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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) developed and carried out a Public Involvement Program which was an integral part of this project. The purpose of this program was to establish and maintain communication with the public and agencies concerned with the project and its potential effects. To ensure open communication with the public, as well as agencies' input, the Department provided an early notification package to State and Federal agencies and other interested parties defining the project and describing anticipated issues and effects.

This report provides the documentation associated with the Public Involvement Program conducted for the proposed improvements to the I-75 (S.R. 93) corridor. Included in this report are summaries of public coordination events, meetings, comments, and responses that have occurred throughout the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. This program includes coordination with local officials, regulatory agencies, and the general public. The Public Involvement Program was approved by the Department on July 9, 1997, and a copy is contained in Appendix A of this report.

This report is organized in outline format for easy reference and generally follows the sequence of events and meetings which have occurred during the Study process. Additional information related to the project's Public Involvement Program, not suitable for inclusion in this report, is contained in the project files and is available for review at the FDOT's District Seven Environmental Management Office in Tampa. These files contain original project correspondence, source documents, the original official transcript of the Public Hearing, copies of newspaper advertisements, and miscellaneous support documentation and records.

2.0 PROJECT SUMMARY

The FDOT conducted a PD&E Study for improvement alternatives along I-75. The I-75 corridor is primarily a north/south facility which, in its entirety, extends from a southern

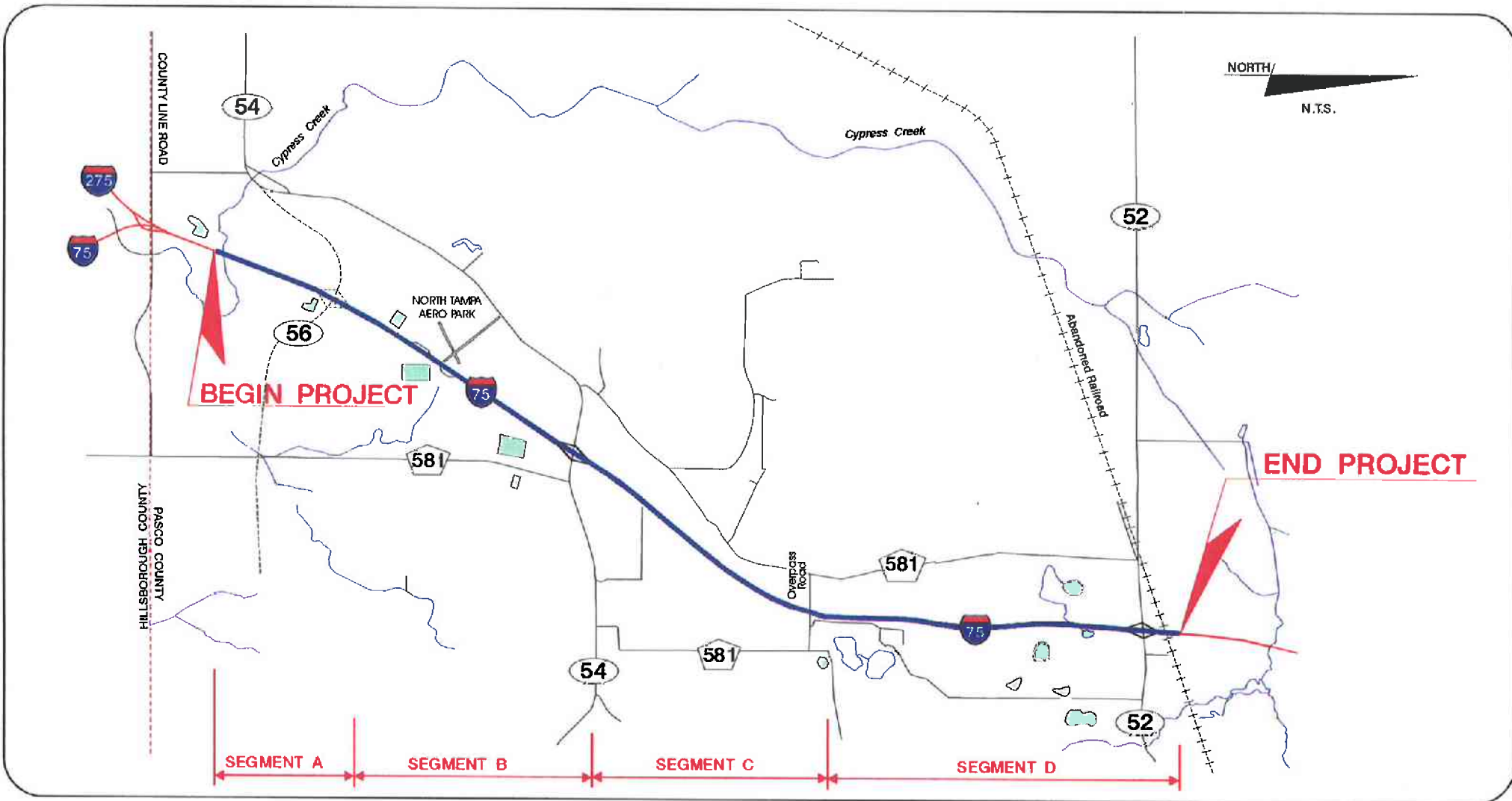
terminus at Miami, Florida to a northern terminus at Sault Saint Marie, Michigan. The PD&E Study corridor encompasses the portion of I-75 from south of the proposed interchange with S.R. 56 to north of the existing interchange with S.R. 52, in Pasco County, Florida, a distance of approximately 19.15 kilometers (km) [11.902 miles (mi)] as shown in Figure 1. I-75's functional classification is "rural interstate." The facility is also a part of the Federal Aid Interstate System, the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) and State Highway System.

Please note, the new S.R. 56 interchange is currently under construction and has a scheduled opening year of August 2001. This interchange will therefore be considered an existing condition for the PD&E Study.

The objective of the PD&E Study is to provide documented environmental and engineering analyses to assist the FDOT in reaching a decision on the type, location and conceptual design of the necessary improvements, in order to accommodate future traffic demand in a safe and efficient manner. The PD&E Study also satisfies the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in order to qualify the project for Federal-aid funding of future development phases of the project.

The project was divided into four segments. Project segmentation is used in this type of study in order to effectively assess and compare the impacts of each alternative in different geographical areas within the project. After considering the interchange locations and type and age of existing structures along I-75 the project was divided into four study segments as follows:

- Segment A: South of Cypress Creek to north of the proposed S.R. 56 interchange
- Segment B: North of the proposed S.R. 56 interchange to north of the S.R. 54 interchange
- Segment C: North of the S.R. 54 interchange to north of Overpass Road
- Segment D: North of Overpass Road to north of the S.R. 52 interchange



LEGEND

- Project Limits
- River / Water
- Railroad
- State Road Numbers
- County Road Numbers
- Proposed Roadway

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I-75 (S.R. 93)
PD&E STUDY
 From South of S.R. 56 to North of S.R. 52
 Pasco County, Florida

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

The Preferred Alternative is summarized below:

2.1 Segment A

Segment A is defined as between south of Cypress Creek to north of the proposed S.R. 56 interchange. The recommended preferred typical sections are 3 and 6 for this segment.

Roadway Typical Section 3

Roadway Typical Section 3 depicts the widening into the border of the I-75 mainline. The resulting section features three 3.6 meter (m) [12 foot (ft)] lanes each way, 3.6 m (12 ft) outside shoulders (of which 3.0 m/10 ft is paved), while retaining the existing 19.507 m (64 ft) depressed median and 3.657 m (12 ft) inside shoulders (of which 3.048 m [10 ft] is paved). A reduced border width of 21.567 m (70 ft) is proposed in order to avoid the need for additional right of way (ROW) acquisition. Since the resultant border width is less than the required 25.0 m (82 ft), a design variation will be required to pursue this typical section.

Bridge Typical Section 6

Bridge Typical Section 6 depicts widening of the existing three-lane southbound I-75 bridge over Cypress Creek by adding one lane to the outside of the existing structure. The resulting bridge typical section will feature four 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes, 3.0 m (10 ft) shoulders and a 0.46 m (1.5 ft) outside barrier, while retaining the existing inside 0.419 m (1.38 ft) barrier constructed in 1983. There is a 12.573 m (41.24 ft) separation from the northbound bridge. A total of 3.372 m (12.12 ft) of deck widening is proposed. Widening to the outside of the southbound Cypress Creek bridge is geometrically compatible with the introduction of the proposed two-lane southbound entrance ramp from S.R. 56, as well as the ongoing final design project to widen southbound I-275 south of Cypress Creek one lane to the outside.

2.2 Segment B

Segment B is defined as north of the proposed S.R. 56 interchange to north of the S.R. 54 interchange. The recommended preferred typical sections are 3 and 4 for this segment.

In order to avoid affecting the North Tampa Aero Park runway glide slope, the I-75 mainline alignment was shifted to the east in this segment.

Roadway Typical Section 3

Roadway Typical Section 3 depicts the widening into the border of the I-75 mainline. The resulting section features three 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes each way, 3.6 m (12 ft) outside shoulders (of which 3.0 m [10 ft] is paved), while retaining the existing 19.507 m (64 ft) depressed median and 3.657 m (12 ft) inside shoulders (of which 3.048 m [10 ft] is paved). A reduced border width of 21.567 m (70 ft) is proposed in order to avoid the need for additional ROW acquisition. Since the resultant border width is less than the required 25.0 m (82 ft), a design variation will be required to pursue this typical section.

Interchange Bridge Typical Section 4

Bridge Typical Section 4 depicts the proposed twin I-75 bridges over either S.R. 54 or over S.R. 52. Each resulting twin bridge will feature three 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes, 3.0 m (10 ft) shoulders and 0.46 m (1.5 ft) barriers. The resulting separation between each pair of structures will be 12.587 m (41 ft) and the effective median width will be 19.507 m (64 ft). Typical Section 5 can occur either with the widening of the existing twin structures at S.R. 54 or replacement of the existing structure at S.R. 52.

2.3 Segment C

Segment C is defined as North of the S.R. 54 interchange to north of Overpass Road. The recommended preferred typical sections are 3 and 8 for this segment.

Roadway Typical Section 3

Roadway Typical Section 3 depicts the widening into the border of the I-75 mainline. The resulting section features three 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes each way, 3.6 m (12 ft) outside shoulders (of which 3.0 m [10 ft] is paved), while retaining the existing 19.507 m (64 ft) depressed median and 3.657 m (12 ft) inside shoulders (of which 3.048 m [10 ft] is paved). A reduced border width of 21.567 m (70 ft) is proposed in order to avoid the need for additional ROW acquisition. Since the resultant border width is less than the required 25.0 m (82 ft), a design variation will be required to pursue this typical section.

Bridge Typical Section 8 depicts the replacement of the existing Overpass Road Bridge over I-75. The new undivided two-way bridge features two 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes, 2.4 m (8 ft) shoulders and 0.475 m (1.54 ft) barriers with handrail.

Bridge replacement is necessary in conjunction with only the border widening option for the I-75 mainline as previously shown in Figure 8-1 and 8-3 (Roadway Typical Section 1 and 3). This condition occurs because the existing horizontal clearance distance between the outside edge of I-75 travel lanes and the inside face of the side bridge piers is only 3.467 m (11.38 ft), which is less than a lane width. Outward relocation of the bridge piers to accommodate an additional I-75 lane each way requires complete replacement of the bridge.

2.4 Segment D

Segment D is defined as north of the S.R. 54 interchange to north of the S.R. 52 interchange. The recommended preferred typical sections are 3 and 13 for the segment.

Roadway Typical Section 3

Roadway Typical Section 3 depicts the widening into the border of the I-75 mainline. The resulting section features three 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes each way, 3.6 m (12 ft) outside shoulders (of which 3.0 m [10 ft] is paved), while retaining the existing 19.507 m (64 ft) depressed

median and 3.657 m (12 ft) inside shoulders (of which 3.048 m [10 ft] is paved). A reduced border width of 21.567 m (70 ft) is proposed in order to avoid the need for additional ROW acquisition. Since the resultant border width is less than the required 25.0 m (82 ft), a design variation will be required to pursue this typical section.

Interchange Bridge Typical Section 13

Consideration of a loop-type entrance ramp in the northwest quadrant of a reconfigured I-75 interchange with S.R. 52 (for the west-bound to south-bound movement) necessitates an additional ramp lane on the southbound bridge over S.R. 52 to accommodate the proper merge distance. This additional ramp lane will be provided using an adjacent bridge structure to the west of the proposed twin replacement bridge. Interchange Bridge Typical Section 13 depicts the proposed twin replacement bridges in conjunction with a widening within the border area shown in Roadway Typical Section 3. The mainline bridges each feature 3.6 m (12 ft) lanes (four southbound / three northbound), 3.0 m (10 ft) shoulders and 0.46 m (1.5 ft) barriers. The ramp bridge features a 4.5 m (15 ft) lane, a 1.8 m (6 ft) outside shoulder, 0.6 m (2 ft) inside shoulder and a 0.46 m (1.5 ft) barrier.

3.0 ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

An Advance Notification (AN) package was prepared for this project and submitted on June 10, 1997 (See Appendix B). The intent of the AN process is to solicit early review and comment regarding the proposed project improvements and potential impacts, identify potential cooperating agencies and to identify the Department's intent to apply for Federal-aid on the project.

3.1 Agencies on Mailing List

The following agencies received the AN package, along with those state agencies on the State Clearinghouse mailing list. Agencies that responded to the AN package are preceded by an asterisk and the comments are located in Appendix B:

Federal Agencies

- Federal Highway Administration - Division Administrator
- Federal Emergency Management Agency - Natural Hazards Analysis, Director
- Federal Railroad Administration - Office of Economic Analysis, Director
- U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Regional Environmental Officer
- U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Geological Survey, Chief
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region IV, Regional Administrator
- U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Supervisor, Jacksonville
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Regulatory Branch, District Engineer
- U.S. Department of Commerce - National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - Habitat Conservation Division
- National Marine Fisheries Service, St. Petersburg
- *U.S. Department of Agriculture - Southern Region, Regional Forester
- U.S. Department of Interior - National Park Service - Southeast Regional Office
- U.S. Department of Commerce - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- *Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) - Airports District Office
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control
- U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs - Office of Trust Responsibilities
- U.S. Coast Guard, Commander (oan), Seventh District

State Agencies

- *Florida State Clearinghouse - Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Unit
- Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (FGFWFC) - Office of Environmental Services, Director

- FDOT Federal Aid Program Coordinator
- FDOT, Environmental Management Office

Regional/Local Agencies

- *Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- *Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), Executive Director

3.2 Summary of Responses

Agency: Department of Community Affairs

Comment: Based upon the comments of reviewing agencies, the proposed action is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) at the this advance notification stage. Subsequent documents will be reviewed to determine the project's continued consistency with the FCMP.

Response: No response necessary.

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Southern Region, Regional Forester

Comment: No comment/consistent.

Response: No response necessary.

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports District Office

Comment: "It will be necessary to file an FAA Form 7460-1, "Notice of Prefaced Construction or Alteration" on any development in the vicinity of Top of Tampa Airport."

Response: In order to avoid affecting the runway glide slope at the North Tampa Aero Park, formally known as Top of Tampa Airport, the I-75 mainline alignment was shifted to the east in the segment.

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Comment: “Sensitive wetlands occur in the southern extent of the project, associated with Cypress Creek and Cabbage Swamp. Beginning of the project at the proposed point may potentially impact Cypress Creek, an Outstanding Florida Water. The PD&E study should examine the possibility of beginning the project north of Cypress Creek so as to avoid negative environmental impacts to the creek and its associated wetland system. Where avoidance is not possible, every effort should be made to minimize impacts to the Cabbage Swamp and other wetland systems within the project area.”

Response: During development of alternatives, full consideration will be given to minimizing overall project impacts to the environment while proposing a roadway which is safe for the motorist.

Comment: “...there may be a need for landscape buffers and noise walls to mitigate noise from construction activities and the additional vehicles on the widened interstate.”

Response: Mitigation for noise impacts will be addressed by the noise analysis conducted as part of this PD&E study.

Comment: “An Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) will be required for the proposed widening of I-75.”

Response: All necessary permits will be acquired during the design phase of the project.

Comment: “A search of the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) database indicates that the following element occurrence records are known to be in the study area: whooping crane, little blue heron, eastern indigo snake and Sherman’s fox squirrel.”

Response: During development of alternatives, full consideration will be given to minimizing overall project impacts to the environment while proposing a roadway that is safe for the motorist.

Agency: Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources

Comment: “...conditioned upon the FDOT undertaking a cultural resource survey, and appropriately avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating project impacts to any identified significant archaeological or historical sites, the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing.”

Response: A cultural resource assessment survey will be performed to locate and identify any cultural resources within the project impact zone and to assess their significance in terms of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Agency: Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Comment: “...wetlands to be impacted may be natural resources of regional significance as identified in the Future of the Region: A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region.” Council policy states that “Impacts to regionally significant natural resources shall be allowed only in cases of overriding public interest and when it is demonstrated and/or documented that the mitigation will successfully recreate the resource.” Significant public benefit will be derived from increasing the capacity of this roadway to meet the demand placed on it.”

Response: No response necessary.

Agency: Southwest Florida Water Management District

Comment: “We recommend that the applicant complete an environmental assessment for the project. This assessment should identify local water resources in the project area and discuss proposed impacts to these systems. Proposed mitigation activities should also be addressed in this report.”

Response: The identification of water resources located within the project area, possible impacts to those resources, and proposed mitigation activities will be addressed in the Wetland Evaluation Report. Additionally, during development of alternatives, full consideration will be given to minimizing overall project impacts to the environment while proposing a roadway that is safe for the motorist.

4.0 COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION

Coordination and consultation were accomplished through a series of meetings and correspondence over the course of the Study to ensure all appropriate parties were apprised of the project status and provided ample opportunity to submit comments.

Through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and PD&E coordination process, government agencies and departments (local and State) were contacted through correspondence and/or meetings to solicit their comments regarding the proposed project (See Appendix C). Additionally, coordination with utility providers was conducted. To date, no adverse comments have been received from these entities regarding implementation of the proposed project.

4.1 Elected Official/Agency Kickoff Meeting

The Elected Official/Agency Kick-off Meeting for the I-75 PD&E Study was held on June 23, 1997, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Land O’ Lakes Community Center, 3401 Land O’ Lakes Boulevard, Land O’ Lakes, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce

the project to local officials and staff and to obtain information regarding local issues and concerns. Information presented at the meeting included graphics depicting the project location map, existing typical section, existing traffic volumes, and proposed project schedule. A brief project handout also included this information, discussed the proposed improvements, and provided a comment sheet that could be submitted at the meeting or by mail. A copy of the sign-in sheet, project handout and comment sheet are contained in Appendix D.

4.2 Local Government Coordination

The following meetings were held with local governments:

March 9, 2000	Presentation to Pasco County MPO
August 14, 2000	Attended Greater Wesley Chapel Chamber of Commerce Community Affairs Committee Meeting
September 11, 2000	Presentation to Pasco County MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
September 12, 2000	Presentation to Pasco County MPO Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
September 14, 2000	Presentation to Pasco County MPO

4.3 State Government Coordination

The following meetings were held with state governments:

May 4, 1998	Meeting with FHWA representatives
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4.4 Utility Coordination

To evaluate potential utility conflicts associated with the most feasible improvement alternative, all available information was obtained concerning the location and characteristics of major existing or proposed utilities within the boundaries of the project. As a first step

in the process, a preliminary list of utility owners to contact was developed. Candidate owners for this contact list were those known to operate facilities within the project area. The FDOT's Utility Department and the FDOT's Tampa Maintenance staff were contacted to verify the completeness of the list. The resulting contact list is shown below:

- Florida Power Corporation
- FSN Cable Inc., LTD
- GTE Florida, Inc.
- Pasco County Utilities
- People Gas Systems, Inc.
- Tampa Electric Company
- Westcoast Regional Water Authority
- Withlacoochee River Electric

Each utility owner listed above was then contacted and asked to verify ownership or operation of any utility facilities, existing or proposed, within the I-75 corridor from south of S.R. 56 to north of S.R. 52 in Pasco County. The companies on the contact list confirmed ownership of utility facilities within the project corridor. These owners were then provided with project aerial photography depicting ROW lines and highway stationing numbers. The owners marked and returned one set with an indication of existing facilities and proposed adjustments.

The following utility organizations with potential facilities within the subject PD&E Study corridor, have not responded to the request for existing and proposed facility information:

Florida Power Corporation

FSN Cable, Inc., LTD

People Gas Systems, Inc.

Tampa Electric Company

5.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY COORDINATION

5.1 Alternatives Public Workshop

An Alternatives Public Workshop was held on December 3, 1997, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex, 3032 Collier Parkway, Land O' Lakes,

Florida. Property owners within 91.44 m (300 ft) of the alternatives under study, elected officials, and various agency representatives were notified of the meeting by first class mail at least 21 days prior (Appendix E). The meeting was also advertised in the Tampa Tribune, Pasco Edition on November 26, 1997 (Appendix F).

