Project Development and Environment Study

US 41 PD&E Study

From the Manatee County line to 12th Street NE

Hillsborough County, Florida

WPI Segment No: 435918-1

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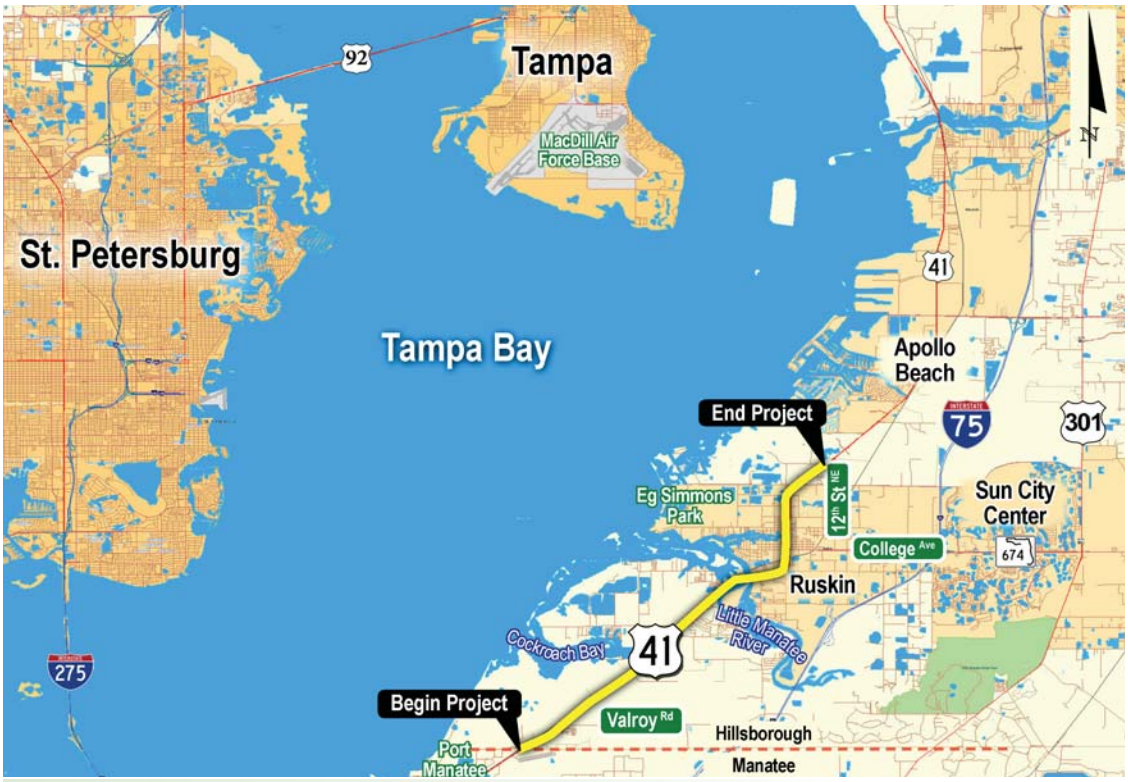
Comuniquese Con Nosotros

Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestro representante, Señora Lilliam Escalera, 813-975-6445, Departamento de Transportación de Florida, 11201 N. McKinley Dr., Tampa, FL 33612, *lilliam.escalera@dot.state.fl.us*.



Project Location Map

PD&E study is underway

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study of a 10.1-mile segment of **US 41 from the Manatee County line to 12th Street NE** in southern Hillsborough County, Florida (see project location map).

The PD&E study will evaluate widening the four-lane divided road to a six-lane divided road to handle future expected traffic. Sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements will be evaluated as part of this project. FDOT may also evaluate a one-way pair system of roadways through downtown Ruskin. We want to keep residents living near US 41 and other interested citizens informed, and we encourage you to participate in this study.

What is a PD&E study?

The FDOT began this 18-month PD&E study in March 2016. Team members are collecting information and project data within the study area.

The FDOT developed the PD&E process to determine social, economic, natural and physical environmental effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. The process follows procedures set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 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 transportation needs while minimizing effects to natural and social resources.

The need for a new or improved road is determined locally based on future land uses and projected traffic volumes. During the PD&E study, a conceptual design for road improvements is identified, and the study team assesses environmental and social effects. Future phases of a project include design (when construction plans are prepared); acquisition of right-of-way, if needed; and, construction of the improvements.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

We want your comments and suggestions. Now is the time to get involved!

One of the most important aspects of a PD&E study is public involvement. Your input is important to the success of the project and opportunities to provide input will be available throughout the study.

This newsletter is being circulated to those who have contacted us regarding the project and to all property owners adjacent to the study area. If you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to be included, please contact:

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Public involvement

Public involvement is an extremely important part of a PD&E study. The FDOT is using several methods for providing information to and receiving information from interested citizens, public officials and agencies. They include newsletters and presentations to neighborhoods, small groups or organizations.

FDOT will conduct a formal public hearing to present the recommended build alternative(s) and the no-build alternative. A project website *www.fdotd7studies.com* is available for you to share comments with FDOT and the study team. Please review the graphic below for tentatively scheduled public involvement events.

Project schedule

Following completion of the PD&E study, if funding is available, the design, acquisition of right-of-way (if necessary) and construction phases can follow. Currently, these phases are not funded in the FDOT's Five Year Adopted Work Program for fiscal years 2017-2021.