



**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

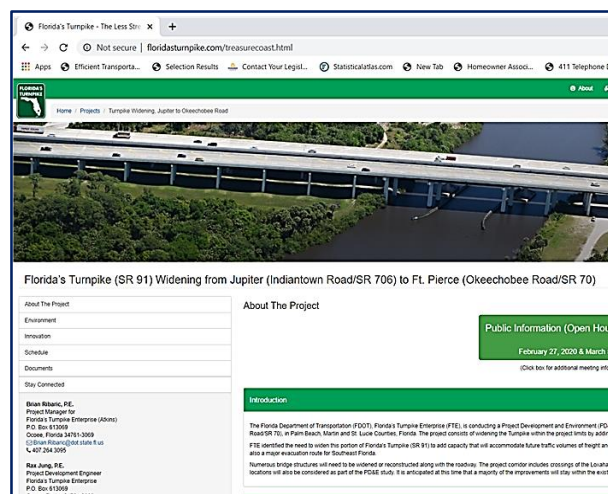
PROJECT MILESTONES	2017				2018				2019				2020				2021	
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Begin Study	★																	
Public Involvement	[Bar spanning from Jan-Mar 2017 to Apr-Jun 2021]																	
Data Collection	[Bar spanning from Apr-Jun 2017 to Oct-Dec 2019]																	
Engineering and Environmental Analysis	[Bar spanning from Jul-Sep 2017 to Jul-Sep 2020]																	
Public Information Meetings													★					
Draft Documentation																		
Public Hearings																		★
Final Documentation																		
Study Completed / Approved																		★

Schedule is Subject to Change

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

We will continue to evaluate and refine the alternatives, based on the comments received from local agencies and the public. A Preferred Alternative will be selected, refined and presented to the public at a Public Hearing (in two locations) scheduled for Fall 2020. Study documents will be available for review on the project website and at a local library prior to the hearing.

You can provide your comments by email, mail, or by clicking on "Stay Connected" on the project website at [www.TreasureCoastTurnpike.com](http://www.TreasureCoastTurnpike.com). The website contains additional information about the project and copies of all of the information presented to the public, including materials from tonight's meeting.



**STAY CONNECTED**

If you would like more information about the project, to be added to the mailing list, or schedule a meeting with members of the project team, please visit the project website at [www.TreasureCoastTurnpike.com](http://www.TreasureCoastTurnpike.com), or contact one of the following:

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**NEWSLETTER 2**

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

Welcome and thank you for attending the Public information Meeting for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for widening Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from Jupiter (Indiantown Road/SR 706) to Ft. Pierce (Okeechobee Road/SR 70). The purpose of this meeting is to give you an opportunity to review alternatives for the proposed improvements and provide information on how you can get involved and stay connected to the study. Members of the project team will listen to your comments, ideas and concerns about the proposed study alternatives.

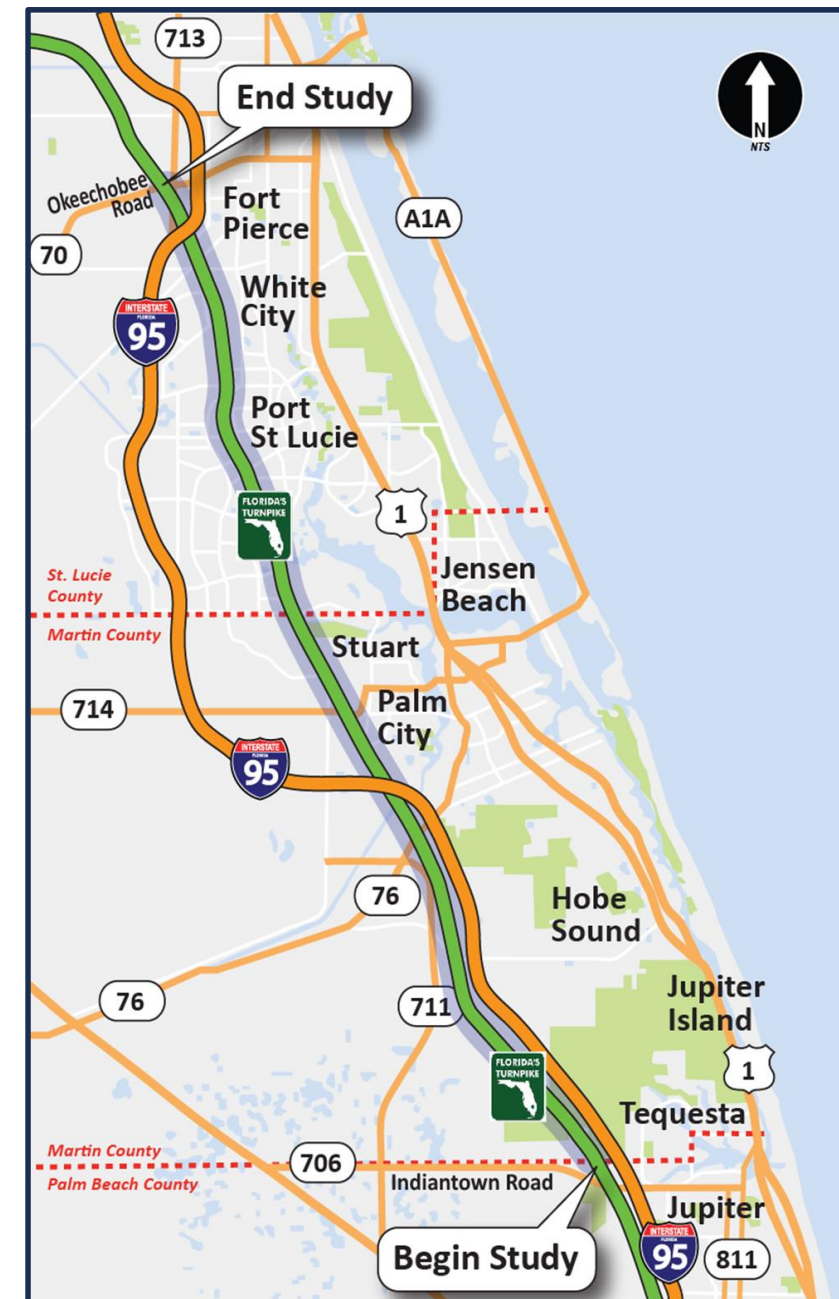
**PROJECT BENEFITS**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), is conducting this PD&E Study to evaluate alternatives that would:

