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# **About the Study**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), recently started a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for widening Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from south of SR 408 to SR 50 (Milepost 263 to 273) in Orange County. The study will evaluate existing and future traffic conditions to determine the need and type of improvements for approximately 10 miles of Florida's Turnpike. Traffic will be forecasted to the year 2045. Based on the traffic needs, widening solutions will be developed, including options with managed lanes. All existing interchanges within the project limits and the need for new interchanges will be evaluated.

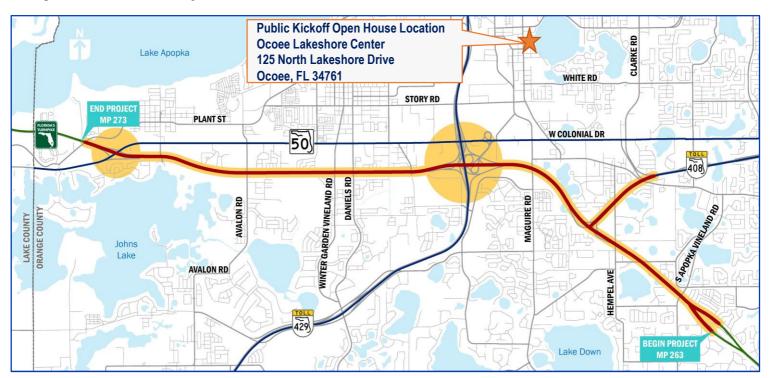
The project is anticipated to enhance safety, accommodate travel demands, improve travel time reliability, improve system linkage, enhance and maintain Central Florida's economic and employment viability, and enhance emergency response times and evacuation.

# 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.

#### **Project Location Map**



# **Public Kickoff Open House**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 | 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Ocoee Lakeshore Center
125 North Lakeshore Drive
Ocoee, FL 34761

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

Project Website: www.Turnpike408to50.com

### **Online Public Meeting**

Not able to make it to the open house in person? Visit the project website <a href="www.Turnpike408to50.com">www.Turnpike408to50.com</a> beginning March 10, 2020 to view an online version of the meeting and to provide comments. This online version will be accessible anywhere, anytime, and will provide the same information as the in-person meeting.



#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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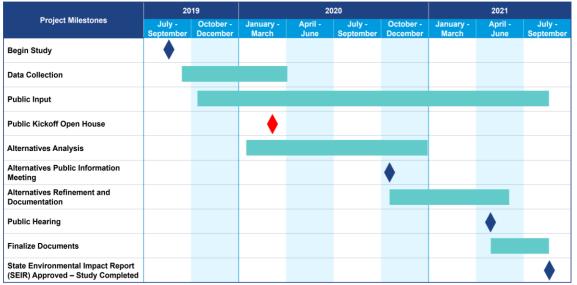


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# PD&E Study Schedule (preliminary schedule, subject to change)



### **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. The first public meeting, the Public Kickoff Open House, will be held on March 10, 2020.

#### **Noise**

A noise study will be conducted as part of this PD&E Study. The draft Noise Study Report will be completed prior to the public hearing and will determine if noise walls appear to be reasonable and feasible for the proposed project. For additional information on traffic noise, please visit the project website and click on "Documents" on the left to view the "Turnpike Traffic Noise Video".



