



US 41/SR 45 at CSX Grade Separation Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Design Change Reevaluation

From S. of SR 676 to N. of SR 676
Hillsborough County, Florida

WPI Segment Number 440749-1

DEAR PROPERTY OWNER OR INTERESTED CITIZEN:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 1, 2023, regarding the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study, WPI Segment No.: 440749-1, for the proposed improvements to US 41/SR 45 at CSX Grade Separation from south of SR 676 (Causeway Boulevard) to north of Causeway Boulevard in Hillsborough County, a distance of approximately 1.3 miles. This project is a Design Change Reevaluation for the 1994 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the construction of Causeway Boulevard as a six-lane roadway beginning at SR 60 and extending approximately 7 miles east to US 301.

This public hearing is being conducted in-person and online (virtually) to present information to and receive public input from interested persons regarding the proposed improvements.

Citizens who choose to attend the virtual hearing session may do so through a computer, tablet or smartphone via GoToWebinar. Virtual attendees must register online at the project website: <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/us41/csx-to-sr676/>. A call-in number will **not** be provided.

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with all federal, state, and local requirements. This newsletter was also sent as notice to property owners (pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within a minimum of 300 feet of the centerline of the alignment; however, this does not mean that all properties would be directly affected. The concept plans, display boards, and video presentation from the in-person session will be available for review starting on May 25, 2023, at <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/us41/csx-to-sr676/>.

Draft project engineering and environmental reports will be available for public review from May 10, 2023 to June 15, 2023, on the project website and at the following locations:

- 78th Street Community Library : 7625 Palm River Road, Tampa, Florida 33619
Hours of Operation: Tues. Through Sat.: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven: 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612 - Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

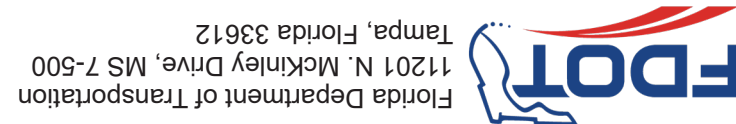
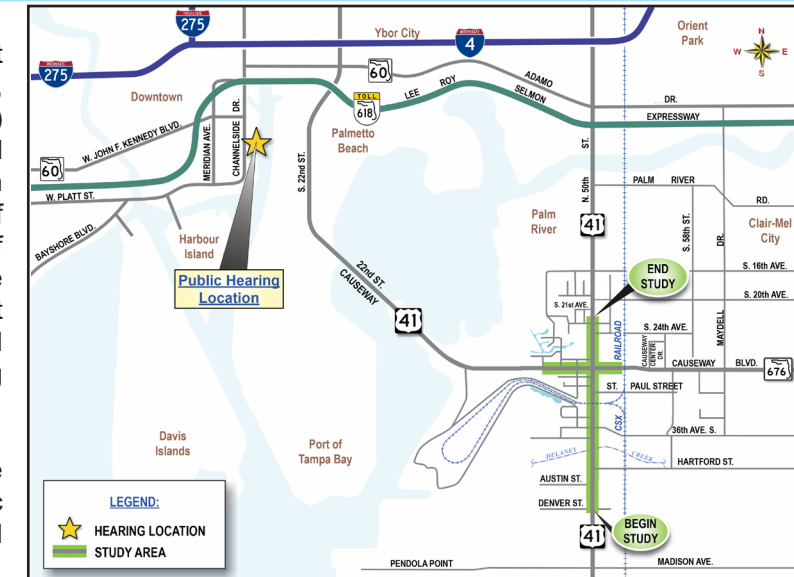
FDOT welcomes and appreciates everyone's participation. If you have questions about the project or the hearing, please contact Craig Fox, P.E., FDOT PD&E Project Manager at (813) 975-6082 or visit our project website at <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/us41/csx-to-sr676/>.

Sincerely,

Kirk Bogen, P.E.,
Environmental Management Engineer

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

*Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact: **Roger Roscoe**, Title VI Coordinator, at (813) 975-6411 or (800) 226-7220, or via email at Roger.Roscoe@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days in advance of the workshop.*



Visit the **PROJECT WEBSITE** for project information and updates
<http://active.fdotd7studies.com/us41/csx-to-sr676>

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Re-Evaluation Start	May 2018 - Ongoing
Data Collection Start	Summer 2018 - Ongoing
Engineering & Environmental Analysis Start	May 2018 - Ongoing
Alternatives Public Workshop	November 2019
Design Activities Start	Summer 2020 - Ongoing
Public Hearing	June 1, 2023
PD&E Study Approval	Fall 2023

Have Questions?

