

# Fowler Avenue (State Road 582)

## Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

From N. Florida Avenue to West of N. 56th Street

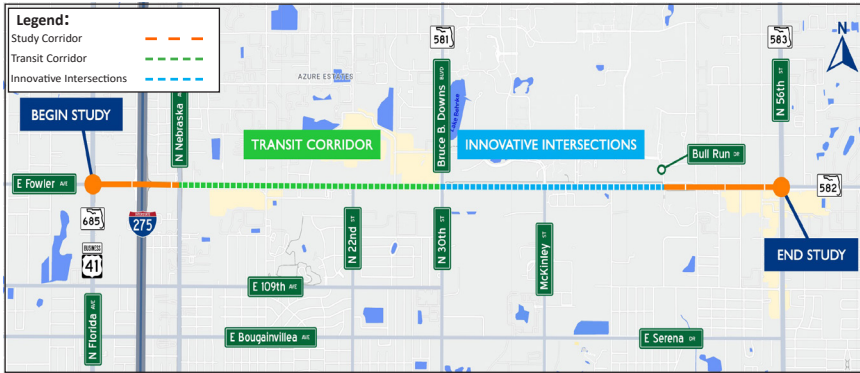
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### INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for Fowler Avenue (State Road 582) from N. Florida Avenue to west of N. 56th Street in Hillsborough County, FL, a distance of approximately 4.0 miles. Fowler Avenue is currently a four-lane facility from N. Florida Avenue to Interstate 275, an eight-lane divided facility between Nebraska Avenue (US 41) and Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581)/N. 30th Street, and six-lanes divided elsewhere. It is classified as an urban principal arterial. Fowler Avenue is also a critical evacuation route as designated by the Florida Division of Emergency Management's evacuation route network.



The PD&E Study will evaluate transit corridor alternatives from Nebraska Avenue to Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and innovative intersections from Bruce B. Downs Boulevard to Bull Run Drive. Intersection safety and bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be studied throughout the study limits.

### PD&E STUDY OVERVIEW

A PD&E Study is conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal and state requirements. The PD&E Study process assists the FDOT to determine the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project. During the PD&E Study, "Build" alternative(s) are developed and evaluated based on safety measures, environmental and engineering analyses, and public input. In addition, the "No-Build" or "No Action" alternative, which leaves Fowler Avenue in its present state and provides for only routine maintenance, remains a viable option throughout the PD&E Study.

The PD&E Study will be finalized when the project documents are approved by the appropriate FDOT office(s). If a "Build" alternative is selected and funding is programmed, the project may then proceed to the next phases of project development, which includes the final design, right of way acquisition, and construction phases.

### GET INVOLVED

Public and agency involvement is one of the most important elements of a PD&E Study. There are many ways for you to stay involved, such as regularly visiting the project website, attending the public meetings and requesting information by phone or email. You can also join us at our future public workshop or invite us to speak at one of your own meetings. You may also request to be added to the project mailing list by visiting the project website or by contacting the Project Manager, Amber Russo. Contact information can be found in the box to the right.

### Join the Conversation about the FOWLER AVENUE PD&E Study

#### Project Website

For more information on this study, visit our project website:

<https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/fowler-florida-to-56th/>



#### Questions?

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*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 FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Section 327, and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.*



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## STUDY SCHEDULE

The Fowler Avenue PD&E Study began in June 2022. The study activities will include public involvement, data collection, existing conditions analysis, developing and evaluating a range of improvements known as alternatives, and preparing study documents. Public information/small group meetings will be held throughout the study with an

Activity	2022			2023				2024
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
Public Involvement	[Solid blue bar from Q2 2022 to Q4 2023]							
Data Collection & Existing Conditions Analysis	[Solid blue bar from Q2 2022 to Q4 2022]			[Dashed blue bar from Q1 2023 to Q1 2024]				
Alternatives Development & Evaluation	[Solid blue bar from Q3 2022 to Q4 2023]							
Alternatives Public Workshop					★			
Public Hearing							★	★
Study Approval								★

If Necessary - - - - -

Alternatives Public Workshop scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2023. The study is expected to be completed by the 1st quarter 2024.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Roger Roscoe, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6411 or by email to [roger.roscoe@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:roger.roscoe@dot.state.fl.us).

### COMUNIQUESE CON NOSOTROS

Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información sobre este proyecto, 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](mailto:manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us).

### RIGHT OF ENTRY

The FDOT and/or authorized agents may need to make entry onto your property sometime between October 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023 for the purpose of conducting field surveys and gathering environmental and geotechnical data. Data collected will be analyzed as we develop concept plans and engineering and environmental reports. Right of entry is authorized by Florida Statute 337.274 and is solely for the purpose of gathering data and will not interfere with continued use or occupancy of your property. Florida Statute 337.274 authorizes FDOT staff or its agents to enter any lands, waters, and premises to conduct surveys, soundings, drillings, environmental assessments and other examinations necessary to perform our duties.