



**Interstate 75 (SR 93A) PD&E STUDY**  
*From south of US 301 to north of Fletcher Avenue in Hillsborough County*  
*Work Program Item Segment No: 419235-3*

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**Fact Sheet**

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**Project Description**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study on I-75 (SR 93A). The study limits begin south of US 301 and extend to north of Fletcher Avenue in Hillsborough County. The project length is approximately 15.4 miles. The Project Location Map is on the next page (**Figure 1**).

The purpose of this study was to:

- Identify and analyze alternative improvement concepts
- Meet future transportation needs
- Evaluate environmental effects of the alternatives

I-75 is a north-south limited access freeway linking the Tampa Bay region with the remainder of the state and the nation and supporting commerce, trade, and tourism within the western regions of Florida. It is part of the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). The FIHS is a statewide highway network for high-speed and high-volume traffic movement. The SIS is a statewide network of high-priority transportation facilities including highways, airports, seaports, railroads, and bus stations. I-75 also serves as a major evacuation route throughout the state.

Motorists regularly experience traffic congestion along portions of I-75 due to high traffic demand, which will continue to increase into the future. Improvements are necessary to ensure that I-75 operates efficiently and meets regional mobility needs. The proposed improvements will relieve present and future traffic congestion on I-75, improve safety and emergency evacuation, and reduce emergency response time.

This project was screened through the FDOT's Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process. The ETDM *Programming Summary Report* documents comments received from several agencies.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that this project qualifies as a Type 2 Categorical Exclusion.

**Existing Facility**

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| <b>Classification</b>                | Rural/Urban Principal Arterial - Interstate  |
| <b>Number of Lanes</b>               | In general 6 lanes Collector-Distributor system between US 301 and SR 60                                 |
| <b>Lane Width</b>                    | 12 feet  |
| <b>Inside/Outside Shoulder Width</b> | 12 feet (in general)   |
| <b>Posted Speed Limit</b>            | 70 miles per hour  |
| <b>Minimum Right-of-Way Width</b>    | 348 feet   |
| <b>Interchanges</b>                  | US 301; Selmon Expressway; SR 60; Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; I-4; Fowler Avenue; Fletcher Avenue |

**Proposed Improvements**

The Preferred Build Alternative includes the widening or reconstruction of the existing I-75 in general to the inside. Space for multi-modal uses, should they be desired, will be provided to the outside on either side of I-75. Each direction of travel will include three General Use Lanes (GULs) and three Special Use Lanes (SULs). A 6-foot buffer will separate the SULs and GULs, and a median barrier will separate the northbound and southbound lanes. Access to the SULs will be provided less frequently than the existing interchanges to ease travel for regional travelers. SULs may be managed using tolling options, access, vehicle type, or vehicle occupancy. Widening to the inside will reuse much of the existing lanes, thereby saving construction costs. Interchange modifications at the seven interchanges in the project limits were also considered. The engineering and environmental analyses helped define the preferred improvements. A No-Build Alternative was also considered. The FDOT expects the mainline widening improvements to be contained within the existing right-of-way of I-75. Additional right-of-way, however, could be required for stormwater treatment, floodplain impact mitigation sites, and interchange improvements.



### Preferred Alternative

The FDOT, with input from local government agencies and the public, selected build alternative 2 as the preferred alternative. Please refer to the proposed improvement section for additional details.

### Adjacent Projects Underway by FDOT

| FDOT District | WPI Segment No. | Project Limits                                       |
|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Seven         | 419235-2        | PD&E study from Moccasin Wallow Road to US 301       |
| Seven         | 408459-2        | Design from Fowler Avenue to Bruce B Downs Boulevard |

### Project Schedule

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| PD&E Study Initiated          | May 2007                  |
| Alternatives Public Workshops | June 15 and June 17, 2009 |
| Public Hearing                | May 6, 2010               |
| Complete PD&E Study           | Fall 2010                 |

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