The meeting was held in an “informal open house format”. Project handouts were available to all attendees (Appendix G). Graphics, aerial photography, and environmental and engineering reports were on display for public viewing. Department representatives were available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the conceptual design analysis and the PD&E process.

In addition to the “No Build” Alternative, two “Build” Alternatives were presented for consideration. The “No Build” Alternative limits work in the project area to routine maintenance and does not have any impacts associated with it. “Build” Alternative 1 featured the addition of one lane in both directions adjacent to the existing outside travel lanes. This typical section consists of three travel lanes in each direction, paved shoulders, and a depressed median.

“Build” Alternative 2 featured the addition of one lane in both directions within the existing median, separated by a median guardrail, for the majority of the project length. This typical section consists of three travel lanes in each direction, paved shoulders, and a depressed grassed median with a median guardrail down the center.

Both alternatives widen the existing three lane southbound I-75 bridge over Cypress Creek. A total of 3.6 m (12 ft) of outside deck widening was proposed that would result in four travel lanes.

Finally, several large Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) prompted the development of an additional interchange configuration, a “loop ramp”, for the S.R. 52 interchange. Located in the northwest quadrant of the interchange, this configuration was developed to

provide increased vehicle capacity for the westbound S.R. 52 to southbound I-75 traffic movement.

Approximately 50 people attended the Workshop. As a result of the meeting, eight written comments were received either at the Workshop or in the mail. Most comments supported one alternative or the other. One comment received from the Tampa North Aeropark expressed concern towards protecting the glidepath at that airport. Another comment inquired about the placement of median openings for emergency and law enforcement vehicles due to the center guardrail in Alternative 2. A letter to the Department that summarizes the Workshop and comments received, along with the sign-in-sheets, may be found in Appendix H.

5.2 Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, July 27, 2000, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Thomas E. Weightman Middle School Gymnasium, 30649 Wells Road, Wesley Chapel, Florida. As shown on the sign-in sheets in Appendix I, 37 people attended the Public Hearing. Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E., District Environmental Management Office Engineer, presided at the Hearing. The Hearing was advertised in the Tampa Tribune Pasco Edition and the Florida Administrative Weekly (see Appendix J). In addition, meeting notices were mailed to elected and appointed officials and property owners whose property lies within 137.2 m (450 ft) of the centerline of the preferred alternative were notified of the meeting by first class mail at least 21 days prior to the Hearing (see Appendix K).

Conceptual alignments and project reports were available for public review prior to and after the Hearing beginning July 6, 2000, through August 7, 2000, at the New River Branch Library in Zephyrhills, Florida. The Study materials were also available for public review at the Hearing. Informational handouts were offered to those in attendance at the Public Hearing (see Appendix L). The handouts included a project history, a description of the proposed improvements, the ROW acquisition and relocation program, an evaluation matrix, the status of the project in the Work Program and a comment form.

A total of 11 sites were classified as potential contamination sites. Three sites were assigned a risk rating of “low”, eight sites were assigned as a risk rating of “medium” and no sites were assigned a “high” risk rating. The eight sites that were assigned a risk rating of “medium” are recommended for further evaluation in the form of soil and groundwater sampling and testing for the presence of petroleum products.

Archeological field testing will be conducted for the preferred pond and floodplain compensation areas during the design phase of this project for review and concurrence by the FHWA and State Historic Preservation Officer.

6.2 Construction Commitments

Noise and vibrations impacts will be from the heavy equipment movement and construction activities such as pile driving and vibratory compaction of embankments. Noise control measures will include those contained in the FDOT’s Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction¹ in addition to those recommended in the Noise Impact section of the Preliminary Engineering Report². Adherence to local construction noise and/or construction vibration ordinances by the contractor will also be required where applicable.

The air quality impacts will be minor and short-term in the form of dust from earthwork and unpaved roads. These impacts will be minimized or controlled by adherence to all State and local regulations, the most current edition of the FDOT’s Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, and any special provisions in the construction contract.

Water quality effects resulting from erosion and sedimentation will be controlled in accordance with the most current version of the FDOT’s Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, and through the use of Best Management Practices.

¹Florida Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2000.

²PBS&J, Final Preliminary Engineering Report, October 2000.

Maintenance of traffic and sequence of construction will be planned and scheduled to minimize traffic delays. Access to all businesses and residences will be maintained to the extent practical through controlled construction scheduling. Signage will be used, as appropriate, to provide pertinent information to the traveling public. A sign providing the name, address, and telephone of a Department contact person will be displayed on-site. The local news media will be notified in advance of road closings and other construction related activities which could excessively inconvenience the community, so that motorists, residents, and business persons can plan travel routes accordingly. Because of its evacuation route status, maintenance of traffic plans must include provisions for maintaining current level of service and number of lanes, especially during hurricane season.

Construction of the roadway and bridges requires excavation of unsuitable material (muck), and placement of embankments, and use of materials, such as limerock, asphaltic concrete, and portland cement concrete. Demucking is anticipated at most of the wetland sites and will be controlled by Section 120 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Disposal will be on-site in detention areas or off-site. The removal of structures and debris will be in accordance with local and State regulatory agencies permitting this operation. The contractor is responsible for his methods of controlling pollution and haul roads, in borrow pits, other materials pits, and areas used for disposal of waste materials from the project. Temporary erosion control features as specified in the FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Section 104, will consist of temporary grassing, sodding, mulching, sandbagging, slope drains, sediment basins, sediment checks, artificial coverings, and berms.

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Approved Public Involvement Program

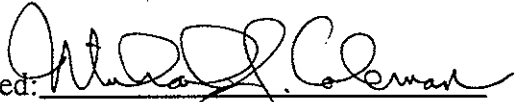
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In accordance with Part 1, Chapter 8 of the "Project Development and Environment Manual" this Public Involvement Program is submitted to the District Project Development and Environment Engineer for review and approval.

Submitted by Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc.

Date: July 9, 1997

Approved: 

District Project Development and
Environment Engineer

Date: 7/23/97

July 1997

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

Public Involvement Program

This program is in compliance with "*Project Development and Environment Manual*", Florida Statutes 286.0105 and .011, and 339.155, Executive Orders 11990 and 11988, CEQ Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and DOT Order 5610.1C.

Description of Proposed Improvement

Work Program Item No.: 7147619

State Project No.: 14140-1423

Federal Aid Project No.: NH-75-1(91)275 (Oversight Project)

Project Limits: The study limits for the proposed I-75 project are from south of the future SR 56 to north of SR 52, a distance of about 12 miles. The project is located within Pasco County.

Proposed Activity: To conduct a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to establish the specific location and major design concepts for improvements to I-75.

Level of Significance: The proposed class of action is currently determined to be a Type 2 Categorical Exclusion.

Identification of Concerned Public

The following local, regional, state and federal agencies having a concern in this project because of jurisdictional review or expressed interest have been identified and have been contacted directly by the Florida Department of Transportation through the Advanced Notification coordination process in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 2 of the PD&E manual. As other concerned public agencies are identified throughout the study, they also will be listed and contacted.

(1) Federal

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Federal Railroad Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Environmental Health and Injury Control

2) State

- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
- Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources (DHR)
- Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission (FGFWFC)

(3) Regional

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)
- Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)
- Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

(4) Local Agencies

- Pasco County
 - Emergency Services
 - Growth Management Department
 - Engineering Department
 - Property Appraiser
 - Public Works Department
 - Parks and Recreation Department
 - Sheriff's Department
- Pasco County School Board
- Florida Power
- Withlacoochee River Electric
- General Telephone Electric (GTE)

For names of contacts and addresses, please see Appendix A.

The following local, regional, state and federal agencies having a concern in this project due to permitting authority have been identified and will be contacted directly by the Florida Department of Transportation or through the early permit coordination process at the outset of this project.

(1) Federal

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE)

(2) State

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)

(3) Regional

- Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)

The following local, state and national public interest groups having a direct or expressed interest in the project study have been identified and contacted by the Florida Department of Transportation.

(1) Local elected and appointed officials:

- U.S. Senator Robert Graham
- U.S. Senator Connie Mack
- U.S. Representative, District 9 - Michael Bilirakis
- State Representative, District 61 - Carl Littlefield
- State Senator, District 10 - Virginia (Ginny) Brown-Waite
- Pasco County Board of County Commissioners
- Pasco County MPO (including Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee)
- Pasco County School Board Members

(2) Chambers of Commerce

- Dade City Chamber of Commerce
- West Pasco Chamber of Commerce

(3) Other public interest organizations such as:

- Business and Professional Women's Clubs
- Citizens Clubs
- Kiwanis Clubs
- Rotary Clubs
- Sierra Club
- Historical Preservation Committee
- Junior Service Leagues

For names of contacts and addresses, please see Appendix B.

Public Notification

The following techniques will be employed to notify the public of the proposed transportation improvement and to solicit public input into the project development process.

- (1) Media will be used to carry public notices, news releases, public service announcements, news items, and interviews through the following:

Newspapers:

Tampa Tribune, Pasco Edition
202 S. Parker
Tampa, Florida 33606

St. Petersburg Times, Pasco Times
101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1140
Tampa, Florida 33602

Radio:

USF News
WQYK 99
WRBQ 105
WFLA 970 News
WHPT 102.5 FM
WHNZ 570
WARM 95
WCOF 107.3
WTMP
WQBN

Television:

WFLA Channel 8
WTSP Channel 10
WTVT Channel 13
WFTS Channel 28
WTOG Channel 44

- (2) The public notification techniques to be used in the project development process include:

- Invitational and informational letters
- News releases to the media
- Public notices - legal and display to advertise public meetings
- Newsletters to inform property owners and interested parties of the project's status

- (3) A mailing list will be established, and the following groups will be contacted in order to obtain input into the project development process and/or to provide information on the project:

- Those whose property lies in whole or in part within **91.4 meters (300 feet)** on either side of the centerline of the proposed facility as required by state statute (F.S. 339.155). However, for this project we suggest that notification of property owners be extended to those properties within **137.2 meters (450 feet)** of the centerline to ensure that all affected owners are notified. This list will be compiled utilizing current GIS data obtained from Pasco County.
- Neighborhood/Civic Associations in the study area.
- Local elected and appointed officials in the area.
- Individuals who request to be placed on the mailing list for this project.
- Public and private groups, organizations, agencies or businesses that request to be placed on the mailing list for this project.

Public Meetings

The following public information meetings will be held to involve the public and interested agencies in the project development process and inform interested parties of the project's current status:

- **Public Official/Agency Kick-off Meeting** - This meeting will be held to inform elected officials and local, state, regional and federal agencies of the project and obtain local knowledge of concerns related to the proposed improvement alternatives.
- **Coordination Meetings with Local Officials** - Held prior to the Public Information Meeting and the Public Hearing to apprise local officials of the project status, specific location and design concepts and receive their comments.
- **Public Information Meeting** - The purpose of this meeting is to present to the public the results of the study to date and obtain comments on the alternatives being considered. This meeting will be an informal open-house format with exhibits showing alternatives under consideration. A quarter page legal advertisement will be published 5-12 days prior to the meeting. Public officials and agencies will be notified 25-30 days prior to the meeting. Property owners will be notified at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Handout material will be provided to the public and comment forms will be available for the public to include their comments in writing. At this time, it is estimated that one (1) alternatives public meeting may be required for this project.
- **Public Hearing** - A public hearing, as required by Federal regulation and State law, will be held once the draft environmental document has been approved by the FHWA, or as directed by the District Project Development and Environment Engineer. The Public Hearing will be held to involve the public and interested agencies in the project

development process and to inform interested parties of the project's preferred alternative(s) and solicit comments.

- **Informal Meetings** - In addition to the two major public meetings, "town meetings" and "living-room meetings" will be held upon request for civic organizations, neighborhood associations, or other citizen groups. The consultant will be available for up to six (6) unscheduled meetings or presentations at the request of the Department.

The major meetings will be advertised in the Tampa Tribune, Pasco Edition or the St. Petersburg Times, Pasco Times as a legal quarter-page ad; property owners notification letters will be prepared and mailed; and news releases will be sent to the media. Any smaller "town meetings" and "living-room" meetings will include notification by direct mail, newsletters, and telephone coordination.

Coordination with Local Officials

Upon issuance of the notice to proceed, a project Kick-off meeting will be held for all local elected and appointed officials to provide them with information about the project and to solicit their comments and support. Meetings with Pasco County staff will be scheduled on a regular basis in order to coordinate the project development.

A progress review meeting will be held with the Department each month and a maximum of six (6) unscheduled public presentations and eight (8) coordination meetings with local officials are anticipated. Copies of maps depicting all alignment and design concepts under consideration and draft copies of any engineering and environmental study documentation, to be presented at the alternatives meeting, will be furnished to the MPO for their review and comment.

Similar updated information will again be forwarded to the MPO prior to the scheduled Public Hearing for their review and comment.

A copy of the MPO's schedule of monthly meetings for 1997 is included in the Appendix C.

Public Hearing

In compliance with the "Project Development and Environment Manual" and Florida Statute 339.155, a Public Hearing will be held.

- **Public Hearing Site:** Within close proximity to the project (to be determined).
- **Public Advertisement:** Legal notice and display advertisement to be placed in the Tampa Tribune, Pasco Edition or the St. Petersburg Times, Pasco Times. A legal quarter-page ad will be published at least 21 days, and 5-12 days prior to the Public Hearing. In addition, the Public Hearing will be advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

- Letters of Invitation: Letters must be received by property owners as required by Florida Statute 339.155 a minimum of 20 days prior to the Public Hearing. Local government officials will be notified 25-30 days prior to the upcoming Hearing.
- Hearing Preparation: Tape recording, graphics, and/or handouts will be prepared to support the oral Public Hearing presentation.
- Transcript: A verbatim transcript of the Public Hearing will be developed to include written comments received at the Hearing and written comments received ten (10) days after the Hearing. The transcript will then be forwarded to the District Project Development and Environment Engineer.
- Environmental/Engineering Documentation for Public Inspection: Documents which will be made available for public review include the Environmental Document; Conceptual Plans; and Engineering Report. Public notice will be provided in the Public Hearing advertisement and by mail as to where the study documents are located for public review. Public review sites include the Pasco County Growth Management Office, local libraries, or the Florida Department of Transportation District Office.
- Title VI and Title VIII Civil Rights Acts: Notification during the Public Hearing will be provided in the presentation, by handout, signage and through availability of personnel on Title VI Program which complies with Title VIII.
- Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance: Notification of the Department's intent to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) will be provided in the public advertisements for the Public Hearing, by invitational letters to property owners and local officials, by handout, and by selection of a Public Hearing site that meets all ADA requirements.

Public Hearing Follow-Up

The following procedures will be undertaken after the Public Hearing.

- Responses: Responses to all written questions and comments not answered at the Public Hearing will be made in writing.
- Document Availability: Public notice will be provided by mail and/or newspaper advertisement as to where the study documents are located for public review.
- Recommendation Notice: A legal notice announcing the approval by the FHWA of the final document and recommendations will be prepared by the Department and published in the Tampa Tribune, Pasco Edition or the St. Petersburg Times, Pasco Times.

- Public Hearing Transcript Package: This package will consist of documentation containing a verbatim transcript of the Hearing, proof of publication, Hearing sign-in sheets, Public Hearing certification and letters from the public and a summary of Issue Resolution.

Comments and Coordination Report

A Comments and Coordination Report will be developed to summarize the public meeting results and recommendations. The report will also contain the overall input provided through the other public involvement techniques utilized in the project development process. The report will be forwarded to the District Project Development and Environment Engineer.

Public Information During Design

Public information techniques (i.e., a Community Awareness Plan) will be employed during the design process to inform the public of the project status.

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12201 Sunrise Valley Drive
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9677 Tradeport Drive, Ste. 130
Orlando, Florida 32827-5397

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U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
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The Honorable Connie Mack
United States Senator
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Karen Thurman
United States Congresswoman
Fifth Congressional District
130 Canon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael Bilirakis
United States Congressman
Ninth Congressional District
2369 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Virginia (Ginny) Brown-Waite
State Senator, District 10
County Government Complex
20 N. Main St., Suite 200
Brooksville, Florida 34601

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Dade City Chamber of Commerce
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Dade City, Florida 33525

Tampa Bay Sierra Club
1505 S. Desoto Avenue, Apt. #17
Tampa, Florida 33606

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Suzanne Renotzkowski
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Land O'Lakes, Florida 34639

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Gail Hamilton
P.O. Box 1831
Dade City, Florida 33526-1831

Kiwanis Club
Roy Hardy
17020 Powerline Road
Dade City, Florida 33525

Pasco County Historical Preservation
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Scott Black
12445 U.S. 301
Dade City, Florida 33525

Rotary Club
Ralph Cumbee
13315 U.S. Highway 301
Dade City, Florida 33525

1997 MEETING SCHEDULE

PASCO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCATION: WEST PASCO GOVERNMENT CENTER

7530 LITTLE ROAD, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

Months	MPO (10:00 am)	TAC (1:30 pm)	CAC (1:30 pm)
July	10	7	30
August	14	11	27
September	11	8	24
October	9	6	29
November	13	10	26
December	11	8	31

MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

TAC Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

CAC Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee

APPENDIX B

Advance Notification Package and Comments



June 10, 1997

Mr. Glenn Church
Florida State Clearinghouse
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

RE: SPN 14140-1423 / WPI No. 7147619 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
Interstate 75 from South of S.R. 56 to North of S.R. 52

Dear Mr. Church:

The attached Advance Notification Package is forwarded to your office for processing through appropriate State agencies in accordance with Executive Order 93-194. Distribution to local and Federal agencies is being made as noted.

Although more specific comments will be solicited during the permit coordination process, we request that permitting and permit reviewing agencies review the attached information and furnish us with whatever general comments they consider pertinent at this time.

This is a Federal-aid action and the Florida Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration, will determine what degree of environmental documentation will be necessary. The determination will be based upon in-house environmental evaluations and comments received through coordination with other agencies. Please provide a consistency review for this project in accordance with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program.

In addition, please review this improvement's consistency, to the maximum extent feasible, with the approved Comprehensive Plan of the local government jurisdiction(s) pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

We are looking forward to receiving your comments on the project within 45 days. Please reference the assigned Work Program Item Number in any subsequent correspondence. Should additional review time be required, a written request for an extension of time must be submitted to our office within the initial 45-day comment period.

Mr. Church
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Your comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Michael J. Coleman, P.E.
District PD&E Engineer, District Seven
PD&E Department, MS 7-500
Florida Department of Transportation
11201 North McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612-6403

Your expeditious handling of this notice will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "C".

Michael J. Coleman, P.E.
District PD&E Engineer

MJC/GG/NJW
Attachment

Mr. Church
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Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Railroad Administration
Federal Aviation Administration
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Department of the Interior - U.S. Geological Survey
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Department of the Interior-Fish and Wildlife Service-Field Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Regulatory Branch, District Engineer
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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FACT SHEET

1. **Need for Project:** The I-75 corridor is a major north south thoroughfare through the western portion of Florida. Due to the growth in this area of the state, I-75 traffic volumes have increased substantially since it was opened to traffic. A portion of the corridor, located in Pasco County, is identified as requiring capacity improvements in the Pasco County Comprehensive Plan. This project is being coordinated with public transportation and transportation system management improvements on I-75 and adjacent facilities. As a result of the project, I-75's level of service will be improved, and projected increases in vehicular travel demand will be accommodated upon completion of the improvements.

2. **Description of Project:** The PD&E Study for the proposed project involves widening and reconstruction of I-75's existing four (4) lanes to a total of six (6) lanes beginning south of the proposed I-75/S.R. 56 interchange and extending approximately 19.3 kilometers (12 miles) north of the I-75/S.R. 52 interchange in Pasco County, Florida. The project limits are shown on Figure 1. Two projects affecting the PD&E Study improvement alternatives include the S.R. 56 interchange, which is now under final design (WPI Number 7143143, SP Number 10320-3468), and the final design project to widen the I-275 from U.S. 41 to S.R. 56 (WPI Number 7143143, SP Number 14140-3415). The PD&E Study will be focused on the existing corridor and include the evaluation of alternative alignments and the implementation of an additional lane in each direction within the existing right-of-way, if feasible.
 - a. The existing typical section is a divided 4-lane asphalt roadway with two-twelve foot (12') lanes, in both directions, sixty-four foot (64') depressed median, and ten-foot (10') outside paved shoulders. The existing limited access right-of-way (ROW) is three hundred feet (300').

 - b. The project involves five (5) bridge improvements to be widened or replaced including the twin bridges numbered (100061 and 100062) over Cypress Creek, the twin bridges numbered (100048 and 100049) over S.R. 54, the C.R. 581/Overpass Road bridge numbered (100052) over I-75 without ramps, the twin bridges numbered (100054 and 100055) over S.R. 52, and ending with the twin bridges numbered (100056 and 100057) over an abandoned railroad corridor just north of S.R. 52.

- c. There are twenty-two (22) cross-drains under I-75 in the project area north of the Cypress Creek Bridge extending north of the S.R. 52 interchange. Nineteen (19) of these pipes/concrete box culverts will require extension to meet the thirty-six foot (36') clear zone requirements.
- d. The twenty-four (24) drainage basins within the project limits are each anticipated to require one stormwater management pond. Potential pond sites, while plentiful, are physically one (1) to four (4) feet higher than the existing roadway and may require lining, slurry walls, or natural dewatering to meet drainage requirements.

