Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for widening Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from north of SR 70 to north of SR 60 (mile posts 152-193) in St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee and Osceola counties. The project will evaluate improvements to existing interchanges and consider adding new interchanges at several locations. The study area extends approximately 41 miles as shown below in the project location map. For more information on this project, please visit the project website at www.TurnpikeSR70toSR60.com.

What is a PD&E Study?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process conducted 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 optimal solution for a community's transportation needs while minimizing impacts.

The key components of the PD&E process are existing conditions, future traffic needs, alternatives development, environmental and engineering evaluations, public and agency input, documentation, and study recommendations.



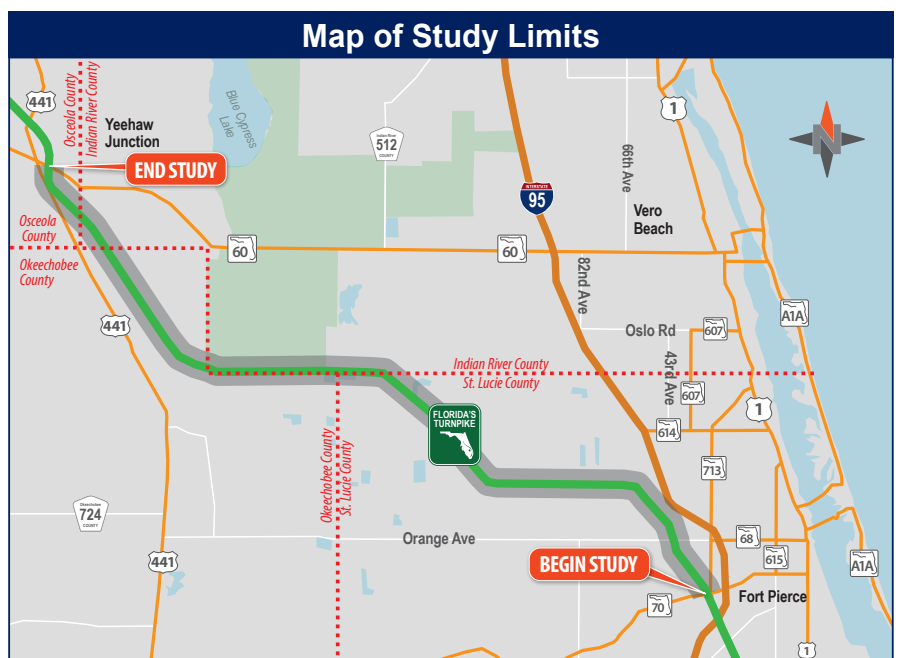
Purpose and Need

The Turnpike roadway within the study limits is currently a four-lane (two lanes in each direction) limited access facility. Travel demand on the Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) has increased significantly. FTE identified the need to widen this portion of the Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) to six lanes to accommodate present and future traffic (year 2050) volumes of freight and passenger vehicles linked to the projected growth in population.

The PD&E Study will evaluate potential improvements in the study limits as listed below:

- Widening the Turnpike to three lanes in each direction;
- Improvements/modifications to the Florida's Turnpike (SR 91 / SR 60) interchange; and
- Potential new interchange access points at locations to be determined.

The project is anticipated to enhance safety, accommodate travel demands, enhance and maintain Central Florida's economic and employment viability, and enhance emergency response times and evacuation.



Public Participation

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise encourages the public to get involved by providing comments, questions, and suggestions to the study team. Information will be available through newsletters, the project website, public inquiries, public meetings, and a public hearing. Please contact the Project Manager, Suman Juluru, using the contact information provided below to request more information or to be added to the mailing list. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

Project Schedule & Opportunities to Participate

Activity	2022				2023				2024			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Study Begins	★											
Data Collection		■										
Public Involvement	■											
Kickoff Newsletter			★									
Alternatives Analysis	WE ARE HERE				■							
Alternatives Public Information Meeting							★					
Alternatives Refinement and Documentation							■					
Public Hearing											★	
Finalize Documents												■
State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Approved												★

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Title VI/Nondiscrimination 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.