We're here to help. Give us a call, send us an email, or let us come speak to your group:

For more information:

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Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información sobre este proyector, por favor ponerse en contacto con el señor Manuel Flores al teléfono 813-975-4248 o al correo electrónico: manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us.

What is a PD&E Study Reevaluation?

A reevaluation is the process used to document compliance with federal laws and to identify any changes that may have occurred since the approval of the original environmental document. The original PD&E study was approved on May 24, 1994. This reevaluation is needed to update the 1994 study, documenting changes in the project limits, design standards, reassessing socioeconomic and environmental impacts, and comparing any new alternative options with the previously approved roadway improvement.

Study Purpose

The purpose of this project is to reduce traffic delays associated with the CSX railroad crossing, support the safe movement of trucks/freight, and enhance safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. The PD&E study objectives include: determining proposed typical sections and developing preliminary conceptual design plans for proposed improvements while minimizing impacts on the environment; considering agency and public comments; and ensuring project compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. The No-Build alternative, where no improvements other than routine maintenance are made to the existing roadways, will remain viable throughout the remainder of this study.

Project Description

The proposed improvements will include various intersection improvements and multimodal facilities (pedestrian and bicycle accommodations). The concept proposes the grade separation of US 41 over the CSX Railroad while maintaining the existing mainline lane counts and adds frontage roads and ramps that provide east-west connectivity in the project corridor. The proposed improvements will require additional right-of-way detailed on the concept boards at the hearing and in the appendix of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

Existing Conditions

Causeway Boulevard is a divided 4-lane urban roadway and US 41 is a divided six-lane urban roadway throughout the project limits. The posted speed limit on Causeway Boulevard is 45 mph throughout the project limits. The posted speed limit on US 41 varies from 50-55 miles per hour within the project limits. The existing ROW width along Causeway Boulevard ranges from 100-160 feet. The existing ROW width along US 41 ranges from 100-250 feet.

Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative is composed of multiple roadway sections. Please see the insert to view the proposed typical sections.



Right-of-Way Acquisition Procedure

We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns. To better educate and inform you about the right-of-way acquisition process and your rights, the FDOT has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures. These brochures and other education material will be available at the public workshop along with representatives from the FDOT's Right-of-Way acquisition and relocations departments. Copies of the brochures may also be found on our website at: www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/documents.shtm.

We are interested in hearing your concerns and answering your questions. Please feel free to speak with the FDOT's Project Manager or a Right-of-Way Representative at your convenience either at the hearing or by phone at (813) 975-6495.

Evaluation Matrix

An evaluation matrix comparing the the prior 1994 concept, Preferred Alternative, and No-Build is shown below. This matrix compares anticipated impacts to social, cultural, natural, and physical environmental factors, as well as preliminary cost estimates (ROW acquisition, wetland mitigation, engineering and construction).

Evaluation Criteria	1994 EA/FONSI Eastern Segment #2 (Causeway Blvd. fr. 45th Street to 54th Street)	Preferred/Build Alternative	No-Build Alternative
Right-of-Way (ROW) Needs			
ROW to be acquired for roadway (acres)	12.25	13.72	0
ROW to be acquired for stormwater facilities (acres)	0.83	10.65	0
Number of affected parcels	68	75	0
Potential Relocations			
Number of business relocations	10	28	0
Number of residential relocations	2	3	0
Potential Environmental Effects			
Cultural Resources	0	35	0
Section 4(f) sites	0	0	0
Wetlands (acres)	0	0.37	0
Surface Waters (acres)	0	1.65	0
Floodplains	Moderate	Moderate	None
Potential for listed/protected species and/or habitat	None	Moderate	None
Noise-impacted receptors	3	8	8
Contamination sites (ranked as high / medium)	NQ	10 / 16	0 / 0
Estimated Project Costs / Year of Estimates			
	1994	2023	2023
Design	N/A	\$5.52M	\$0
Wetland Mitigation	N/A	\$0.08M	\$0
Total ROW Costs	N/A	\$49.86M	\$0
ROW acquisition for roadway		\$44.98M	\$0
ROW acquisition for stormwater facilities	N/A	\$4.88M	\$0
Total Construction Costs	N/A	\$121.78M	\$0
Construction Engineering & Inspection (10% of Total Construction Cost)	N/A	\$12.18M	\$0
Preliminary Estimate of Total Project Costs	N/A	\$189.42M	\$0

Project Funding

FDOT Adopted Five Year Work Program Fiscal Year 2022/2023 to Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