3. Environmental Information:

a. Land Use: The existing land use along the 12-mile corridor is primarily rural with scattered residential communities. Commercial development is concentrated around the interchanges of S.R. 54 and S.R. 52. Prominent features along the corridor include a private airport landing strip, Topp of Tampa Airport, two FDOT rest areas, and a private golf course associated with the Tampa Bay Golf and Tennis Club. Additionally, there are numerous Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) in the vicinity of the proposed project. One DRI, Saddlebrook Village, is located directly adjacent to the project. It is scheduled for completion of Phase I in 1997. An outlet mall is planned in the southeast quadrant of S.R. 52 and I-75. Construction approval for the outlet mall has been received for approximately 227,000 square feet.

Future land use along the project corridor in rapidly growing Pasco County is expected to be primarily residential and mixed-use. There are two County-owned properties directly adjacent to I-75 which are designated as public/semi-public; however, these are not planned recreational areas.

b. Wetlands: The quality of wetlands along this segment of I-75 generally represent high quality habitat systems. These systems consist of cypress swamp, mixed hardwood swamp, and shrub/herbaceous marsh (roadside ditches). The cypress swamps are dominated by bald cypress and pond cypress. The mixed hardwood swamp wetlands are dominated by laurel oak, red maple, sweet bay, loblolly bay, and cabbage palms. Within the median the grass is maintained and there are no wetlands.

There are several shrub/herbaceous ditches with associated culvert crossings, adjacent to the roadway, contiguous wetland systems and the infield areas at the interchanges. These ditches are predominately used for water conveyance and can be described as low to moderate in terms of functional wildlife values. A majority of these ditches are located within the existing ROW and many are upland cut, which can be considered jurisdictional,

but will not require mitigation. A few are wetland cut ditches associated with the contiguous wetland areas located within and beyond the ROW and will be considered jurisdictional and require mitigation. In compliance with Executive Order 11990, all measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to wetlands will be taken.

c. Floodplains: The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Pasco County 120230-0425D (Revised February 17, 1989) indicates the southern portion of the project lies within Zone A4 (Areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined), Zone B (Areas between limits of the 100-year flood and 500-year flood; or certain areas subject to 100-year flooding with average depths less than one (1) foot or where the contributing drainage area is less than one (1) square mile; or areas protected by levees from the base flood), and Zone C (Areas of minimal flooding). FIRM 120230-0275C (Revised September 30, 1992) shows that the central portion of the project located primarily in Zone X (Areas determined to be outside the 500-year flood plain) and crosses Zone A (No base flood elevations determined). FIRM 120230-0430E (Revised September 30, 1992) shows the remaining northern portion of the project located within Zone A and Zone X as described above. This project will be developed in accordance with Executive Order 11988.

d. Wildlife and Habitat: Certain species of state or federally-listed endangered or threatened species and species of special concern are of potential occurrence in or near the study area, based on known geographic ranges and habitat preferences. A preliminary literature review indicated the following species with some potential of occurrence: roseate spoonbill, lipkin, little blue heron, reddish egret, snowy egret, tri-colored heron, white ibis, bald eagle, wood stork, and the Florida sandhill crane.

Two wading bird colonies were identified along the corridor. One of the colonies is located approximately ½ mile to the southeast of the S.R. 52/I-75 interchange. This rookery has been documented as nesting grounds for great egrets, great blue herons, wood storks and anhingas. The second colony is located immediately north of S.R. 52, approximately one (1) mile east of I-75. This rookery has been documented as nesting grounds for little blue herons and other small unidentified wading birds. The wetlands associated with the project, located inside and beyond the existing ROW provide a suitable foraging habitat for wading birds. During the site review, observed bird species included the great blue heron, snowy egret, and osprey.

According to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission there are no documented eagle nests located within five (5) miles of the project corridor.

Additionally, no gopher tortoise burrows were identified during this preliminary assessment.

Any impacts to protected species will be evaluated during the PD&E Study and the results of the evaluation will be coordinated with the appropriate wildlife protection agencies.

e. **Outstanding Florida Waters:** Cypress Creek is an Outstanding Florida Water.

f. **Aquatic Preserves:** Not Applicable

g. **Coastal Zone Consistency Determination Required:** Yes

h. **Cultural Resources:** No archeological or historical sites are currently listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the immediate vicinity of the proposed projects. A preliminary examination of the project corridor revealed no structures that appear to be fifty (50) years of age or more. In addition, a review of the Florida Master Site File revealed no historic structures or archeological sites, listed or eligible for listing on the NRHP, within or adjacent to the project limits. A Cultural Resources Assessment Survey will be conducted during the PD&E Study and the results of the survey will be coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

i. **Coastal Barrier Resources:** Not Applicable

j. **Contamination:** Based on the preliminary investigation, seventeen (17) sites were identified within the corridor envelope. Eleven (11) of the sites are petroleum-related, of which nine (9) have reported possible leaking underground fuel storage tanks. One (1) is the location of a fuel spill from a tanker truck (site test) which occurred 1/8 mile south of Mile Marker 283. Three (3) of the sites report to federal and state agencies as small quantity generators/handlers; one (1) of the three (3) has been identified as a non-handler at this time.

The second site has been identified as a solid waste facility. The facility is a privately-owned construction and debris landfill located approximately 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles) south of S.R. 52, between I-75 and Pasco Road. According to the Pasco County Solid Waste Department this site is permitted by both the state of Florida and Pasco County.

The third site identified in the field is a Pasco County sewage treatment facility which is currently in operation and being expanded. Treated effluent holding ponds are located along the west side of I-75, and on the east side of I-75 is the wastewater treatment plant. The plant and pond system are both under expansion at this time.

Based on field investigation, it appears that some additional primary areas with potential contaminated sites will be located at the interchanges of I-75 and S.R. 54 and I-75 and S.R. 52. Potential contamination appears to be primarily petroleum in nature. Also

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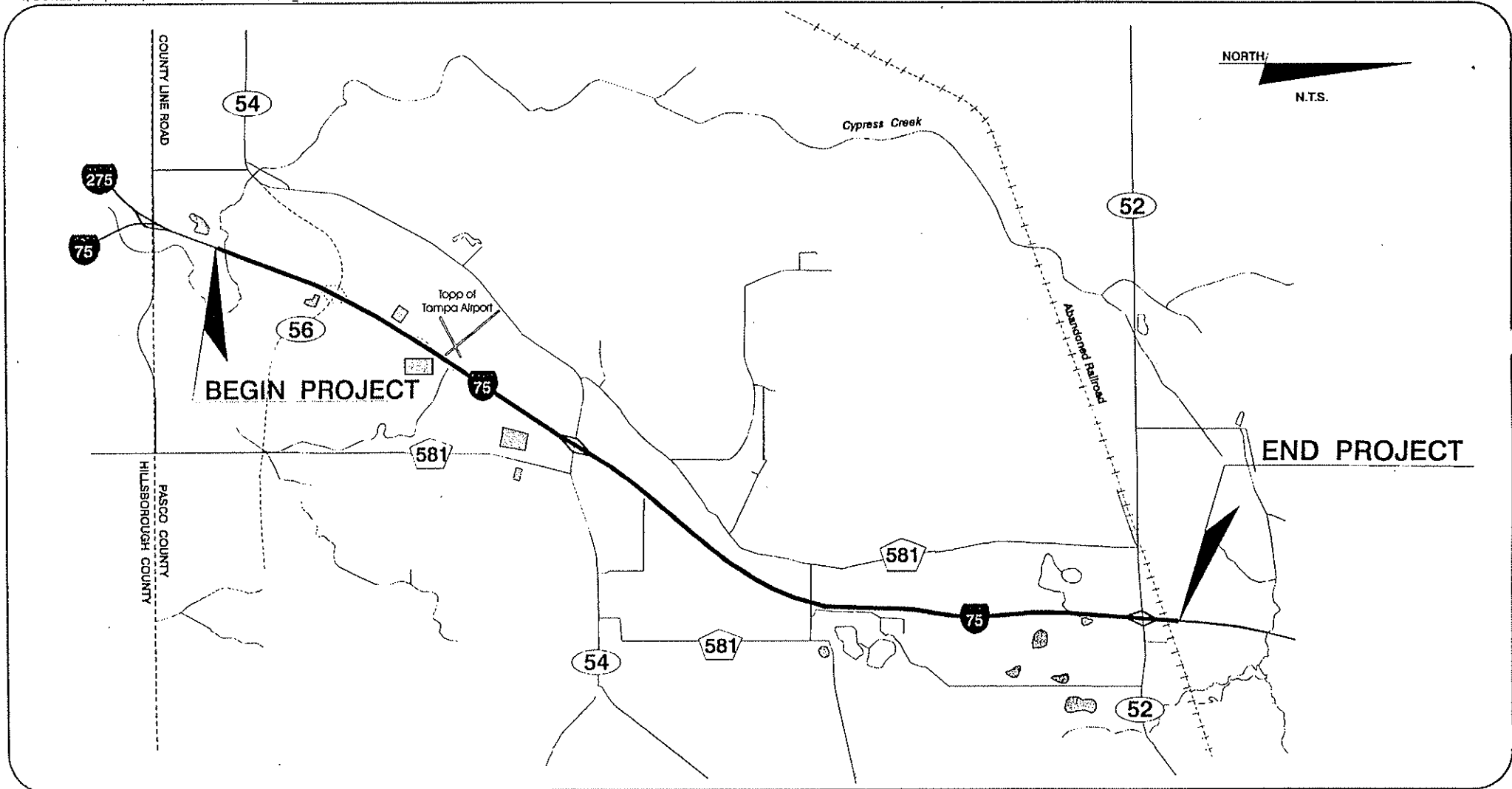
contamination sites have been indicated at I-75 and S.R. 54 due to recent construction activities in this area.

A Contamination Screening Evaluation will be conducted along the project corridor.






k. Other Topics and Comments: None

4. Navigable Waterways: Not Applicable

**5. Permits Required: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest Florida Water Management District**



LEGEND

-  Project Limits
-  River / Water
-  Railroad
-  State Road Numbers
-  County Road Numbers

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I-75 (S.R. 93)
PD&E STUDY
 From South of S.R. 56 to North of S.R. 52
 Pasco County, Florida

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

SPN #: 14140-1423
 WPI #: 7147619
 FAP#: NH-75-1(91)275

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		2. DATE SUBMITTED June 1997	Applicant Identifier 7147619
		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name: Florida Department of Transportation		Organizational Unit: Office of Design	
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code): Rhyne Building 2740 Centerview Drive Tallahassee, FL 32399		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code): Michael J. Coleman (813) 975-6000	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 59-6001874		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (enter appropriate letter in box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A A. State H. Independent School District B. County I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning C. Municipal J. Private University D. Township K. Indian Tribe E. Interstate L. Individual F. Intermunicipal M. Profit Organization G. Special District N. Other (Specify): _____	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other (Specify) _____		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 20-205 TITLE: Highway Planning and Construction		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: WPI: # 7147619 SPN: # 14140-1423 FAP: # NH-75-1(91)275	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (cities, counties, states, etc.): Pasco County Florida			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT: Start Date: 4/97 Ending Date: 10/98		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant b. Project 9	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$ 14,600,000 .00	a. YES. PREAPPLICATION / APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE June 1997	
b. Applicant	\$.00	b. NO. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
c. State	\$ 320,278 .00	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
d. Local	\$.00	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?	
e. Other	\$.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes", attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
f. Program Income	\$.00		
g. TOTAL	\$ 14,920,278 .00		
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION / PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.			
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative: Michael J. Coleman, P.E.		b. Title District PD&E Engineer	c. Telephone Number (813) 975-6000
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed 6/10/97	



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Mr. Michael J. Coleman
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District Seven, MS 7-500
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RE: U.S. Department of Transportation - Highway Planning and Construction - FY 1997/98 - Widening and Reconstruction of I-75 to Six Lanes, Beginning South of the Proposed I-75/SR 56 Interchange and Extending Approximately 12 Miles North of the I-75/SR 52 Interchange - Work Program Item Number: 7147619 - State Project Number: 14140-1423 - Pasco County, Florida
SAI: FL9706120517C

Dear Mr. Coleman:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, Section 216.212, Florida Statutes, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated a review of the above-referenced project.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provides several substantive comments regarding wetlands and Outstanding Florida Waters, community/land use. An Environmental Resource Permit issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) will be required prior to the start of construction. The Florida Natural Areas Inventory database indicates that whooping crane, little blue heron, eastern indigo snake and Sherman's fox squirrel occur in the study areas.

The Department of State (DOS) notes that, according to the applicant, the proposed project will have a cultural resource survey performed. Provided that the applicant completes the survey and appropriately avoids, minimizes, or mitigates impacts to any significant archaeological or historic sites identified in the survey, the above project will have no adverse effect. Please refer to the enclosed DOS comments.

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Internet address: <http://www.state.fl.us/comaff/dca.html>

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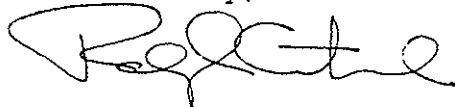
The SWFWMD recommends that an environmental assessment be prepared for this project. The assessment should identify local water resources in the project area and discuss proposed impacts to these systems. Proposed mitigation activities should also be addressed in the report. The SWFWMD recommends that the project avoid impacts to wetlands and avoid SWFWMD-managed lands.

Based on the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the proposed action is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) at this advance notification stage. All subsequent environmental documents prepared for this project must be reviewed to determine the project's continued consistency with the FCMP. Future documents should provide thorough information regarding the location and extent of wetlands dredging and filling, borrow sources, dredging or filling associated with bridge construction, and stormwater management. The state's continued concurrence with the project will be based, in part, on the adequate resolution of the issues identified during this and subsequent reviews. Comments received from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council are also enclosed for your review.

The Department of Community Affairs (Department), pursuant to its role as the state's land planning agency, has reviewed the referenced project for consistency with the relevant local government comprehensive plan. Based on the information contained in the application, the Department has determined that the project is consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the applicable comprehensive plan.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Keri Akers, Clearinghouse Coordinator, at (904) 922-5438.

Sincerely,



Ralph Cantral, Executive Director
Florida Coastal Management Program

RC/cc

Enclosures

cc: John M. Meyer, Tampa Bay Regional Planning council
Leroy Irwin, Department of Transportation

COUNTY: Pasco

DATE: 06/12/97

COMMENTS DUE-2 WKS: 06/27/97

CLEARANCE DUE DATE: 07/28/97

SAI#: FL9706120517C

Message:

STATE AGENCIES

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

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- Community Affairs
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The attached document requires a Coastal Zone Management Act/Florida Coastal Management Program consistency evaluation and is categorized as one of the following:

- Federal Assistance to State or Local Government (15 CFR 930, Subpart F). Agencies are required to evaluate the consistency of the activity.
- Direct Federal Activity (15 CFR 930, Subpart C). Federal Agencies are required to furnish a consistency determination for the State's concurrence or objection.
- Outer Continental Shelf Exploration, Development or Production Activities (15 CFR 930, Subpart E). Operators are required to provide a consistency certification for state concurrence/objection.
- Federal Licensing or Permitting Activity (15 CFR 930, Subpart D). Such projects will only be evaluated for consistency when there is not an analogous state license or permit.

Project Description:

Florida Department of Transportation - Fiscal Year 1997/98 - Proposed Widening and Reconstruction of I-75 to six lanes beginning south of the Proposed I-75/State Road 56 Interchange and Extending Approximately 12 Miles north of the I-75/State Road 52 Interchange - Work Program Item Number: 7147619 - State Project Number: 14140-1423 - Pasco County, Florida.

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(904) 922-5438 (SC 292-5438)
(904) 414-0479 (FAX)

EO. 12372/NEPA

Federal Consistency

- No Comment
- Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

- No Comment/Consistent
- Consistent/Comments Attached
- Inconsistent/Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

From:

Division/Bureau: FORESTRY / FRP + SS
 Reviewer: Bob McDonald
 Date: 6-23-97

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KEVIN G. WATTS
SECRETARY

June 10, 1997

Mr. Glenn Church
Florida State Clearinghouse
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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RE: SPN 14140-1423 / WPI No. 7147619 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
Interstate 75 from South of S.R. 56 to North of S.R. 52

Dear Mr. Church:

The attached Advance Notification Package is forwarded to your office for processing through appropriate State agencies in accordance with Executive Order 93-194. Distribution to local and Federal agencies is being made as noted.

Although more specific comments will be solicited during the permit coordination process, we request that permitting and permit reviewing agencies review the attached information and furnish us with whatever general comments they consider pertinent at this time.

This is a Federal-aid action and the Florida Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration, will determine what degree of environmental documentation will be necessary. The determination will be based upon in-house environmental evaluations and comments received through coordination with other agencies. Please provide a consistency review for this project in accordance with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program.

In addition, please review this improvement's consistency, to the maximum extent feasible, with the approved Comprehensive Plan of the local government jurisdiction(s) pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

We are looking forward to receiving your comments on the project within 45 days. Please reference the assigned Work Program Item Number in any subsequent correspondence. Should additional review time be required, a written request for an extension of time must be submitted to our office within the initial 45-day comment period.

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I + will be necessary to file a FAA Form 7460-1, "Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration" on any development that is in the vicinity of Top of Tompa Airport. (Copy Attached)

*A. J. Howard
FAA, Orlando Airport District Office*



Department of Environmental Protection

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RE: FDOT/Advance Notification, Proposed Widening and Reconstruction of I-75, SR 56 to SR 52, Pasco County
SAI: FL9706120517C

Dear Ms. Akers:

The Department has reviewed the Advanced Notification (AN) regarding the proposed Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study to widen a 12-mile portion of I-75 in Pasco County. We find the funding request for the proposed study to be consistent with our authorities in the Florida Coastal Management Program, and request that the following issues be addressed in the PD&E document:

Wetlands and Outstanding Florida Waters

Sensitive wetlands occur in the southern extent of the project, associated with Cypress Creek and Cabbage Swamp. Beginning the project at the proposed point may potentially impact Cypress Creek, an Outstanding Florida Water. The PD&E study should examine the possibility of beginning the project north of Cypress Creek so as to avoid negative environmental impacts to the creek and its associated wetland system.

Where avoidance is not possible, every effort should be made to minimize impacts to the Cabbage Swamp and other wetland systems within the project area. Impact reduction concepts such as the avoidance of fill placement to create stormwater conveyance swales, the use of steeper embankment slopes and vertical retaining walls and bridge should be incorporated into the planning and design of the project. In addition, the proposed bridge replacement/improvements may provide an opportunity to widen the underpasses to improve the hydrology of both Cypress Creek and Cabbage Swamp. Widened underpasses and culverts would also enhance the potential for wildlife crossings.

Community/Land Use

The fact sheet states that a proposed outlet mall and the Saddlebrook DRI will be located adjacent to I-75 in the project area. The AN also states that Pasco County is

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undergoing rapid growth, primarily of residential and mixed uses. The PD&E study should include a discussion on providing new and/or improved pedestrian/bicycle linkages along roads located under the replaced/widened bridges, in order to increase community connectivity and ensure safe and reasonable access across the I-75 corridor. Potential pedestrian/bicycle linkages should be considered at this time, while there is opportunity during bridge design. In addition, there may be a need for landscape buffers and noise walls to mitigate noise from construction activities and the additional vehicles on the widened interstate. We recommend that the DOT consult with the Pasco County Planning Office to determine specific information related to the Saddlebrook DRI, outlet mall and potential future development, and to include such information in the PD&E study.

Permitting

An Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) will be required for the proposed widening of I-75. The processing agency for the ERP permit will be the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville Office.

Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI)*

A search of the FNAI database indicates that the following element occurrence records are known to be in the study area: Whooping crane, little blue heron, eastern indigo snake and Sherman's fox squirrel. The occurrence records are included as attachments to this letter.

We request to review the PD&E document via the state clearinghouse when it is available. If you have any questions pertaining to our comments, please feel free to call me at 487-2231.

Sincerely,



Susan Goggin, MS 47
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

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Attachments (FNAI Occurrence Records)

* The quantity and quality of data collected by FNAI are dependent on the research and observation of many individuals and organizations. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site specific field surveys. For these reasons, FNAI cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence, absence or condition of biological elements in any part of Florida. This information should never be regarded as final statements on the elements or areas being considered.

FLORIDA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY
1018 Thomasville Rd., Suite 200-C
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(904) 224-8207

MEMORANDUM

To: Dept of Environmental Protection
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

ATTENTION: Ms. Susan Goggin

From: Barbara Lenczewski, Ph.D.
Environmental Reviewer

Sender's Phone # (904) 224-8207
Receiving Fax # (904) 922-5380
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Date: 7 July 1997

Re: FDOT/Advance Notification, WP # 7147619, (I-75) SR 56 to SR 52, Pasco County, located on the Lutz, Wesley Chapel, San Antonio and Spring Lake 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangles.

