

Widen Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) From South of Van Dyke Road to SR 52 Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, Florida

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study FPID Number: 448068-1-22-01 ETDM Number: 14503



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About this Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Enterprise), is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study along Suncoast Parkway (State Road (SR) 589) from south of Van Dyke Road to SR 52, Mile Post (MP) 13 to 29 in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. The study will evaluate alternatives for the widening of the Suncoast Parkway, from four lanes to eight lanes between south of Van Dyke Road and SR 54 and from four lanes to six lanes between SR 54 and SR 52. Improvements to the existing interchanges and a potential new interchange within the study corridor will be evaluated. The Suncoast Parkway study area extends approximately sixteen (16) miles as shown in the project location map on the next page. For more information on this project, please visit the project website at www.SuncoastParkwayPDE.com.

What is a PD&E Study?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process conducted to determine social, economic, cultural, 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.

The project development process begins with planning studies and ends with a constructed project. The FDOT project development comprehensive process is а process involving Planning, Project Development and Environment (PD&E), Design, Right of Way (ROW), and Construction phases. It is important to understand the sequence and interrelation between these phases to successfully deliver a project.

FDOT Project Development Process PLANNING 1. Addresses Future Traffic Needs (2050) 2. Develop Mainline and Interchange Alternative Concepts **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT** 3. Evaluates Alternatives **& ENVIRONMENT** > Social/Economic Effects (PD&E) STUDY > Cultural Effects Т > Environmental Effects DESIGN Physical Effects 4. Selects Preferred Alternative based on: RIGHT OF WAY > Alternatives Analysis ACQUISITION Public Input CONSTRUCTION

Purpose and Need

Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) is a four (4) lane (two (2) lanes in each direction) limited access facility within the study limits. By 2050, the population within Hillsborough County is expected to grow by 30%. Within the same time period, the population within Pasco County is expected to grow by 38%. In response, the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has identified the need to widen (increase capacity) this portion of Suncoast Parkway to accommodate increasing traffic volumes generated from the anticipated growth, while enhancing safety and improving emergency and evacuation response times.

Public Participation

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise encourages the public to get involved by providing comments, questions, and suggestions to the study team. Project information will be available through newsletters, the project website, public inguiries, public meetings, and a public hearing. Please contact the Project Manager, Anil Sharma, P.E., using the contact information provided on the next page to request more information or to be added to the mailing list.



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Project Schedule & Opportunities to Participate



Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.