



Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301



Hillsborough County Florida

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

WPI Segment No. 450438-1

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KICK-OFF NEWSLETTER

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven, in collaboration with Hillsborough County, is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study along Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301.

Within the project limits, Gibsonton Drive is a four-lane divided urban facility with sidewalks on the north side and most of the south side. There are no dedicated bicycle lanes within the project limits. The project will evaluate widening Gibsonton Drive from four lanes to six lanes, including providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The project traverses the Riverview community and is approximately 0.88 miles long.

Issues related to traffic operations, safety, and access management will be addressed in the study. The study will also evaluate stormwater management facilities (SMF) and floodplain compensation (FPC) sites. The acquisition of additional right of way (ROW) is anticipated on this project.

Join the conversation about the **Gibsonton Drive PD&E Study**

Project Website

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

www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gibsonton-dr-fern-hill-to-us301/

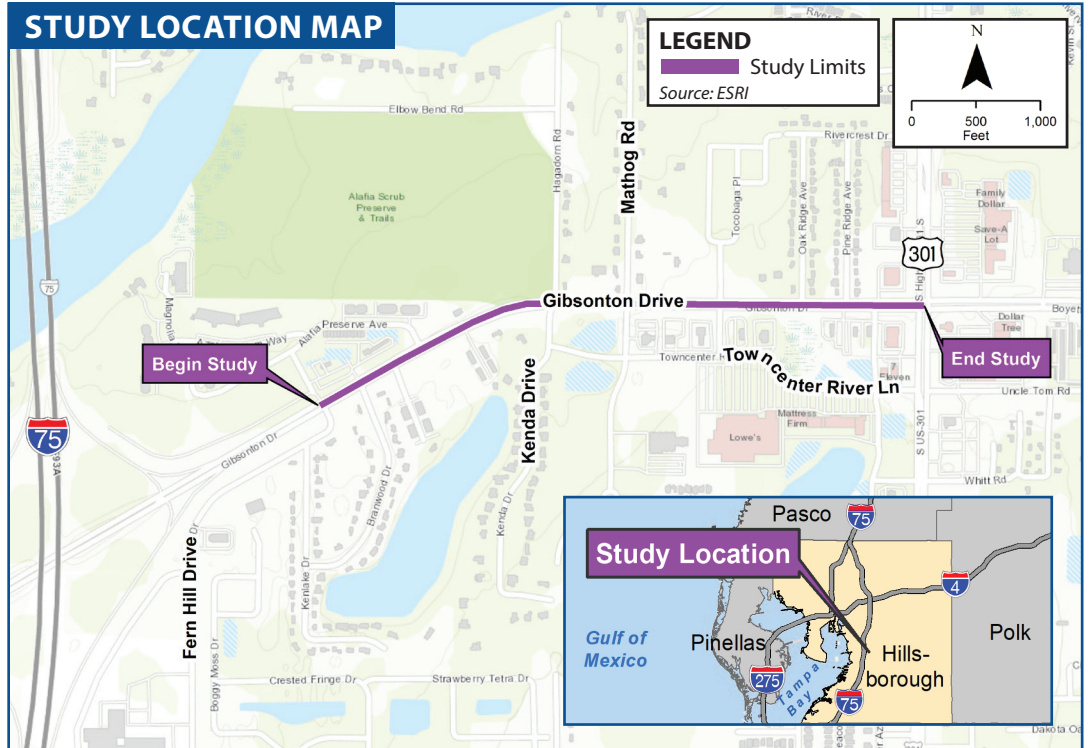
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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum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



PD&E STUDY BASICS

A PD&E study is conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal and state requirements. The study is to ensure that the implementation of transportation projects reflect and incorporate the unique engineering and community characteristics of the area. During the study, the FDOT and Hillsborough County will determine the location and conceptual design of feasible "build" alternatives for transportation improvements and analyze each of their social and economic, cultural, natural and physical environmental effects. The "no-build" alternative, which leaves Gibsonton Drive in its present state and provides for only routine maintenance, will remain an option throughout the study.

The PD&E study will be finalized after the public hearing when the environmental document is completed and approved by the FDOT Office of Environmental Management (OEM). If a "build" alternative is selected and funding programmed, the project may then proceed to the next phases in development, which are the design and right of way acquisition phases.



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GET INVOLVED TODAY!

We invite you to get involved! The public plays an important role in the project development and decision-making process of this study. Opportunities for you to provide your input will be available throughout the study by means of submitting comments or attending the public hearing. Project newsletters like this one will be mailed out to all property owners adjacent to the study area and to federal, state, and local officials at key points during the study. There are multiple ways to get involved — call, write, or email us. You can also join us at our public hearing or invite us to speak at one of your own small group meetings.

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 services (free of charge) should contact **Roger Roscoe**, Public Involvement Coordinator, at **(813) 975-6411** or by email to: roger.roscoe@dot.state.fl.us

COMUNIQUESE CON NOSOTROS

Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información sobre este proyecto, favor ponerse en contacto con el señor **Manuel Flores** al teléfono **(813) 975-4248** o al correo electrónico: 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 December 2022 and April 2023 for the purpose of conducting land surveys and gathering environmental and geotechnical data. Data collected will be analyzed as we develop concept plans and engineering and environmental reports. Property 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.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Gibsonton Drive PD&E study began in the third quarter of 2022. The project activities include collecting information, developing roadway improvement alternatives and evaluating the potential environmental and social effects of the “no-build” and “build” alternatives. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2023 and the study is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2024.

TASKS	2022		2023				2024
	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr
Data Collection	■	■	■				
Engineering & Environmental Analysis		■	■	■	■		
Public Hearing						★	
Final Study Documents						■	■
Study Approval							★