I have reviewed the project area described above with regard to occurrences of threatened and endangered animals, plants or high quality natural communities known to occur in this area as recorded in the FNAI database. At the present time, the following element occurrences are recorded in the FNAI database within a one mile corridor of this route:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Fed. Status	State Status	Notes
Vertebrates:						
<i>Grus americana</i>	whooping crane	G1	SXC	XN	LS	
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	little blue heron	G5	S4	N	LS	
<i>Drymarchon corais couperi</i>	eastern indigo snake	G4T3	S3	LT	LT	
<i>Sciurus niger shermani</i>	Sherman's fox squirrel	G5T2	S2	N	LS	
Others:						
Bird rookery		N	N	N	N	

In most cases, the Florida Natural Areas Inventory database is not based on comprehensive or site specific field surveys. For these reasons, this information should never be regarded as a final statement on the biological resources of the site being considered, nor should it be substituted for on-site surveys.

Information provided by this database may not be published without prior written notification to the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, and FNAI must be credited as an information source in these publications. FNAI data may not be resold for profit.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at (904) 224-8207.

enclosures

l:dr/pasc.gog

FLORIDA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY - ELEMENT OCCURRENCE RECORD
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scientific name: HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS
common name: BALD EAGLE

grank: G4 federal status: LT
srank: S3 state status: LT

date last observed: 1988
county name: Collier

quad name: BELLE MEADE

township and range: 051S026E section: 24 precision: M
town/range comments: SW1/4

general desc.:

EO data: NEST: 1981-1988 ACTIVE. FLEDGED YOUNG 1981, 1983, 1985-1987,
UNKNOWN 1982, 1988.

managed area name:

owner:
owner comments:

best source: FLORIDA GAME AND FRESH WATER FISH COMMISSION. 1988. BALD
EAGLE NEST SURVEY SUMMARY.

eonum.: 253

data sens.:

FLORIDA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY - ELEMENT OCCURRENCE RECORD
07/07/97

scientific name: GRUS CANADENSIS PRATENSIS
common name: FLORIDA SANDHILL CRANE

grank: G5T2T3 federal status: N
srnk: S2S3 state status: LT

date last observed: 1992-02-02
county name: Pasco

quad name: FIVAY JUNCTION, EHREN, SAN ANTONIO, LUTZ, WESLEY
CHAPEL, ODESSA, ELFERS, PORT RICHEY

township and range: 025S018E section: 33 precision: M
town/range comments: +26S, R16,17,19,20E & 24S R18E SEC 33,34.

general desc.: SCATTERED PASTURE POTHOLES. MATURE CYPRESS DOME AND
HERBACEOUS MARSH (U87MOD02FL).

EO data: CA. 25 PAIRS FROM CA. 1970 THROUGH 1986. 14 INDIVIDUALS
OBSERVED 1989-07-15. 2 IND. OBSERVED FEEDING 1986-8-12
(U86WAM02FLUS). GROUPS OF 2-3 (ADULTS W/ YOUNG) OBSERVED ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS, CALLING, FEEDING, DISPLAYING
(U87MOO02FLUS). SEE ATTACHED U87MOO02FL. 1992-02-02: 2
GROUPS OF 3 BIRDS OBSERVED S OF GOWERS CORNER.

managed area name: HIDDEN LAKE PROJECT, CYPRESS CREEK FLOOD DETENTION
AREA, STARKEY WILDERNESS PARK.

owner: GBY INC. 160 LEMON ST. E., TARPON SPRINGS, FL 33589 (U87MOO0
owner comments:

best source: NESBITT, STEVE. FL GAME & FRESH WATER FISH COMM., WILDLIFE
RESEARCH LAB., 4005 S. MAIN ST. GAINESVILLE, FL 32601. (904)
955-2230.

eonum.: 028

data sens.:

FLORIDA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY - ELEMENT OCCURRENCE RECORD
07/07/97

scientific name: BIRD ROOKERY
common name:

rank: federal status: N
srank: state status: N

date last observed: 1989-06-12
county name: Pasco

quad name: SAN ANTONIO

township and range: 025S020E section: 09 precision: M
town/range comments: NW1/4

general desc.:

EO data: Multi-species rookery, Little Blue Heron plus unidentified
small white waders. >1,000 birds 1989-06-12.

managed area name:

owner:
owner comments:

best source: Runde, D.E., J.A. Gore, J.A. Hovis, M.S. Robson, and P.D.
Southall. 1991. Florida Atlas of Breeding Sites for Herons
and their Allies: Update 1986-89. Florida Game and Fresh
Water Fish Commission, Nongame Wildlife Program. Technical
Report #10. September 1991.

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data sens.:

FLORIDA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY - ELEMENT OCCURRENCE RECORD
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scientific name: EGRETTA CAERULEA
common name: LITTLE BLUE HERON

grank: G5 federal status: N
srank: S4 state status: LS

date last observed: 1989-06-12
county name: Pasco

quad name: SAN ANTONIO

township and range: 025S020E section: 09 precision: M
town/range comments: NW1/4

general desc.:

EO data: Species present 1989-06-12.

managed area name:

owner:

owner comments:

best source: Runde, D.E., J.A. Gore, J.A. Hovis, M.S. Robson, and P.D. Southall. 1991. Florida Atlas of Breeding Sites for Herons and their Allies: Update 1986-89. Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Nongame Wildlife Program. Technical Report #10. September 1991.

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FLORIDA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY - ELEMENT OCCURRENCE RECORD
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scientific name: DRYMARCHON CORAIS COUPERI
common name: EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE

grank: G4T3 federal status: LT
srank: S3 state status: LT

date last observed: 1966-
county name: Pasco

quad name: SPRING LAKE

township and range: 024S020E section: 06 precision: M
town/range comments:

general desc.:

EO data: INDIGO OBSERVED BY J.S. GODLEY OR MARTY MARTIN IN 1966.
(MOLER INTERVIEW OF GODLEY & MARTIN, 1982-03-27).

managed area name:

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Ms. Keri Akers
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Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Reply Refer To:
Scott B. Edwards
Historic Sites Specialist
Project File No. 972725

RE: SAI# FL9706120517C
Florida Department of Transportation - Proposed Widening and Reconstruction of I-75 to six lanes beginning south of the Proposed I-75/State Road 56 Interchange and Extending Approximately 12 Miles north of the I-75/State Road 52 Interchange.
SPN: 14140-1423
WPN: 7147619
Pasco County, Florida

Dear Ms. Akers:

In accordance with the provisions of Florida's Coastal Zone Management Act and Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, as well as the procedures contained in 36 C.F.R., Part 800 ("Protection of Historic Properties"), we have reviewed the referenced project for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historic or architectural value.

We have reviewed the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project referenced above. We note that the project will have a cultural resource survey performed. Therefore, conditioned upon the FDOT undertaking a cultural resource survey, and appropriately avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating project impacts to any identified significant archaeological or historic sites, the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register, or otherwise of historical or architectural value. If these conditions are met the project will also be consistent with the historic preservation aspects of Florida's Coastal Management Program.

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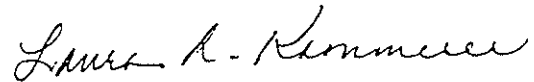
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If you have any questions concerning our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

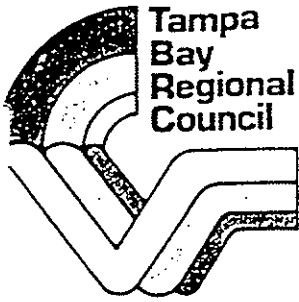
Sincerely,



George W. Percy, Director
Division of Historical Resources
and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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xc: Jasmin Raffington, FCMP-DCA



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Ms. Keri Akers
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2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Subject: Recommended for APPROVAL, IC&R #208-97, I-75 Widening:
Proposed State Road 56 to State Road 52, SAI #~~FL9608120517~~,
Pasco County FL9706120517C

Dear Ms. Akers:

The enclosed agenda item regarding the above-referenced matter was considered and staff comments approved by the Clearinghouse Review Committee of the Tampa Bay Regional Council at its July 28, 1997 meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if further information regarding this item is desired.

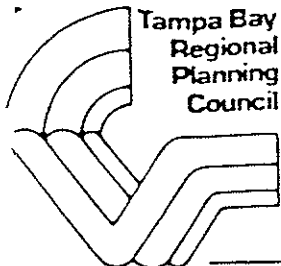
Sincerely,

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John M. Meyer, Principal Planner
Intergovernmental Coordination & Review

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I-75 WIDENING ADVANCE NOTIFICATION: PROPOSED STATE ROAD (SR) 56 TO SR 52, FDOT WPI# 7147619, PASCO COUNTY, ICR 208-97

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested preliminary review and comment on the future widening of a 12-mile segment of I-75 in central Pasco County. The Regional Planning Council and local governments will have the opportunity to, again, comment on the project during the permitting stage when more detailed plans and information are available.

The project involves the widening (to six lanes) and reconstruction of I-75 between the proposed SR 56 to just north of SR 52. The project includes five bridge improvements and the extension of nineteen cross-drains to accommodate the 36-foot clearance zones. The 24 drainage basins within the project limits are each expected to require one stormwater management pond.

Council Comments/Concerns

Although not quantified during the advance notification stage of the project, the wetlands to be impacted may be natural resources of regional significance as identified in the *Future of the Region: A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region*. They are generally identified as valuable to seven or more selected wildlife species and may qualify as Special Habitats. Council policy 4.5.2 states that "Impacts to regionally-significant natural resources shall be allowed only in cases of overriding public interest and when it is demonstrated and/or documented that the mitigation will successfully recreate the specific resource." Significant public benefit will be derived from increasing the capacity of this roadway to meet the demand placed on it. The policy also requires a minimum mitigation ratio of 2:1 created:impacted for Special Habitat. The following additional concerns have been identified:

- The I-75 corridor is a regionally significant roadway as identified in *Future of the Region, A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region*.
- The I-75 corridor has been designated as a hurricane evacuation route as stated within the most recent hurricane evacuation study, the *Tampa Bay Region Hurricane Evacuation Study, 1992*, and the *1997 Hurricane Guide* for Pasco County.
- Additional concerns may be identified during the permitting stage when more detailed information has been provided.

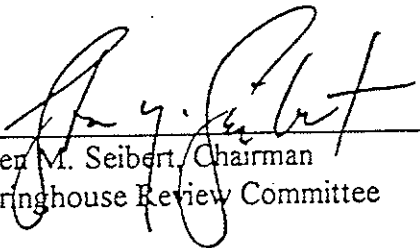
Funding

The project cost is estimated at \$14,920,278. The majority of the funding (\$14,600,000) has been requested from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The State will be responsible for the remaining \$320,278.

Recommendation

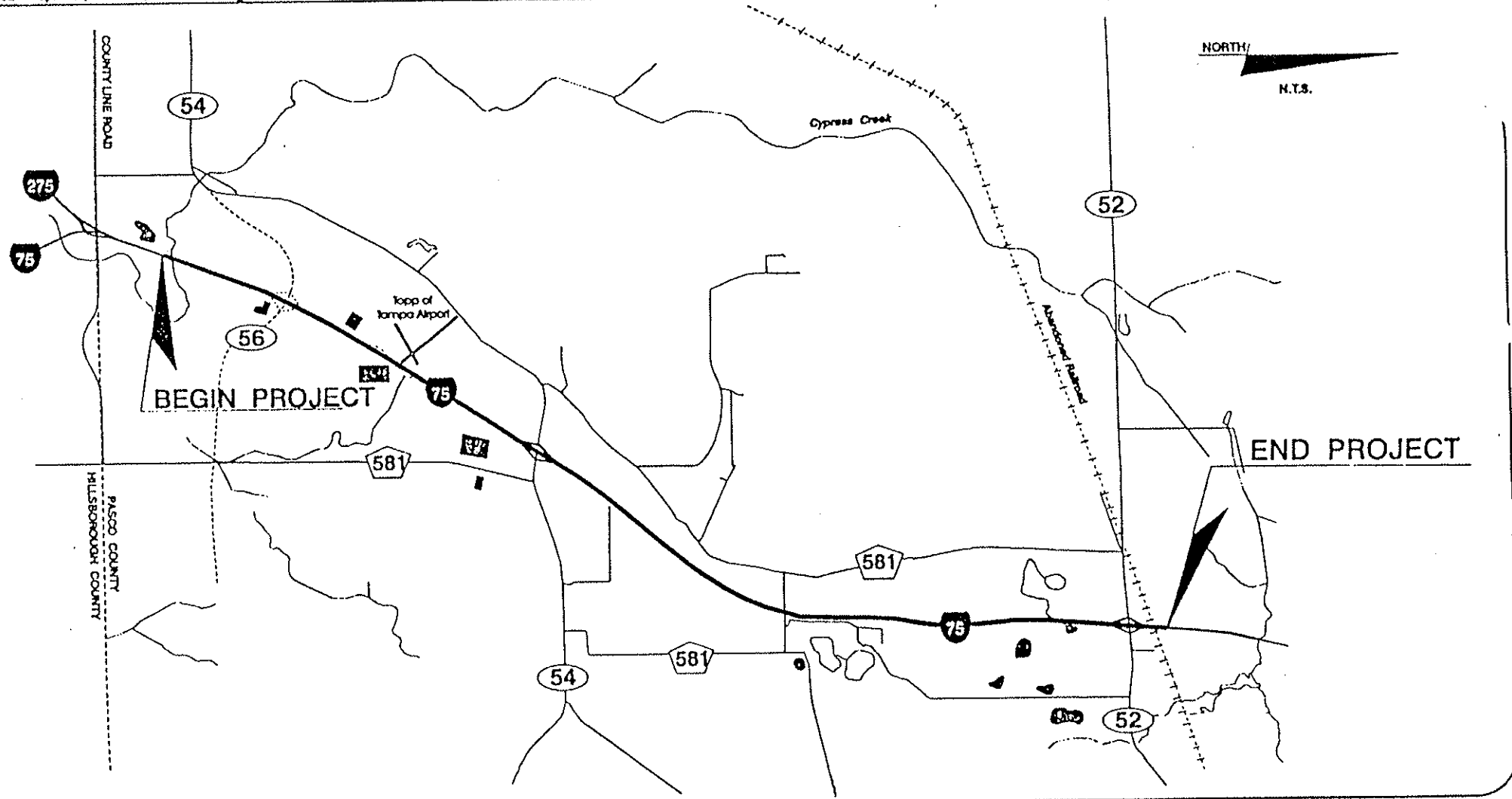
It is recommended that FDOT proceed to the permitting stage regarding this project with appropriate consideration given to the impacts on Natural Resources of Regional Resources.

Committee adopted on July 28, 1997



Steven M. Seibert, Chairman
Clearinghouse Review Committee

PLEASE NOTE: The project has been reviewed for consistency with the Council's adopted growth policy, *Future of the Region, A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region*. Unless notified of additional consideration by the full Council, action by the Clearinghouse Review Committee is final. The Committee's comments constitute compliance with Florida's Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process only.



- Project Limits
- River / Water
- Railroad
- State Road Numbers
- County Road Numbers

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I-75 (S.R. 93)
PD&E STUDY
From South of S.R. 58 to North of S.R. 52
Pasco County, Florida

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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Subject: Florida Department of Transportation-Fiscal Year 1997-98-Proposed widening and Reconstruction of I-75 to Six Lanes From the Proposed I-75/State Road 56 Interchange and Extending North of the I-75/State Road 52 Interchange-Work Program Item Number. 7147619-State Project Number: 14140-1423-Pasco County, Florida

SAI#: FL9706120517C

Dear Ms. Akers:

Staff of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) has conducted a consistency evaluation for the referenced project. Our review concluded that a consistency determination cannot be issued until additional information is provided regarding impacts to local water resources, particularly wetlands.

We recommend that the applicant complete an environmental assessment for the project. This assessment should identify local water resources in the project area and discuss proposed impacts to these systems. Proposed mitigation activities should also be addressed in this report.

Generally, the District supports road projects that:

1. avoid impacts to high quality wetland systems;
2. avoid District managed lands;
3. minimize impacts to wetlands through steeper side slopes or construction of retaining walls within road rights-of-way by wetlands; and,
4. avoid impacts to wetlands to accommodate stormwater treatment systems.

The District appreciates the opportunity to participate in this review. Please be advised that this review does not constitute approval under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, or any rules promulgated thereunder, nor does it stand in lieu of normal permitting procedures in accordance with Florida Statutes and District rules.

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me in the District's Planning Department.

Sincerely,

Trisha Neasman, AICP
Government Planning Coordinator

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cc: Michael Coleman, FDOT
Rand Baldwin, SWFWMD

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APPENDIX C

Interagency Correspondence



U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

Florida Division Office

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March 19, 1997

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. William H. McDaniel, Jr.
District Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612

Attention: Mr. Michael J. Coleman

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Subject: FAP No. NH-75-1(91)
WPI Nos. 7147619
State Project Nos. 14120-1423
I-75 PD&E Study
Pasco County

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We have reviewed the information contained in Mr. Kirk Bogen's letter dated March 6, 1997 concerning the subject project.

During the field review and subsequent discussions we have indicated that there were two possible scenarios for the development of the PD&E study. You could look at the longer corridor, as the traffic data suggests that a need for widening could very well be established up to SR-52. Or you could set the PD&E limits at SR-54, as that would also be a logical northern termini.

Consistency with the LRTP remains an issue. If the Department studies the longer of the two segments, this would need to be resolved before we could proceed forward. Through coordination with the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a decision would need to be made to either amend the LRTP or to request location and design approval for only that segment of the study that was in the approved LRTP. Either way we are limited in giving approval for advancement using Federal funds to only that section of roadway that was in an approved LRTP.

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Mr. William H. McDaniel, Jr.
March 19, 1997

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In summary, the PD&E study could be completed with either northern limit. However, we would only be able to advance for Federal funding that portion that is listed in the approved LRTP at the time of the request.

I hope this has answered the questions on this project. If you have any other questions, please call our office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark D. Bartlett".

For: J. R. Skinner
Division Administrator

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BEN G. WATTS
SECRETARY

April 10, 1997

Mr. J.R. Skinner
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
227 N. Bronough Street, Room 2015
Tallahassee, FL 32301-2015

Attention: Mr. Greg Jones, Transportation Engineer

RE: WPI No. 7147619/FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275/SPN 14120-1423
I-75 PD&E Study Project Limits/Pasco County

Dear Mr. Skinner:

The Department thanks you for your response letter dated March 19, 1997 addressing our question of the logical northern termini for the referenced project.

As attempts to persuade the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to amend its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) were not successful, the Department has decided that the northern limits of the study should remain SR 52. In the Department's opinion, this is the most logical terminus as the traffic data suggests. Therefore, we will study I-75 from new SR 56 to SR 52 and request location and design approval for the segment of the study in the approved LRTP (I-75 from new SR 56 to SR 54) which is one of the options presented in your letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (813) 975-6454.

Sincerely,

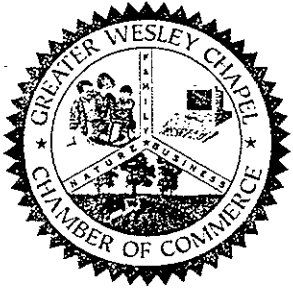
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Kirk Bogen, P.E.
Project Manager

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cc: M. Coleman ✓
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Mr. Ken Hartmann, P.E.
District Secretary, District 7
Florida Department of Transportation
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Dear Ken,

The Greater Wesley Chapel Chamber would like to thank you for being our guest at the Community Affairs Committee meeting on August 14th. We were glad to be able to provide a venue for you, your staff, John Gallegher and Rep. Ken Littlefield to discuss the I75/SR54 situation.

This committee, indeed the Chamber, is very focused on Wesley Chapel as a community. It is important for us to weigh in on many issues which affect not only day-to-day business, but infrastructure, growth patterns, environment and other factors that change the face of Wesley Chapel. It is a proven fact that business and industry are attracted to and stay in communities that pay attention to these things. We see our involvement as part of our job as a Chamber.

Thank you for promising to submit an addendum to the I-75 PD&E study to include widening the SR54 overpass.

We also look forward to the reassessment of the projected effects of SR56 on SR54 traffic given the amount of approved development in Wesley Chapel. When can we expect to see this reassessment?

Also, it is encouraging to us to hear that both the county and FDOT realize that SR54 must be widened to four through lanes as soon as possible and that the present overpass can accommodate that action and FDOT is not opposed to it. Thank you again and we will stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Seney
Chair, Community Affairs Committee

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September 11, 2000

Ms. Jennifer L. Seney
Chair, Community Affairs Committee
5450 CR 581
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Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

RE: WPI Seg. No. 258736 1
I-75 from SR 56 to SR 52

Dear Chairperson Seney:

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) thanks you and the Chamber for providing the forum to discuss the I-75 PD&E Study with Pasco County and Representative Littlefield on August 14, 2000.

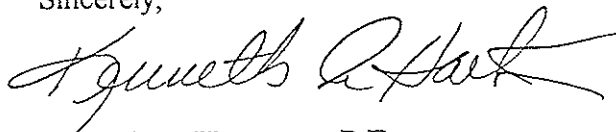
As stated in your letter (received on August 30, 2000), the Department has incorporated the concept of lengthening the I-75 bridges that cross over SR 54 in an effort to accommodate any future widening of SR 54. The engineering and environmental documents, which include this addition, will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for final approval in mid-September 2000.