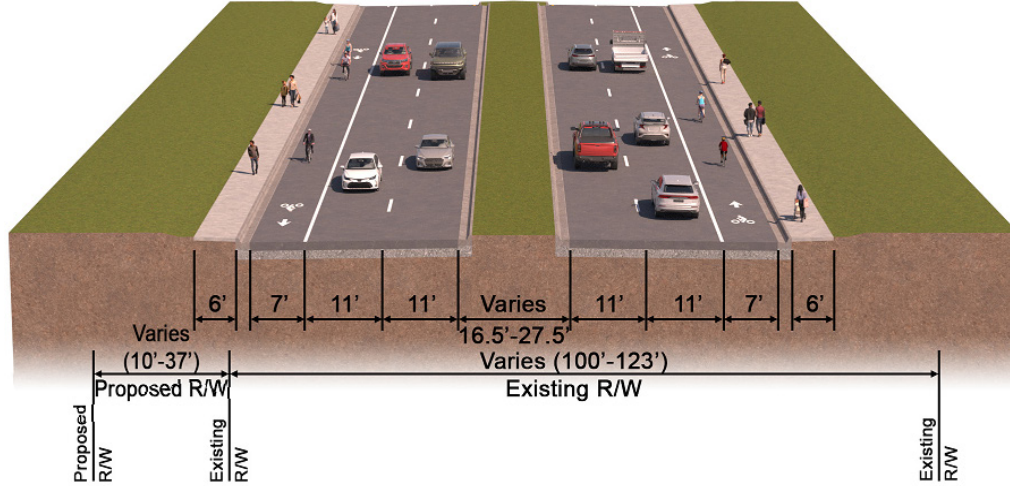
Phase	Fiscal Year
Design	Underway
Right-of-Way	FY 2022/23 - 2024/25
Construction	Not Currently Funded



Preferred Typical Section Details

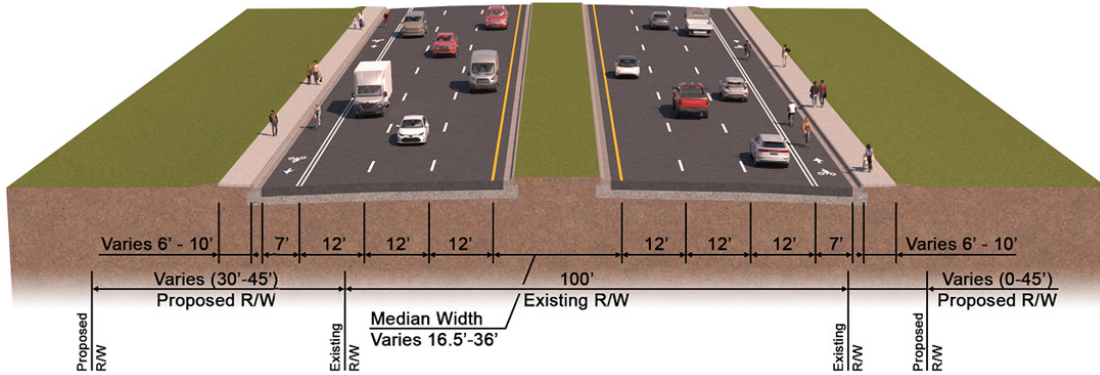
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Causeway Blvd. (SR 676) from W. of US 41 to E. of US 41



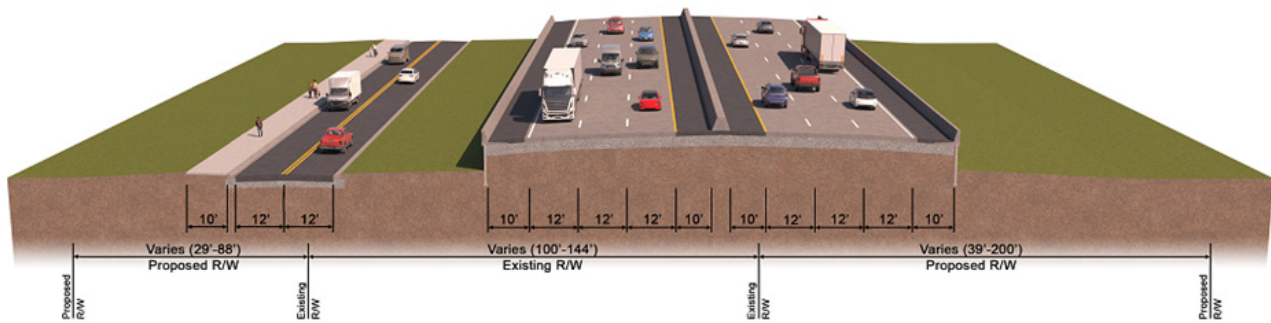
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US 41 (SR 45) from N. of Trenton Street to S. of St. Paul Street and N. of Causeway Blvd. (at grade)