- Add capacity to accommodate future traffic volumes linked to the projected growth in population and employment for the year 2045.
- Improve safety by reducing congestion-related crashes and emergency evacuation times by providing additional capacity.
- Widen or reconstruct numerous bridge structures along project corridor.
- Reconfigure existing interchanges and consider new interchange access locations as part of the PD&E study.
- Consider potential social, economic, and environmental effects, and mitigation measures to comply with federal and state requirements.

**NOISE**

The PD&E Study includes the evaluation of potential noise impacts that may result from the proposed improvements. Noise specialists will use the approved federal and state procedures for modeling traffic noise and predict if future noise levels exceed federal and state standards. If such impacts are identified, the model will determine whether noise abatement would be feasible and reasonable to benefit property owners. The analysis identifies abatement locations and potential measures to reduce traffic noise, including walls. The findings will be documented in a PD&E Noise Study Report, which will be available at the Public Hearing anticipated to be held at the end of this year. Noise wall locations found to be potentially feasible and reasonable would be studied further during the design phase to confirm if they should be included with the project. For additional information on traffic noise, please review the Turnpike Traffic Noise Video on the project website [www.TreasureCoastTurnpike.com](http://www.TreasureCoastTurnpike.com), then click on Documents.

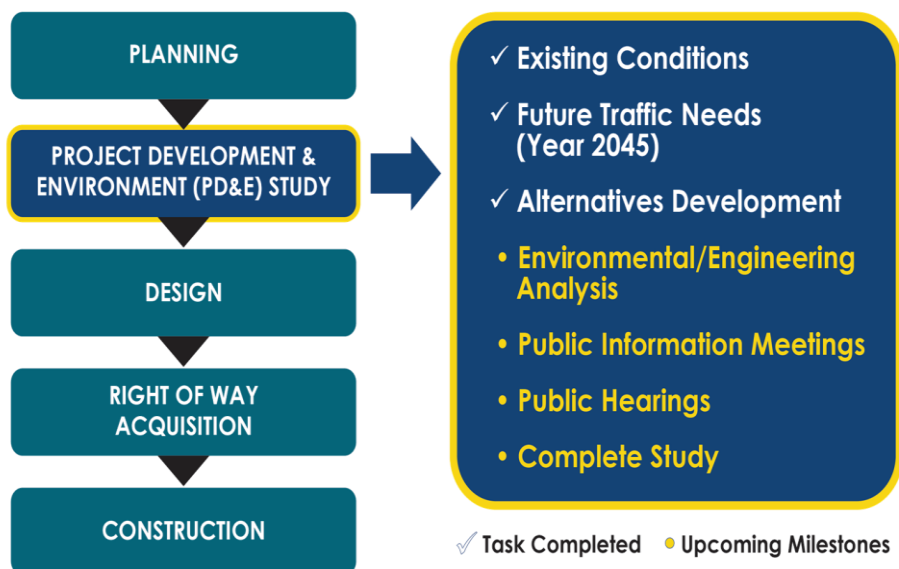




**WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?**

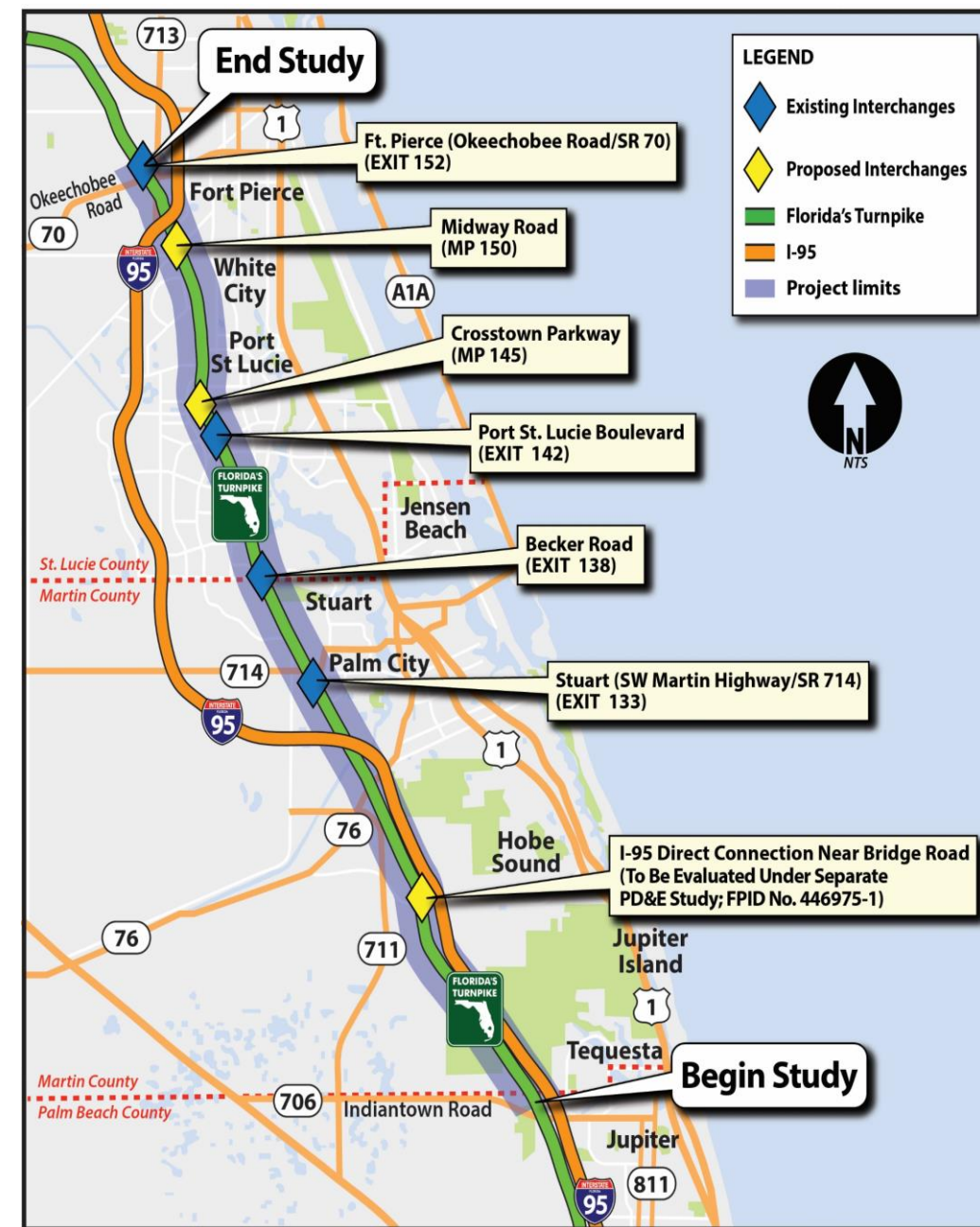
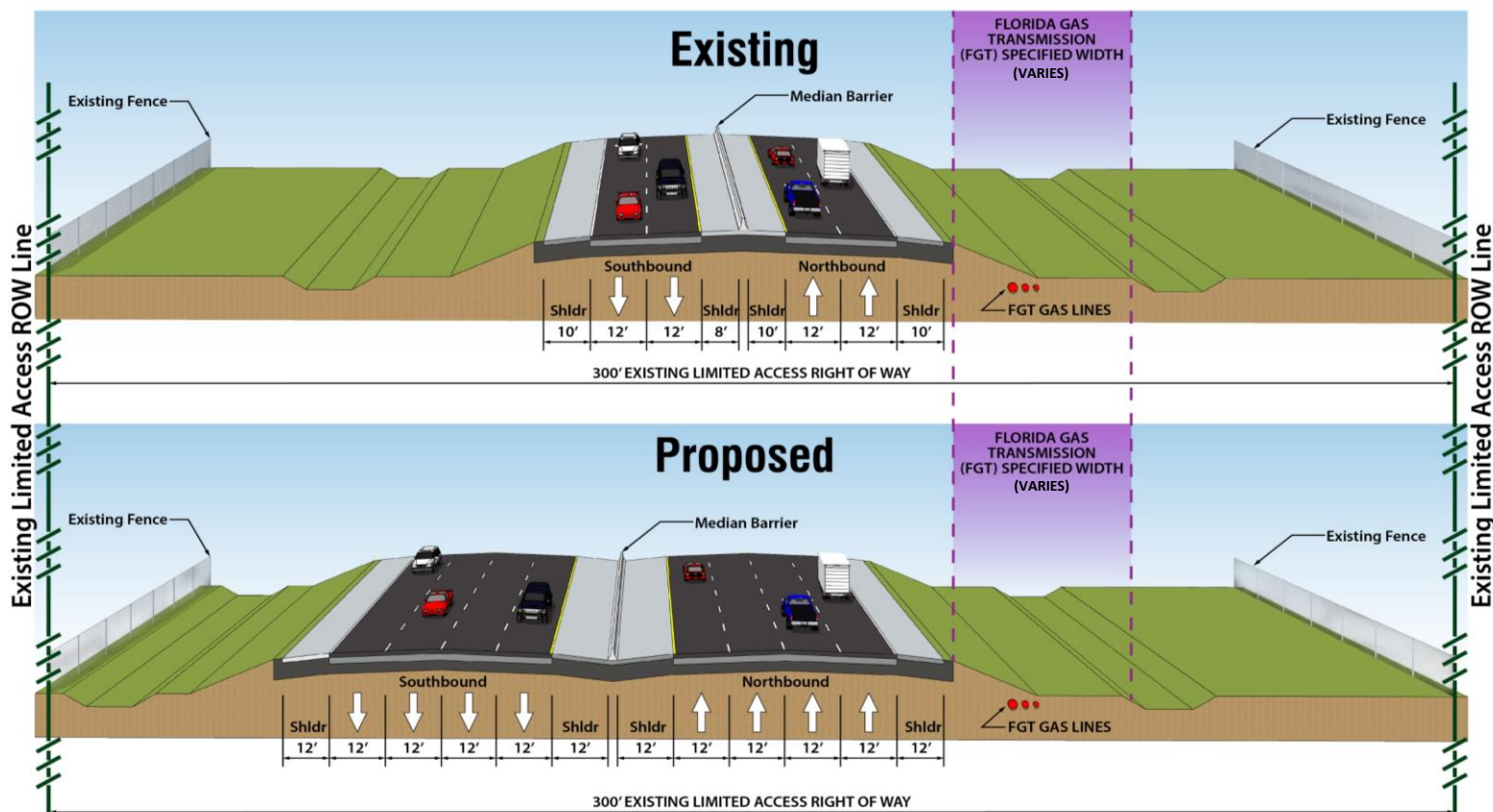
A PD&E Study is a process developed by FDOT to evaluate social, economic, natural, physical and environmental effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement. Potential impacts to traffic operations, safety, access, and right-of-way are evaluated during the study. The analysis requires the combined efforts of professional engineers, planners and scientists who collect and analyze project-related information to develop the best solution that meets a community's transportation needs. Public outreach and agency coordination are key components of every PD&E Study.