The Department is continuing its assessment of the projected effects of SR 56 on SR 54 traffic and plans to have the analysis completed by the end of September. This assessment will assist the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Department in determining when and if the improvements to the SR 54 interchange are necessary. Although the Department agrees that the SR 54 facility will someday need widening, the priority of the improvement must be determined based on the entire transportation network needs of Pasco County. This would include other state highways as well as the interstate. The Department and the MPO will continue to coordinate these issues of priority and will keep you informed of our efforts.

Ms. Jennifer L. Seney
Page 2
September 11, 2000

Thank you for your interest in this very important study. If you have further questions or comments please contact Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E., the District EMO Engineer via E-mail at jeraldo.comellas@dot.state.fl.us or call (800) 226-7220.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Hartmann".

Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E.
District Seven Secretary

KAH/JC/RKS

cc: D. Skelton, M. Coleman, J. Comellas

APPENDIX D

Elected Official/Agency Kickoff Meeting

**INTERSTATE 75
SOUTH OF S.R. 56 TO NORTH OF S.R. 52
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
Project Development And Environment (PD&E) Study**

Public Official/Agency Kick-off Meeting

Monday June 23, 1997

CONTACT:

Leo Folsom - Public Information Officer
Kirk Bogen - Project Manager
Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
1-800-226-7220

PROJECT ID:

Work Program Item No. 7147619
State Project No. 14140-1423
Federal Aid Project NH-75-1(91)275

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project begins south of the intersection of I-75 and the proposed S.R. 56 and extends approximately 19.3 kilometers (12 miles) to north of the intersection of I-75 and S.R. 52 in Pasco County, Florida. The PD&E Study will focus on the existing corridor and include the evaluation of alternative alignments and the construction of an additional lane in each direction. The project limits are shown on the attached Project Location Map.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

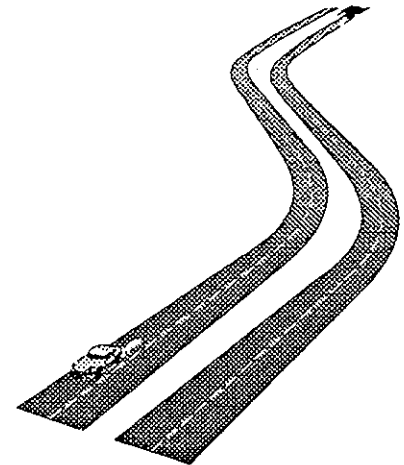
The proposed improvements include widening and reconstruction of I-75's existing four (4) lanes to a total of six (6) lanes together with the necessary interchange area improvements. Five (5) bridges within the study area require widening or replacement. Two projects affecting the PD&E Study improvement alternatives include the S.R. 56 interchange, which is now under final design and the final design project to widen the I-275 from U.S. 41 to S.R. 56.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Public Official Kick-off Meeting	June 23, 1997
Alternatives Public Meeting	Fall of 1997
Public Hearing	Summer of 1998
Location/Design Concept Acceptance	Fall of 1998

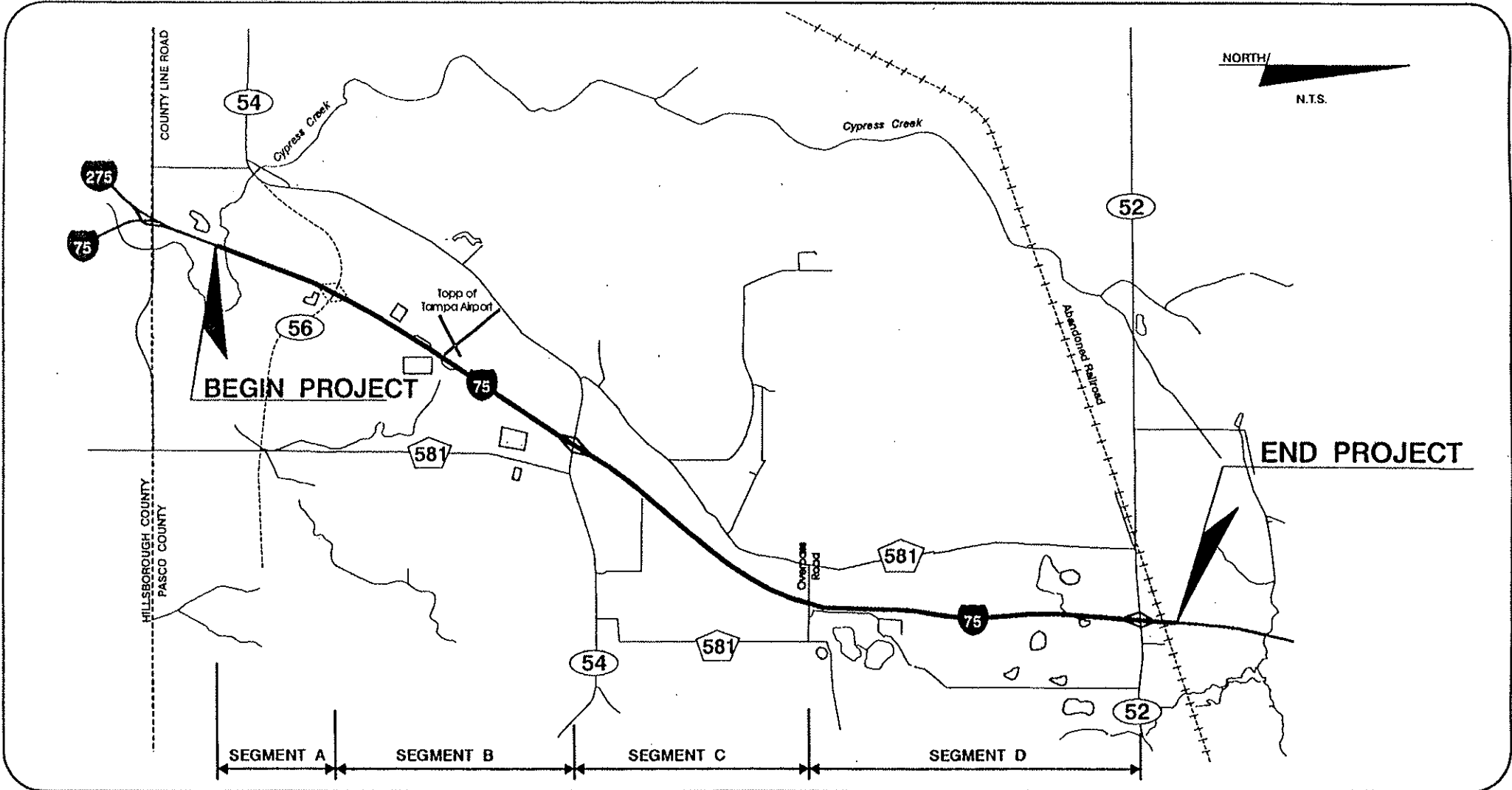
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Residential Relocations:	Not Available
Wetlands:	Not Available









ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM FUNDING (FY 96/97 TO FY 01/02):

Design:	Not in FDOT Five - Year Work Program
ROW Acquisition:	Not in FDOT Five - Year Work Program
Construction:	Not in FDOT Five - Year Work Program



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-  Project Limits
-  River / Water
-  Railroad
-  State Road Numbers
-  County Road Numbers
-  Proposed Roadway

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

I-75 (S.R. 93)
PD&E STUDY
 From South of S.R. 56 to North of S.R. 52
 Pasco County, Florida

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

SPN # 14140-1423
 WPI # 7147619
 FAP# NH-75-1(91)275

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COMMENTS

from
INTERSTATE 75
Public Official/Agency Kick-off Meeting
Project Development and Environment Study
Monday, June 23, 1997

Part I - Comments

We encourage you to write down your opinions and comments to ensure that they are considered in the improvements for Interstate 75. Please provide your comments below. If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form.

Part II - Request to be on Mailing List

If you have not received the project newsletter and desire to be included on the mailing list, please complete this part.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

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If you would like to mail this form, please have it postmarked by July 7, 1997, and addressed to:

Mr. William H. McDaniel, Jr., P.E., District Secretary
Attn: Mr. Michael J. Coleman, P.E.
Project Development and Environment Engineer
Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
MS 7-500
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612-6403

DATE: _____

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APPENDIX E

Public Workshop Notices



November 10, 1997

RE: SP No. 14140-1423 / WPI No. 7147619 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
Pasco County / I-75 (S.R. 93) PD&E Study From South of S.R. 56 To North of S.R. 52

Dear Property Owner or Interested Party:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a Public Alternatives Workshop regarding the widening of Interstate 75 (S.R. 93) from south of proposed S.R. 56 (Cypress Creek) to north of S.R. 52 in Pasco County, Florida. Please see attached project location map. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 1997, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Land O'Lakes Recreation Complex located at 3032 Collier Parkway, Land O'Lakes, Florida.

In compliance with Chapter 339.155, Florida Statutes, property owners whose property lies in whole or in part, within 91.4 meters (300 feet) of either side of the center line of any of the alternatives under study are being notified of this Workshop. Current property tax records indicate that you are the recorded owner of a property located within 91.4 meters (300 feet) of at least one of the project alternatives.

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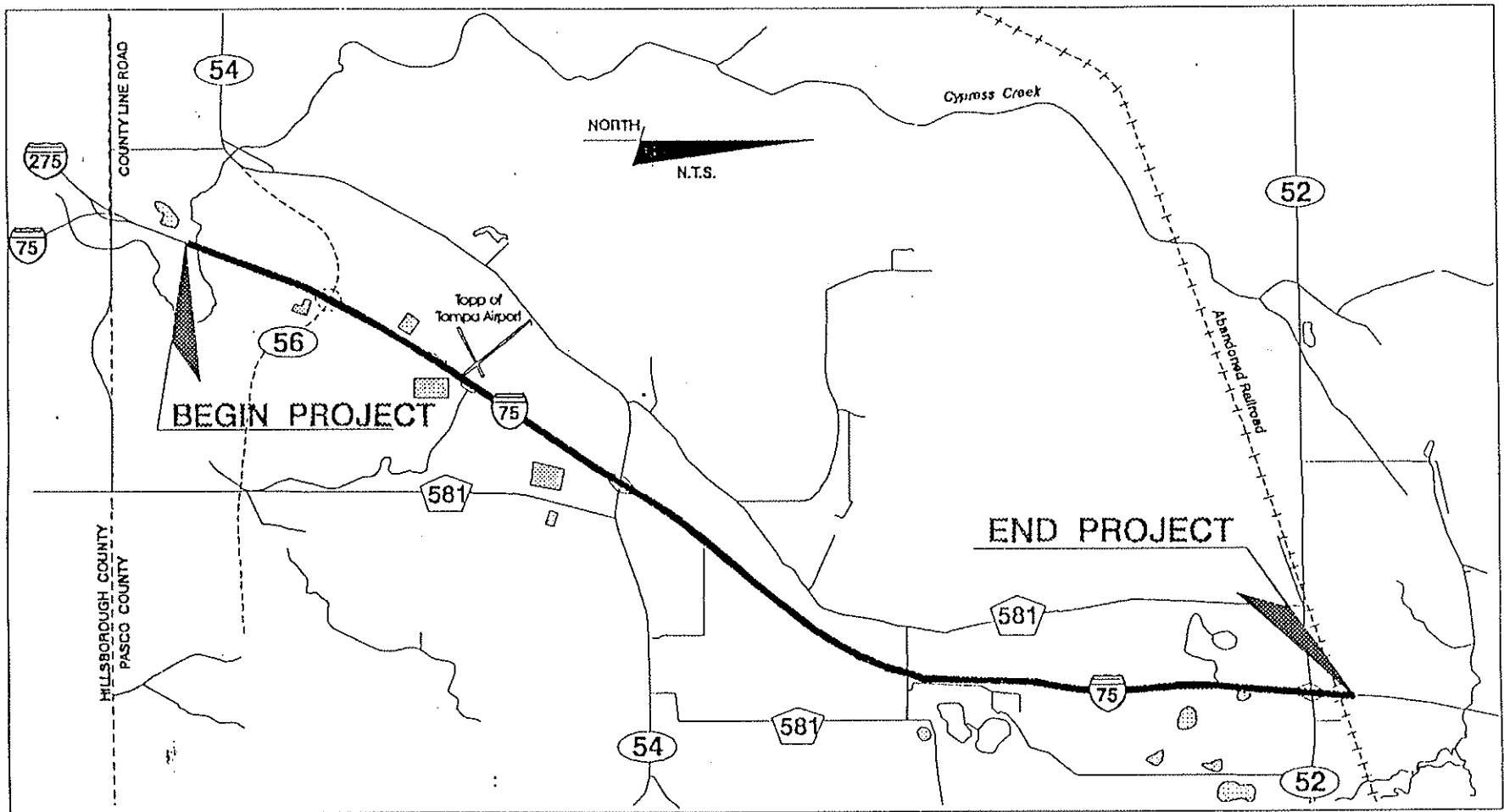
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I-75 PD&E Study
Project Location Map



November 10, 1997

The Honorable Robert Graham
United States Senator
524 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0903

RE: SP No. 14140-1423 / WPI No. 7147619 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
Pasco County / I-75 (S.R. 93) PD&E Study From South of S.R. 56 To North of S.R. 52

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Ms. Pat Mulieri, Chairman
Pasco County MPO
West Pasco Government Center
7530 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

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November 10, 1997

The Honorable Connie Mack
United States Senator
517 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

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United States Representative
2369 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

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November 10, 1997

The Honorable Virginia (Ginny) Brown-Waite
State Senator, District 10
County Government Complex
20 N. Main St., Suite 200
Brooksville, Florida 34601

RE: SP No. 14140-1423 / WPI No. 7147619 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
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Pasco County Commission
West Pasco Government Center, Suite 100
7530 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

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Pasco County Commission
West Pasco Government Center, Suite 100
7530 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

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November 10, 1997

The Honorable Carl Littlefield
State Representative, District 61
38108 Meridian Avenue
Dade City, Florida 33525

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M E M O R A N D U M
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
District Secretary MS 7-100

DATE: November 6, 1997

TO: Ken Hartmann, Director of Production
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FROM: William H. McDaniel, Jr., District Seven Secretary

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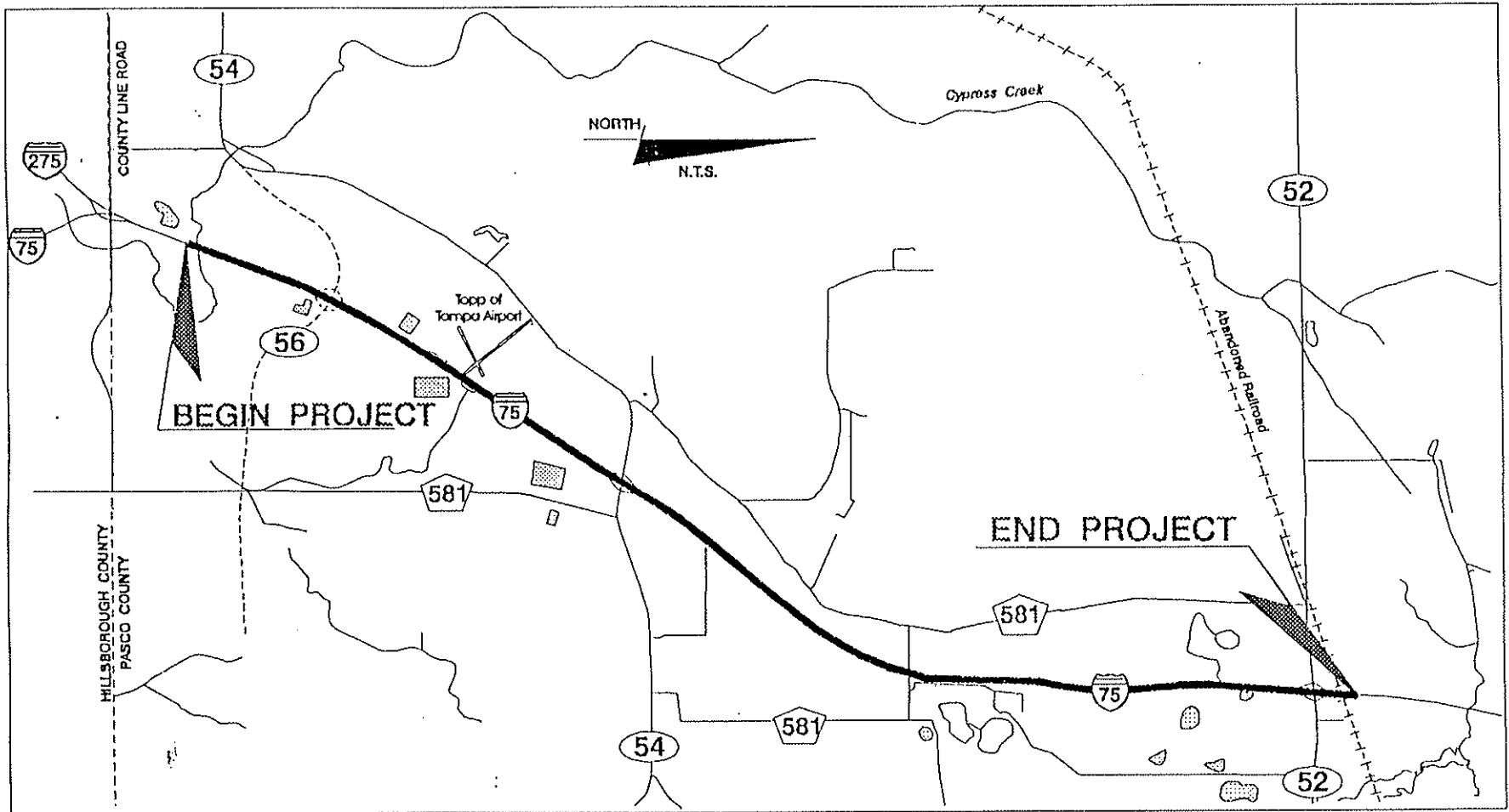
SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority

You are delegated signature and approval authority during my absence from the office November 6-7, 1997. Signature should be made in your name "for the District Secretary." In the event of your absence, signature authority is given to John Temple, Director of Operations.

Contractual or other documents for which delegation cannot be granted and cannot await my return shall be forwarded to Nick Serianni in Tallahassee for execution.

All documents requiring signature and/or approval under this delegation should be forwarded to my office for proper coordination/logging prior to signing. In addition, please ensure my office receives a "reading file" copy of all correspondence (letters and memos) you sign for me.