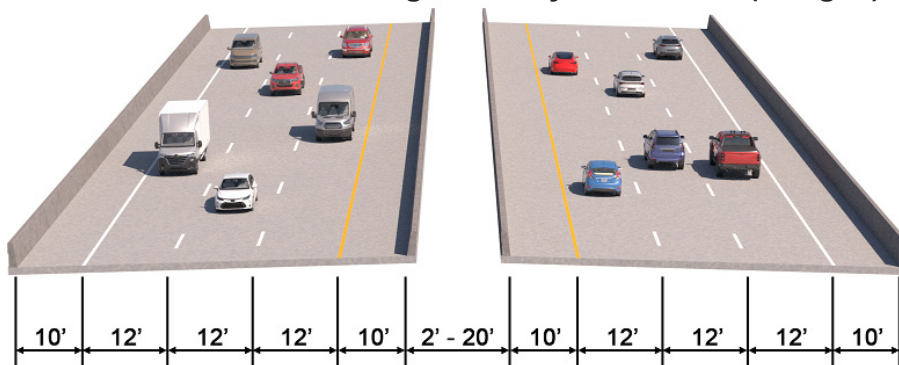
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US 41 (SR 45) from N. of Trenton Street to S. of St. Paul Street (elevated)



TS-4

US 41 (SR 45) over Delaney Creek, S. 36th Ave., and CSX Railroad Right-of-Way/St. Paul St. (bridges)





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Instructions for attending the public hearing

The public hearing will be offered in person with the option to attend virtually. The same materials will be presented for the in-person and virtual formats.

Pre-registration is required for the virtual format only. Registration is available online at the project website <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/us41/csx-to-sr676/> or from your mobile device, scan the QR Code to the right.

If you have any questions or issues registering, please contact Craig Fox, P.E. the FDOT PD&E Project Manager at (813) 975-6802.



To attend the Public Hearing In-Person

In-Person Public Hearing Session will be held at:

Port Tampa Bay, Terminal 6

1331 McKay Street

Tampa, FL 33602

5:30 p.m. Open house

6:30 p.m. Formal Presentation/Comment Period

1. Upon arrival, please sign-in. If you wish to make a formal public comment, please fill out a speaker card and give it to a project team member. You will be called during the formal portion in the order in which the cards are received.
2. During the open house period starting at 5:30 p.m., a repeating informational presentation will be shown and project displays will be available for review. Team members will be on-site to assist with questions and/or concerns.
3. At 6:30 p.m. the formal public hearing portion will begin.
4. Those who filled out a speaker card will be called upon to make a formal comment.
5. At the conclusion of the formal portion of the hearing and the public comment period, the open house will resume until 7:30 p.m.

To optionally attend the Virtual Public Hearing Session

The Virtual Public Hearing Session will be held

through :

GoToWebinar

5:30 p.m. Open house

6:30 p.m. Formal Presentation/Comment Period

Persons registered for the Virtual Public Hearing can attend online using GoToWebinar.

1. Virtual online attendees should use the sign-in link emailed to them after registering. A call-in number is **not** available.
2. During the open house period, starting at 5:30 p.m., attendees will be able to view materials online and ask questions to FDOT staff through the GoTo question box. Team members will be available virtually to assist with questions and/or concerns.
3. At 6:30 p.m. the formal public hearing portion will begin and will be broadcast from the in-person event to those attending virtually.
4. After in-person formal comments have been made, virtual online attendees may use the Raise Hand function of the webinar to be called upon if they choose to make a formal public comment.
5. At the conclusion of the formal portion of the hearing and the public comment period, the open house will resume until 7:30 p.m.

There are many ways to provide comments:

- Submit your comments through the project website on the "[Send Us Your Comments](#)" page.
- Make a verbal statement during the public comments period during the formal portion (see above for in-person and virtual options on how to submit a speaker request).
- Make a verbal statement directly to the court reporter in a one-on-one setting for those attending the in-person session.
- Complete a comment form and drop it in the comment box in-person or mail comment to the address listed on the back. Please postmark by June 15, 2023.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of, or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by mailing them to Kirk Bogen, P.E., Environmental Management Engineer, FDOT District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive MS 7-500, Tampa, FL 33612, or provide them on the "[Send Us Your Comments](#)" page on the project website at:

<http://active.fdotd7studies.com/us41/csx-to-sr676/>

All comments postmarked on or before June 15, 2023, will become part of the official public hearing record.

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