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**



**TURNPIKE MAINLINE WIDENING**

As depicted above, the project consists of the widening of Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes by adding two toll lanes in each direction. Currently, Florida's Turnpike is a four (4) lane limited access toll facility. Numerous bridge structures will be evaluated for widening or reconstruction along with the roadway. The project corridor includes crossings of the Loxahatchee River and St. Lucie Canal.



**INTERCHANGE ALTERNATIVES**

The potential reconfiguration of existing interchange locations and new interchange access locations that are being evaluated as part of the PD&E Study are depicted on the Project Location Map to the left.

Please refer to the boards and displays at tonight's meeting to view the alternatives being considered at each interchange location.

- Existing Okeechobee Road/SR 70 Interchange
- A new interchange at Midway Road
- A new interchange at Crosstown Parkway
- Existing Port St. Lucie Boulevard interchange
- Existing Becker Road interchange
- Existing SW Martin Highway/SR 714 interchange

A direct connection to I-95 near Bridge Road is being evaluated under a separate PD&E Study. Improvements to the Thomas B. Manuel Bridge over the St. Lucie Canal are included.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Florida's Turnpike is being converted to All Electronic Tolling (AET). This means the Turnpike will no longer accept cash at certain locations. Drivers will use SunPass or Toll-By-Plate, which takes a picture of your license plate and mails you a bill for tolls plus an administrative fee.
- Improved connections to local roads are being evaluated at certain interchange locations to address traffic operations.