/DM



I-75 PD&E Study
Project Location Map



November 10, 1997

Mr. J. R. Skinner, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
227 N. Bronough Street, Room 2015
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-2015

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Atlanta, Georgia 30365-2401

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Florida Department of Transportation
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest District
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Tampa, Florida 33619

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2379 Broad Street
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Sincerely,

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Project Development and Environment Engineer

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November 10, 1997

Paul Montante, Acting Development Review Manager
Pasco County Developmental Review
West Pasco Government Center
7530 Little Road, Suite 210
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

RE: SP No. 14140-1423 / WPI No. 7147619 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
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November 10, 1997

Bipin Parikh, P.E., County Engineer
Pasco County Engineering Services
West Pasco Government Center
7530 Little Road, Suite 320
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

RE: SP No. 14140-1423 / WPI No. 7147619 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
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Jim D. Slaughter, Director
Pasco County Parks & Recreation Department
4111 Land O Lakes Boulevard, Suite 202
Land O Lakes, Florida 34639-4402

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November 10, 1997

Samuel P. Steffey, Growth Management Administrator
Pasco County Growth Management Department
West Pasco Government Center
7530 Little Road, Suite 320
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

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November 10, 1997

Thomas Rydzik, Director
Pasco County Public Works Department
West Pasco Government Center
7530 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

THOMAS F. BARRY, JR.
SECRETARY

November 10, 1997

Sheriff Lee Cannon
Pasco County Sheriff's Office
8700 Citizen Drive
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

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Pasco County
West Pasco Government Center
7530 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

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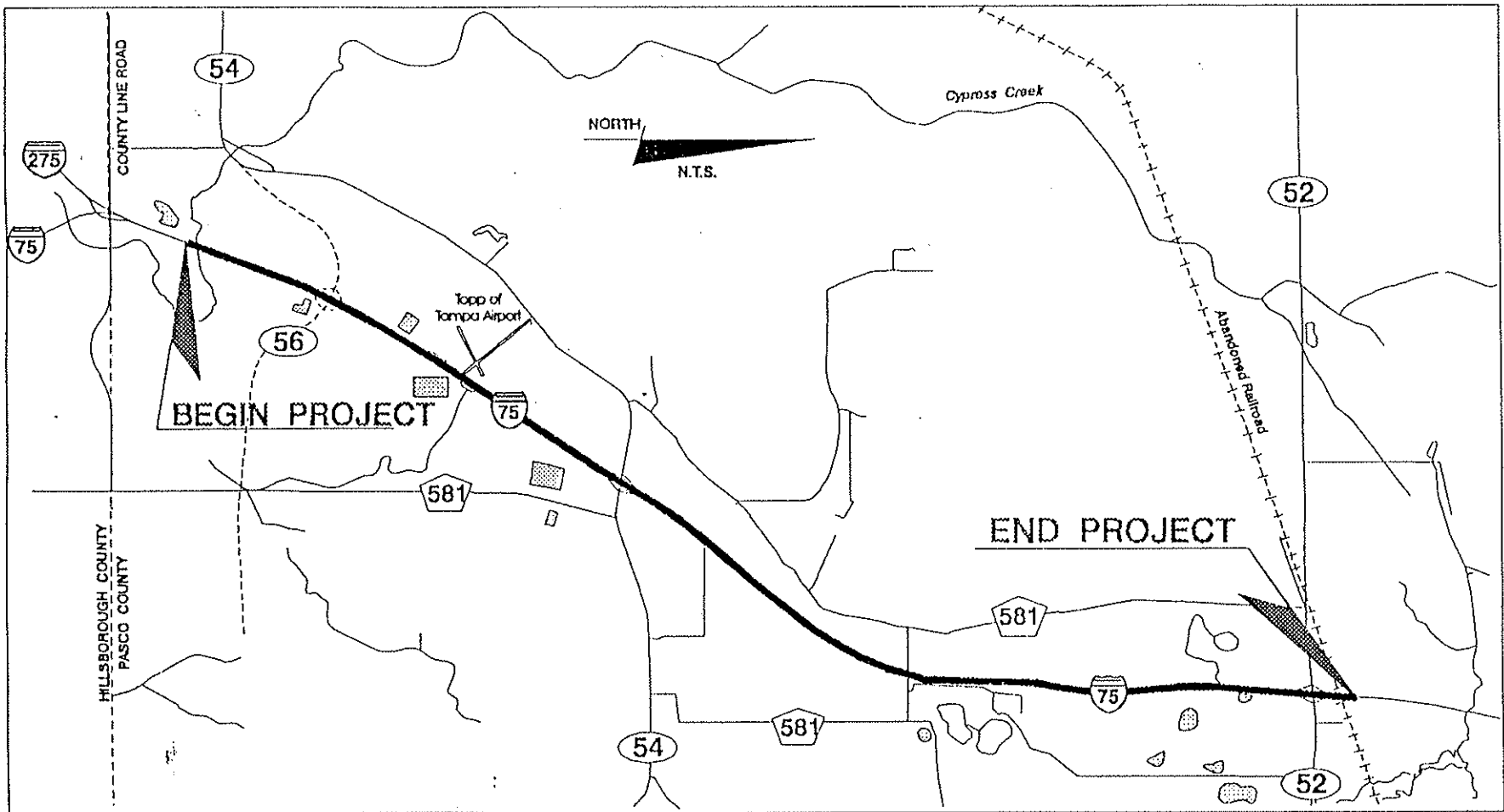
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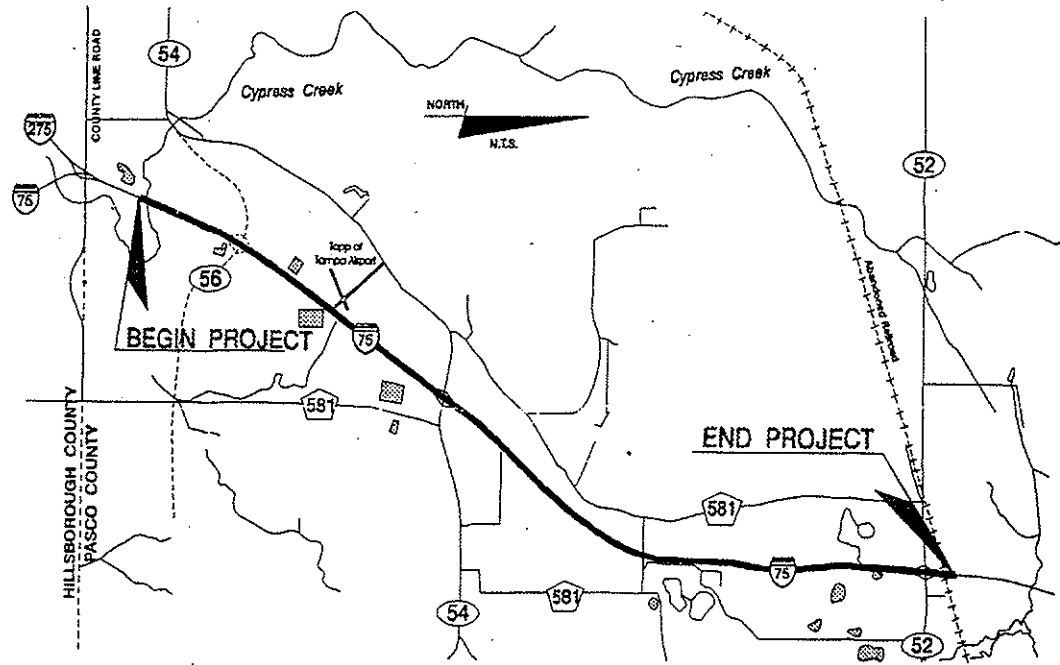
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Public Workshop Advertisements

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Date: Wednesday, December 3, 1997
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Land O'Lakes Recreation Complex, 3032 Collier Parkway, Land O'Lakes, Florida

THE TAMPA TRIBUNE
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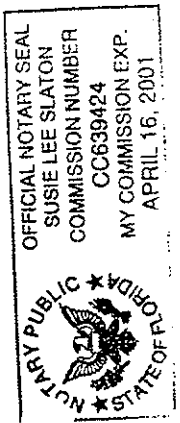
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APPENDIX G

Public Workshop Handout

PUBLIC ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP

I-75 (S.R. 93)

Project Development & Environment Study

**FROM SOUTH OF S.R. 56 (CYPRESS CREEK) TO NORTH OF S.R. 52
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Work Program Item Number: 7147619

State Project Number: 14140-1423

Federal Aid Project Number: NH-75-1(91)275

Presented by:

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

December 3, 1997

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Land O'Lakes Recreation Complex

3032 Collier Parkway

Land O'Lakes, Florida

WELCOME TO THE I-75 PUBLIC ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for improvements to I-75 from south of the new S.R. 56 interchange (in the vicinity of Cypress Creek) to north of S.R. 52. (See the attached Project Location Map [Figure 1].)

This packet provides information about the ongoing PD&E Study and the public involvement process. The last page of this packet is a Comment Form for your use in presenting your comments and suggestions to the FDOT. Aerial photographs and graphic illustrations are on display for your review this evening.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

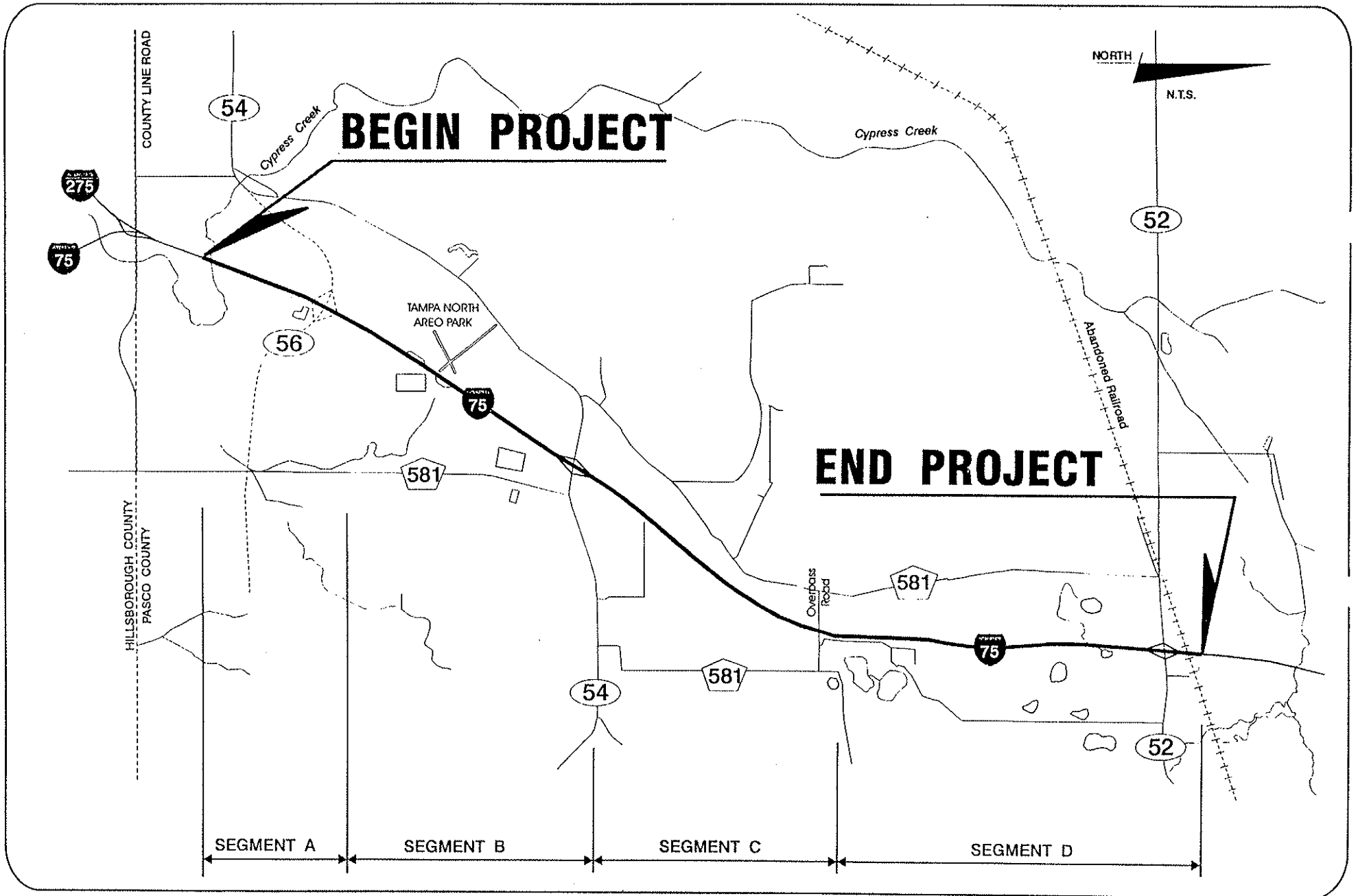
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Written comments can be submitted in one of two ways: (1) submit the attached Comment Form to one of the FDOT representatives or drop it in the Comment Box; or (2) mail the attached Comment Form or other exhibits to the address indicated on the form. We request comments be postmarked by December 15, 1997 so project development can proceed. Following this workshop, a Preferred Alternative will be developed which will incorporate the results of the PD&E Study and, where appropriate, the public comments received at this Workshop. The Preferred Alternative could be any of the alternatives you see here tonight or a combination of these alternatives. The Preferred Alternative will be presented for your review and comment at a formal Public Hearing to be held in the Spring of 1998. You will receive notification of the Public Hearing just as you did for this Workshop. If you did not receive notification for tonight's meeting, and wish to receive future notifications, please provide us with your name and address in the space provided on the Comment Form.

MEETING FORMAT

This is an informal meeting, so please review the project related graphics and aerials at your leisure. Color graphics are on display depicting the alternative roadway and bridge typical sections as well as aerial photographs of each of the two widening alternatives. The PD&E Study project schedule, project location map, traffic data and Impacts Evaluation Matrices are also displayed for your review.

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

FIGURE 1

Please take the time to discuss any questions you have with the FDOT representatives who are here tonight. The Comment Form provided in this packet may be filled out and left here tonight or mailed to the address provided on the Comment Form.

Public involvement and comments are an important part of this study process. This Workshop is a forum for citizen participation. It is designed to receive public comment and to inform the public of the status of the project.

PD&E STUDY

This PD&E Study is a combined effort of professionals who analyze available engineering and environmental information, as well as agency and public comments, to develop the best alternative for the proposed widening of I-75. The goal of the study is to document the necessary information to assist the FDOT in reaching a decision on the location, type and design of the proposed improvements. The PD&E Study satisfies the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) which enables the FDOT to use federal funds for the planning, design and construction of the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves the proposed widening of I-75, from the existing four lanes to six lanes, from south of S.R. 56 to north of S.R. 52 in Pasco County. The proposed improvements will include replacing or widening of the existing bridges within the project limits.

Project segmentation is used in this type of study in order to effectively assess and compare the impacts of each alternative within the project. After considering the interchange locations and type and age of existing structures along I-75, the project was divided into four study segments as follows:

- Segment A: South of Cypress Creek to north of the proposed S.R. 56 interchange
- Segment B: North of S.R. 56 to north of the S.R. 54 interchange
- Segment C: North of S.R. 54 to north of Overpass Road
- Segment D: North of Overpass Road to north of the S.R. 52 interchange

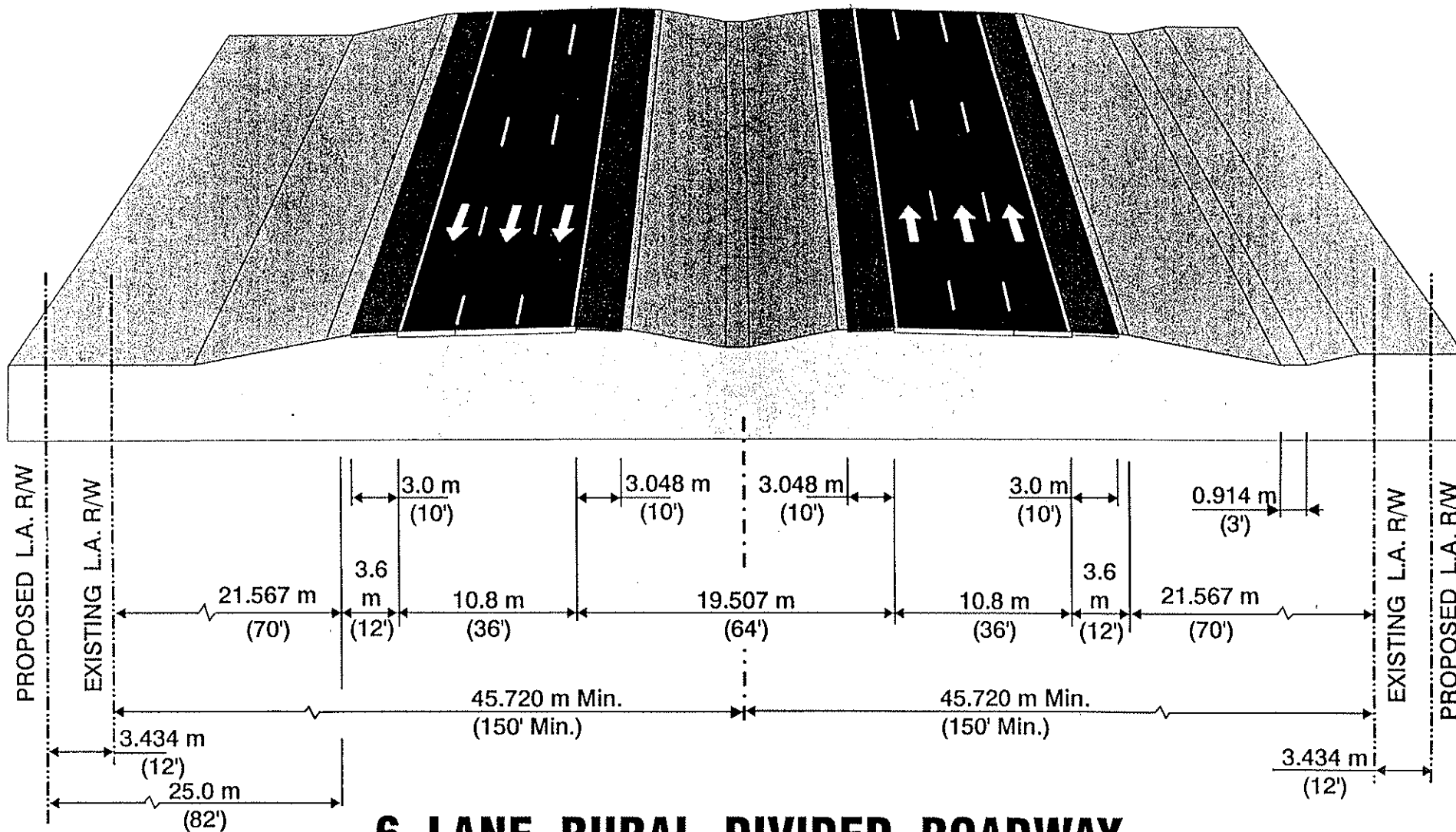
Three alternatives are being considered for the proposed improvements: the “No Build” Alternative and two “Build” Alternatives. Each “Build” Alternative is made up of a combination of roadway and bridge typical sections for each segment. Exhibits illustrating the different typical sections and Impacts Evaluation Matrices comparing the two “Build” Alternatives are included in this handout for your review.

The viable “Build” Alternatives which are currently undergoing evaluation and analysis for the PD&E Study are described as follows.

Alternative 1 features the addition of one lane in both directions adjacent to the existing outside travel lanes. The proposed roadway section for this alternative will feature three travel lanes each way, paved shoulders, and a depressed median as shown in the attached Figure 2. The bridge typical section, for the interchanges at S.R. 54 and S.R. 52, compatible with this roadway typical section

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PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION 1



**6 LANE RURAL DIVIDED ROADWAY
(DESIRABLE MEDIAN)**

FIGURE 2

features twin bridges as shown in the attached Figure 3. This alternative will require an additional 3.4 meters (m) (12 feet [ft]) of limited access right of way (ROW) on each side along most of the mainline roadway in order to maintain the desirable 25.0 m (82 ft) border width. In conjunction with this alternative, the existing Overpass Road Bridge over I-75 will be replaced (see Figure 4). The Impacts Evaluation Matrix for Alternative 1 is shown in Figure 5.

Segment A in Alternative 2 (from south of Cypress Creek to north of the proposed S.R. 56 interchange) utilizes the same roadway typical section as in Alternative 1 (Figure 2). This is to accommodate the approved new S.R. 56 interchange which is scheduled to be constructed prior to the proposed I-75 improvements. Segments B, C, and D in Alternative 2 feature the addition of one lane each way within the existing median, separated by median guardrail. The proposed roadway section (Figure 6) has a depressed, grassed median, three lanes each way, paved shoulders, and 25.0 m (82 ft) borders with open drainage. The bridge typical section, for the interchanges at S.R. 54 and S.R. 52, compatible with this roadway typical section is a single bridge as shown in Figure 7. This alternative can be accommodated within the existing limited access ROW. The Impacts Evaluation Matrix for Alternative 2 is shown in Figure 8.

In addition to the above described improvements, the existing three-lane southbound I-75 bridge over Cypress Creek is being evaluated for outside deck widening, for both Alternative 1 and 2, which would result in four travel lanes as shown on the attached Figure 9. A total of 3.3 m (12 ft) of deck widening is proposed.

The Impacts Evaluation Matrix comparing Alternatives 1 and 2 is shown in Figure 10. Using this evaluation matrix, you can compare the impacts of each alternative by segment based on the evaluation factors.

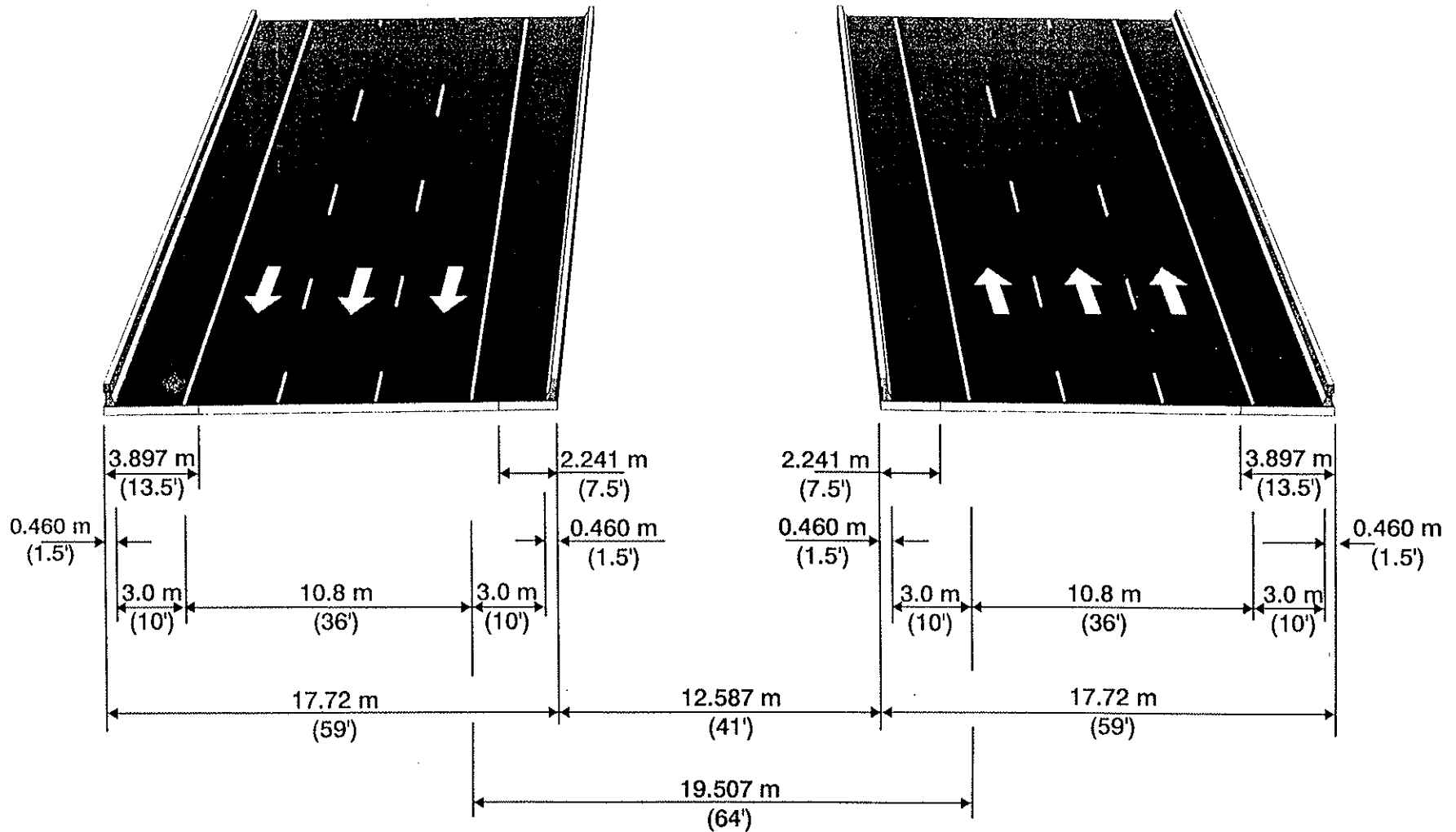
In conjunction with the I-75 mainline widening, the PD&E Study is evaluating widening of S.R. 52 in the immediate interchange area, from the existing two-lane undivided typical section to a four-lane facility. The proposed roadway section will feature a depressed, grassed median, two travel lanes each way, and borders with open drainage as shown on the attached Figure 11. The widening of S.R. 52 will require acquisition of approximately 25.9 m (88 ft) of ROW on the south side (in conformance with a previously approved PD&E Study for S.R. 52 from U.S. 19 to I-75). The S.R. 52 interchange ramps are also being evaluated for reconstruction to improve traffic operations. The twin I-75 bridges over the former railroad corridor just north of S.R. 52 are expected to be recommended for removal and non-replacement.

As a part of this analysis, an additional interchange configuration, called a loop ramp, is being considered at the S.R. 52 interchange. This alternative provides for significant increased vehicle capacity and is presented in anticipation of several large scale developments that may be constructed in the vicinity of this interchange in the future. Aerial maps and typical sections depicting the loop ramp are on display in the gymnasium for your review.

The "No Build" Alternative consists of not implementing the project or postponing improvement of the I-75 corridor beyond the Design Year 2020. This alternative will remain a viable alternative throughout the PD&E process.

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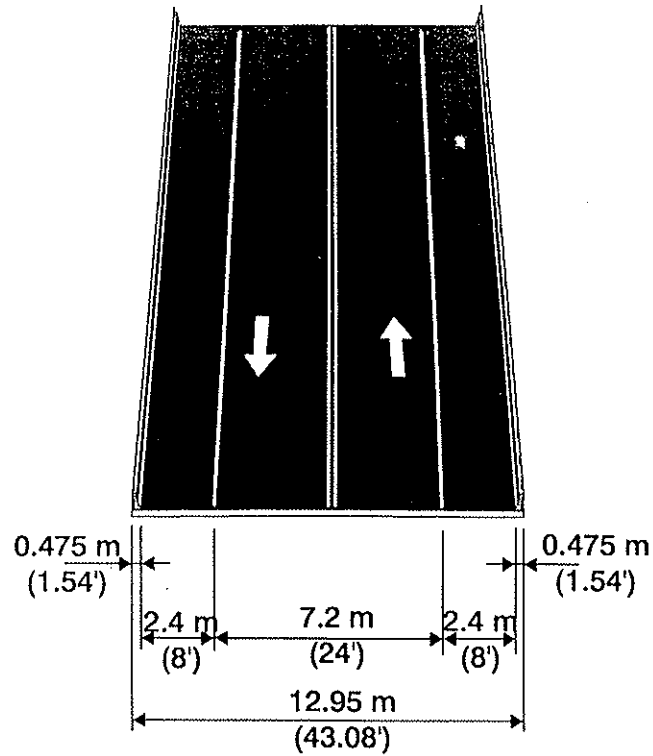
PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION 5



**S.R. 52 & S.R. 54 BRIDGES
(DUAL SPAN)**

FIGURE 3

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OVERPASS ROAD REPLACEMENT BRIDGE OVER I-75

FIGURE 4

**I-75 PD&E STUDY IMPACTS EVALUATION MATRIX
ALTERNATIVE 1**

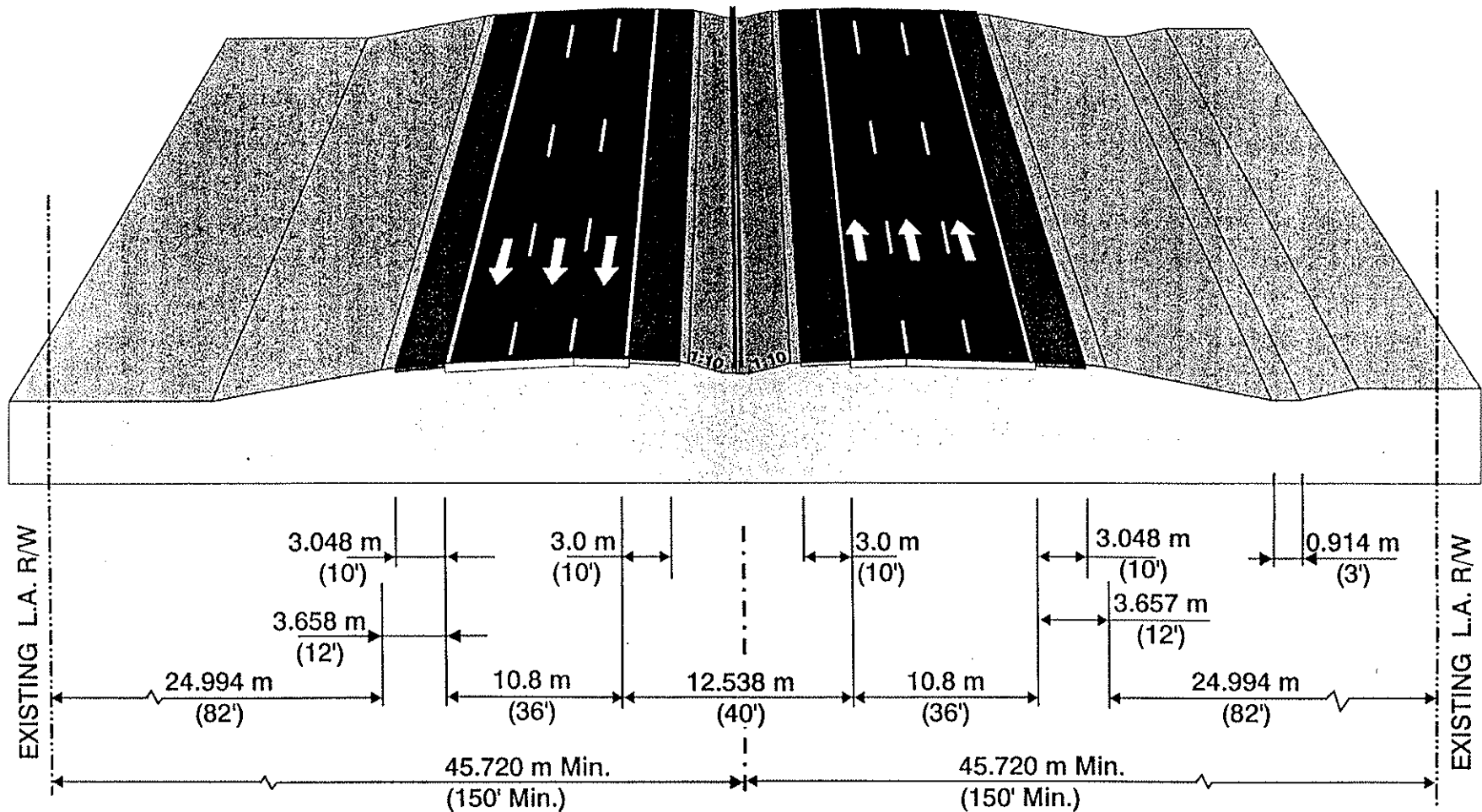
EVALUATION FACTORS	SEGMENT				TOTAL
	A	B	C	D	
BUSINESS IMPACTS					
Number of businesses expected to be relocated	0	0	0	1	1
RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS					
Number of residences expected to be relocated	0	0	0	0	0
RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS					
Number of parcels impacted	2	15	24	26	67
Area of ROW to be acquired in hectares (acres)	0.288 (0.71)	4.309 (10.65)	3.162 (7.81)	11.121 (27.48)	18.880 (46.65)
COMMUNITY FACILITY IMPACTS (Community impacts within ROW)					
Number of churches	0	0	0	0	0
Number of schools	0	0	0	0	0
Number of nursing homes	0	0	0	0	0
Number of hospitals	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cemeteries	0	0	0	0	0
Number of other public services (fire stations, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
NOISE IMPACTS					
Number of noise sensitive sites impacted	0	5	20	4	29
IMPACTS ON CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PARKS					
Number of historic sites/structures within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
Number of public parks within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IMPACTS					
Total wetland impacts area within ROW in hectares (acres)	0.418 (1.03)	0.911 (2.25)	0.116 (0.29)	2.037 (5.03)	3.482 (8.60)
FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY ENCROACHMENT					
Area of base floodplain encroachment in hectares (acres)	0.396 (0.98)	1.339 (3.31)	0.370 (0.91)	0.286 (0.71)	2.391 (5.91)
Area of base floodway encroachment in hectares (acres)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND PETROLEUM POLLUTANT CONTAMINATED SITES					
Number of potential hazardous material sites within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
Number of potential petroleum pollutant contaminated sites within or adjacent to ROW	0	7	0	4	11
ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS (Present value in million \$)					
ROW acquisition cost	\$0.163	\$4.801	\$1.483	\$16.957	\$23.404
Engineering cost	\$0.151	\$0.653	\$0.575	\$0.980	\$2.359
Construction cost	\$1.510	\$6.527	\$5.746	\$9.800	\$23.583
Construction engineering and inspection cost	\$0.151	\$0.653	\$0.575	\$0.980	\$2.359
TOTAL COST	\$1.975	\$12.634	\$8.379	\$28.717	\$51.705

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FIGURE 5

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PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION 3

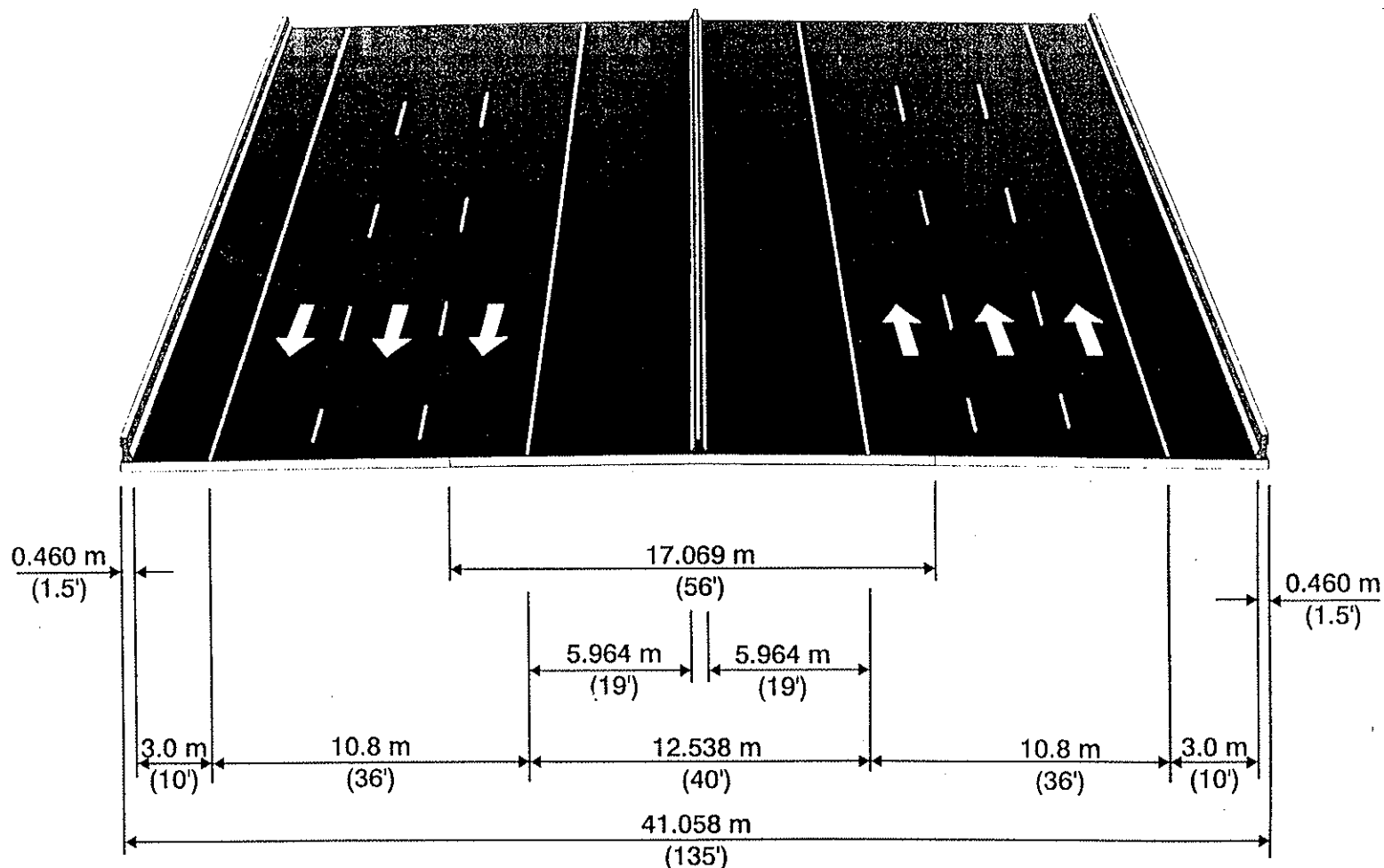


**6 LANE RURAL DIVIDED ROADWAY
(MINIMAL MEDIAN)**

FIGURE 6

I-75 P D & E STUDY

PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION 6



**S.R. 52 & S.R. 54 BRIDGES
(SINGLE SPAN)**

FIGURE 7

**I-75 PD&E STUDY IMPACTS EVALUATION MATRIX
ALTERNATIVE 2**

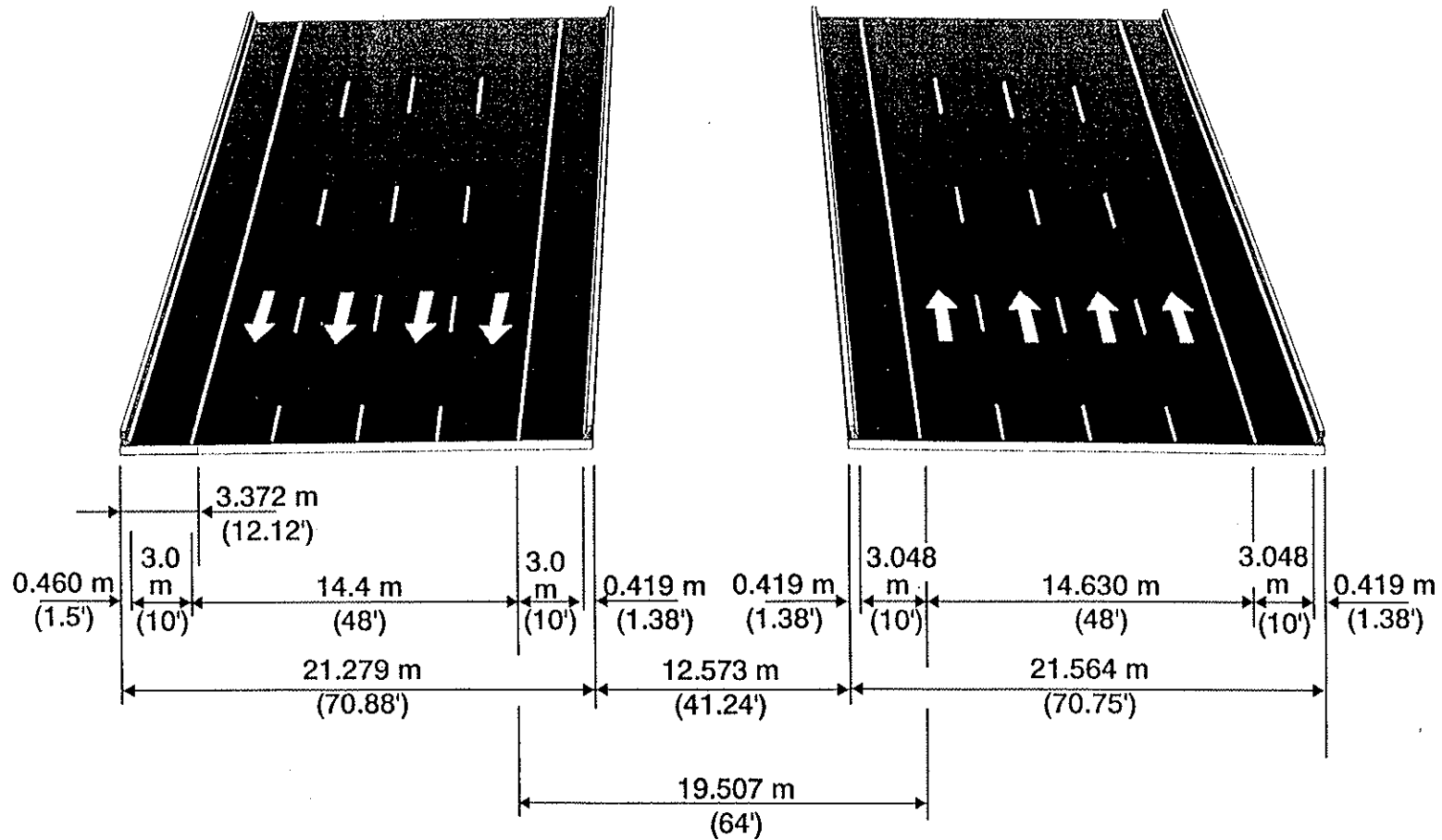
EVALUATION FACTORS	SEGMENT				TOTAL
	A	B	C	D	
BUSINESS IMPACTS					
Number of businesses expected to be relocated	0	0	0	1	1
RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS					
Number of residences expected to be relocated	0	0	0	0	0
RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS					
Number of parcels impacted	2	3	0	15	20
Area of ROW to be acquired in hectares (acres)	0.288 (0.71)	0.427 (1.05)	0 (0)	6.674 (16.49)	7.389 (18.25)
COMMUNITY FACILITY IMPACTS (Community impacts within ROW)					
Number of churches	0	0	0	0	0
Number of schools	0	0	0	0	0
Number of nursing homes	0	0	0	0	0
Number of hospitals	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cemeteries	0	0	0	0	0
Number of other public services (fire stations, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
NOISE IMPACTS					
Number of noise sensitive sites impacted	0	5	20	4	29
IMPACTS ON CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PARKS					
Number of historic sites/structures within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
Number of public parks within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IMPACTS					
Total wetland impacts area within ROW in hectares (acres)	0.418 (1.03)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.880 (2.17)	1.298 (3.20)
FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY ENCROACHMENT					
Area of base floodplain encroachment in hectares (acres)	0.396 (0.98)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.396 (0.98)
Area of base floodway encroachment in hectares (acres)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND PETROLEUM POLLUTANT CONTAMINATED SITES					
Number of potential hazardous material sites within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
Number of potential petroleum pollutant contaminated sites within or adjacent to ROW	0	7	0	4	11
ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS (Present value in million \$)					
ROW acquisition cost	\$0.163	\$0.210	\$0.000	\$14.138	\$14.511
Engineering cost	\$0.151	\$0.594	\$0.494	\$1.024	\$2.263
Construction cost	\$1.510	\$5.944	\$4.942	\$10.244	\$22.640
Construction engineering and inspection cost	\$0.151	\$0.594	\$0.494	\$1.024	\$2.263
TOTAL COST	\$1.975	\$7.342	\$5.930	\$26.430	\$41.677

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FIGURE 8

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PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION 2



**CYPRESS CREEK BRIDGE
(DESIRABLE SEPARATION)**

FIGURE 9

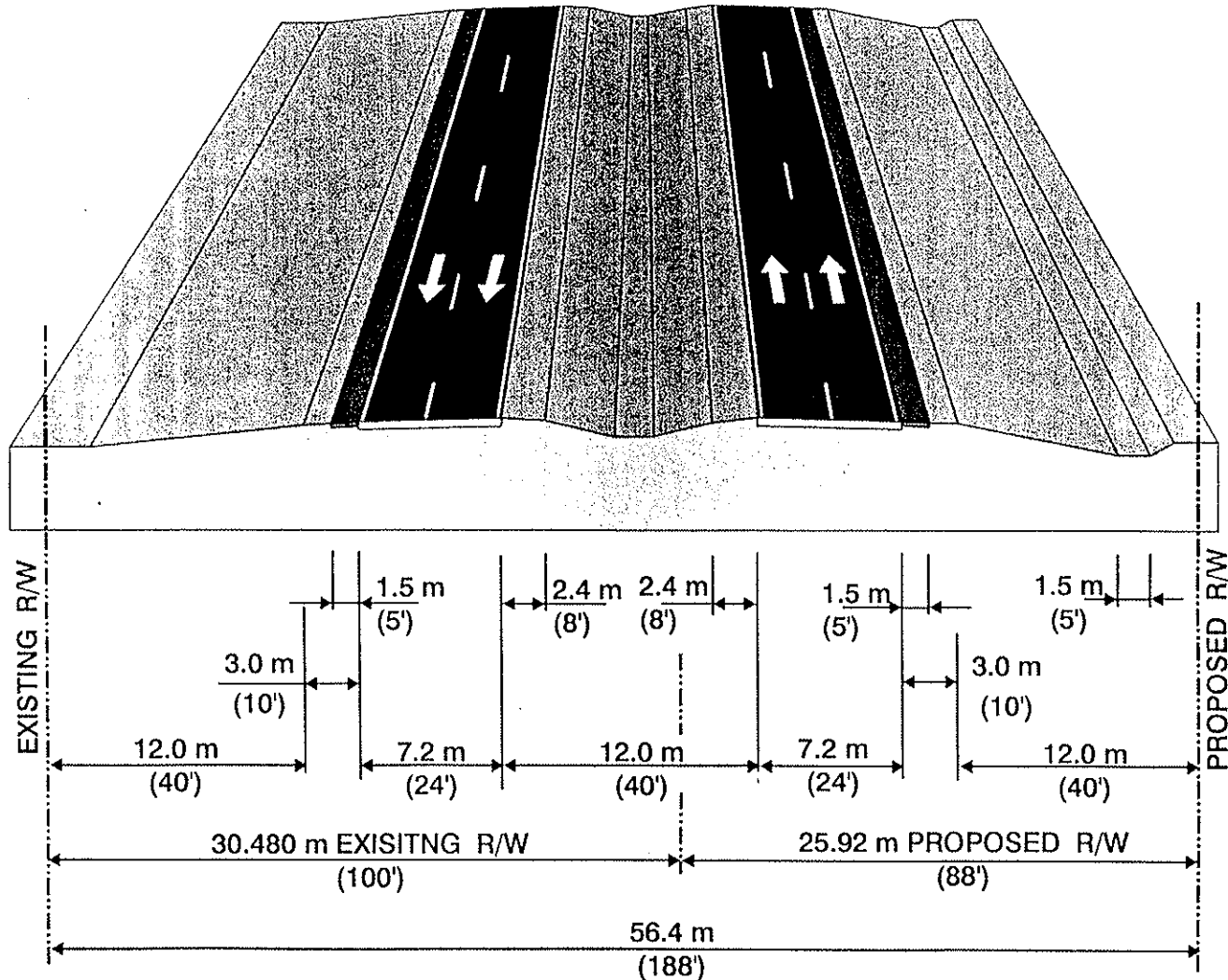
I-75 PD&E STUDY IMPACTS EVALUATION MATRIX

EVALUATION FACTORS	ALTERNATIVE 1	ALTERNATIVE 2
BUSINESS IMPACTS		
Number of businesses expected to be relocated	1	1
RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS		
Number of residences expected to be relocated	0	0
RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS		
Number of parcels impacted	67	20
Area of ROW to be acquired in hectares (acres)	18.880 (46.65)	7.389 (18.25)
COMMUNITY FACILITY IMPACTS (Community impacts within ROW)		
Number of churches	0	0
Number of schools	0	0
Number of nursing homes	0	0
Number of hospitals	0	0
Number of cemeteries	0	0
Number of other public services (fire stations, etc.)	0	0
NOISE IMPACTS		
Number of noise sensitive sites impacted	29	29
IMPACTS ON CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PARKS		
Number of historic sites/structures within or adjacent to ROW	0	0
Number of public parks within or adjacent to ROW	0	0
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IMPACTS		
Total wetland impacts area within ROW in hectares (acres)	3.482 (8.60)	1.298 (3.20)
FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY ENCROACHMENT		
Area of base floodplain encroachment in hectares (acres)	2.391 (5.91)	0.396 (0.98)
Area of base floodway encroachment in hectares (acres)	0 (0)	0 (0)
POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND PETROLEUM POLLUTANT CONTAMINATED SITES		
Number of potential hazardous material sites within or adjacent to ROW	0	0
Number of potential petroleum pollutant contaminated sites within or adjacent to ROW	11	11
ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS (Present value in million \$)		
ROW acquisition cost	\$23.404	\$14.511
Engineering cost	\$2.359	\$2.263
Construction cost	\$23.583	\$22.640
Construction engineering and inspection cost	\$2.359	\$2.263
TOTAL COST	\$51.705	\$41.677

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FIGURE 10

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PROPOSED S.R. 52 THROUGH INTERCHANGE AREA

FIGURE 11

Presented at the workshop tonight are aerial photographs depicting the two roadway alternatives. The aerials show the existing and proposed roadway ROW, proposed edge of pavement, individual parcel property lines, wetland boundaries, and current land uses. Additionally, display boards show the various typical roadway and bridge cross-sections proposed for each alternative, and impacts matrices show a comparison of the impacts associated with each alternative.

PROJECT NEED

The need for improvements along the I-75 project corridor was established based on evaluation of the following:

- The existing and expected future quality of traffic operations along the I-75 study corridor under the “No Build” Alternative,
- Traffic safety statistics for the period between 1991 and 1995,
- Local governments’ Long-Range Transportation Plans identifying need, and
- Social and economic demands.

I-75 serves regional traffic needs along the west coast of Florida, including inter- and intra-state commerce and tourism. Additionally, I-75 provides an important link between rural Pasco County and large employment centers to the south in Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Sarasota Counties. The projected growth in Pasco County and the west coast of Florida necessitates maintenance of an acceptable Level of Service (LOS) in order for economic, regional and community development to continue. (LOS indicates the degree of congestion on the roadways, “A” being best “F” being worst.)

According to the Pasco County Comprehensive Plan and the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organizations Adopted 2015 Cost Affordable Transportation Plan, the existing I-75 corridor is functionally classified as a freeway and as a future six-lane facility from the Hillsborough County line to S.R. 54. The proposed six-lane facility from S.R. 54 through the remainder of Pasco County to the Hernando County line is consistent with the anticipated revisions to the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organizations 2020 Cost Affordable Transportation Plan.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

After this Public Alternatives Workshop, your comments and all of the information gathered will be studied and used to assist in the selection of a Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative will be presented at a Public Hearing for your review and further comment. After the Public Hearing, a recommended alternative will be selected and submitted to the FHWA for approval. Key milestones and meetings are listed below:

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| • | PUBLIC ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP | DECEMBER 3, 1997 |
| • | PUBLIC HEARING | SPRING 1998 |
| • | LOCATION/DESIGN APPROVAL | FALL 1998 |

The FDOT's current Adopted Work Program (FY 1997/98 - 2001/2002) includes preliminary engineering funds for this PD&E Study. However, final design, ROW acquisition, and construction are not funded in the Adopted Work Program.

FEDERAL - STATE PARTNERSHIP IN HIGHWAYS

Through a series of Congressional acts, the Federal-aid Highway Program was conceived and developed as a joint federal-state partnership. The success of this partnership is evident in the thousands of miles of excellent highways and bridges comprising the nation's transportation network. The FDOT, in consultation with the FHWA, and in accordance with federal and state laws, makes final decisions for the location, design, construction and maintenance of Florida's highways.

The FHWA, in accordance with federal law, cooperates with the State of Florida in planning and developing federal-aid transportation improvements. The FHWA reviews and approves all federal-aid actions proposed by FDOT. When present at a Public Workshop, FHWA representatives serve as observers and technical advisors regarding federal requirements and procedures.

TITLE VI AND TITLE VIII COMPLIANCE

This workshop is being held to afford all citizens the right to understand the project and comment on their concerns to the FDOT. The workshop is being held to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended. Public participation at this Public Workshop is encouraged and solicited without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status.

Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to compliance with Title VI and/or Title VIII may do so by contacting the Florida Department of Transportation, District VII, Title VI and VIII Program Office, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612-6403, which is represented here tonight, or the Florida Department of Transportation Minority Program Affairs Office, 3717 Apalachee Parkway, Suite G, Tallahassee, Florida 32311. All inquiries or complaints will be handled according to FDOT procedure and in an expeditious manner.

RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION

ROW acquisition is anticipated as a result of the construction of this project. The FDOT has developed a Right of Way and Relocation Program in accordance with Section 339.09, Florida Statute and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1990 (Public Law 91-646, as amended by Public Law 100-170). The three brochures which describe in detail the FDOT's relocation assistance and ROW acquisition program are: Your Relocation: Residential, Your Relocation: Business, Farm and Non-Profit Organization, and The Real Estate Acquisition Process. These brochures are here this evening as is a representative from our ROW office. Questions on ROW may also be addressed by contacting: Mr. Joe Thompson, District Right of Way Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-900, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612-6403, Phone: 1 (800) 226-7220.

APPENDIX H

Public Workshop Sign-in Sheets and Comments

December 29, 1997

Mr. Kirk Bogen, P.E.
Florida Department of Transportation
District 7
MS 7-500
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612-6403

Subject: State Project No. 14140-1423
Work Program Item No. 7147619
Federal Aid Program No. NH-75-1(91)275
I-75 (S.R. 93) PD&E Study From S. of S.R. 56 To N. of S.R. 52
Pasco County

Dear Mr. Bogen:

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of the sign-in register and written comments received as of December 23, 1997 from the December 3, 1997 Public Alternatives Workshop for the subject study. A summary of both written and verbal public comments follows.

Approximately fifty citizens attended the workshop to review and comment on the two build alternatives and the No-Project Alternative presented. Based on questions and comments received by staff from the attendees, the proposed project was well received and supported.

The majority opinion regarding alternative preference appeared to favor Alternative 2 (median widening). Many questions were asked concerning the new S.R. 56 interchange, the possibility of an interchange at Overpass Road, and the amount of right of way needed for each alternative, while minimal questions and comments regarding natural environmental and physical impacts were received.

Eight written comment forms were received at the workshop and are summarized below. In general, the majority of respondents supported the project need.

Written Comments:

- One comment supported the widening of I-75.

- Three comments supported Alternative 2 which adds the travel lanes in the median.
- One comment supported Alternative 1, which adds the travel lanes in the border, stating a safety concern with a reduced median.
- One comment requested a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the project's effect on quality of life in the area at the next public meeting.
- One comment expressed concern for traffic congestion on I-75 from Bruce B. Downs Boulevard and southward through Tampa.
- One comment inquired about median openings for emergency and law enforcement vehicles with Alternative 2, because of the center guardrail, as well as access for semi-trailers at the Flying J Travel Plaza at the northeast quadrant of the S.R. 52 interchange.
- Other comments mentioned on the eight written comment forms included protecting the wetlands or minimizing impacts, protecting the glide path at Tampa North Aeropark, and constructing a six foot barrier between the north and south lanes.

Verbal Comments

- Several people inquired about the feasibility of constructing an interchange at Overpass Road.
- One attendee who lives in Williams Acres discussed a drainage problem which he experiences regarding overflow from a Pasco County pond just south of his property.
- Many adjacent property owners had questions about the right of way acquisition process.
- Two parties inquired about noise impacts and the likelihood of noise walls at Williams Acres, south of Overpass Road.
- Several attendees who favored Alternative 2 noted that future widening for eight lanes could occur on the outside.
- One person was concerned about the cost of the Workshop relative to the number of staff members and displays present.


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- One attendee stated arrowheads had been found in the northwest quadrant of the Overpass Road grade separation.

If you have any questions regarding this summary, please call me at 877-7275, extension 539.

Sincerely,

POST, BUCKLEY, SCHUH & JERNIGAN, INC.

US for 

Timothy W. Folsom, P.E.
Assistant Project Manager

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Enclosure

cc: Sharon Phillips, PBS&J
Vickie Scott, PBS&J
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Public Workshop
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December 3, 1997
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Paula J. [unclear]	8333 Island Breeze Lane	Temple Terrace	33637
WR [unclear]	2410 Chobee Ct	LAND O'LAKES	34639
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J. Forgive	Tempa Tribune		
Jed Williams	21459 Lake Sherm Dr	DOD FL	34639
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Lozano	811 Ambassadors lp	TPA. FL	33613
C. Mroczkowski	1701 E. Busch Blvd	Tpa FL	33612
Jim McKinney	22573 Newfield Ct.	Land O'Lakes	34639

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The considerations given for said project has taken into ~~many~~ many aspects, and I reserve comment as to the adjustments of the residents in which whose lives will be changed with the coming road adjustment, How will this enhance or worsen our Quality of Life. I want to hear pro's and cons. Please discuss this at your next meeting the Spring meeting

Patricia Washington

Mildred Colbert

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Patricia Washington

Name

29343 Levi Loop

Address

SAN ANTONIO Florida 33576

City, State, Zip Code



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ALT #2 seems to be a more plausible
idea; lets protect the wet-land or minimize their
impact, protect the good glide path to the airport
and construct a 6' Barrier between the N+5
lanes.

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TERRY HENRY
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2410 CHOBEE CT
Address
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City, State, Zip Code

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I have two concerns. In Alternative two where would they locate turn around points so Emergency & Law Enforcement vehicles could access both sides of the Highway. My second concern shown on these drawings is access to the parking lot at the Flying J truck stop for semi-trailers.

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CAPT. Tom HENNESSY

Name

PASCO County Sheriff's Office, 8700 Citizens Pk

Address

NEWPORT Richey, FL 34654

City, State, Zip Code



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I FAVOR THE OPTION 2 WITH LESS MEDIAN AND
ADDITIONAL BARRIER I FEEL THE BARRIER IS SAFER
AND THE RIGHT OF WAY COST LESS.

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ADRIAN R. SNOW
Name
23718 LAKEHILLS DR
Address
LUTZ, FL 33549
City, State, Zip Code

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ALTERNATIVE 2 Segment "C"

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CLIFFORD S BLAKE
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Address
Zephyrhills Fl. 33544
City, State, Zip Code

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It is better to widen I 75

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E. LOZANO

Name 811 Ambassador Cp.

Address Tampa, Fl. 33613
City, State, Zip Code

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From Bruce B Downs Ramp South thru
Tampa on I 75 is bumper to
bumper now at 730 Am. What
will it be in 5 yrs. 10 yrs ago
it was vacant but not now! And
there are high rises being built along
75 that will soon add to the
congestion. This needs to be addressed
now.

Sarasota has 8 lanes we have 4?
75 will become a parking lot in
5 yrs. Each yr I ~~to~~ ~~add~~ more time
to my travel time to ~~to~~ arrive on time.
Part II - Request to be on Mailing List Next I'll have to move.

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Jeannie S. James
Name
7110 BIG MOSS LK AVE
Address
Lutz FL 33549
City, State, Zip Code



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If approximately 12' is all that the right-of-way will be expected to widen the outside lane then I would agree with that, rather than the inside lane. I would rather see a wide median than a wall that could have a potential for accidents.

Don J. Walsh
2930 Elkant Lane
Zipper Hills, FL
33544

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Please note that any relocation of I-75 towards the airport will affect our landing threshold, which in turn affects the runway length. (See attached)

If there are any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please call.

*Thank you
Charles W. Brammer*

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Charles W. Brammer, General Manager
TAMPA NORTH AERO PARK

Name

4241 BIRDSONG BLVD.

Address

LUTZ, FL 33549

City, State, Zip Code

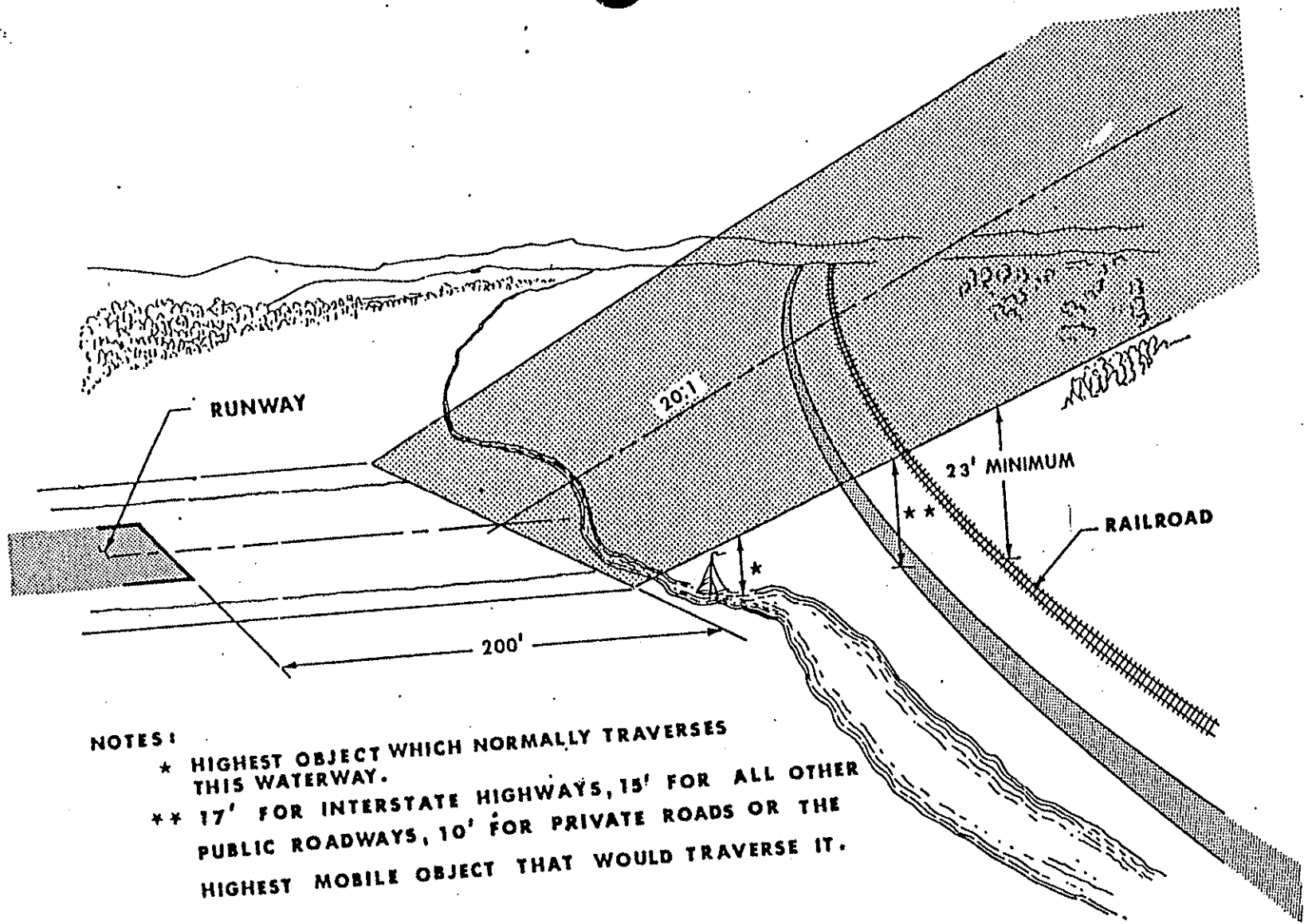


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NOTES:

- * HIGHEST OBJECT WHICH NORMALLY TRAVERSES THIS WATERWAY.
- ** 17' FOR INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, 15' FOR ALL OTHER PUBLIC ROADWAYS, 10' FOR PRIVATE ROADS OR THE HIGHEST MOBILE OBJECT THAT WOULD TRAVERSE IT.

FIGURE 5-2. CLEARANCE OVER TRAVERSE WAYS

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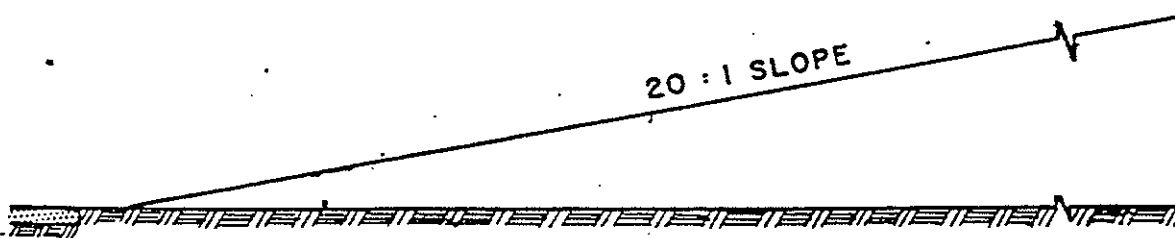
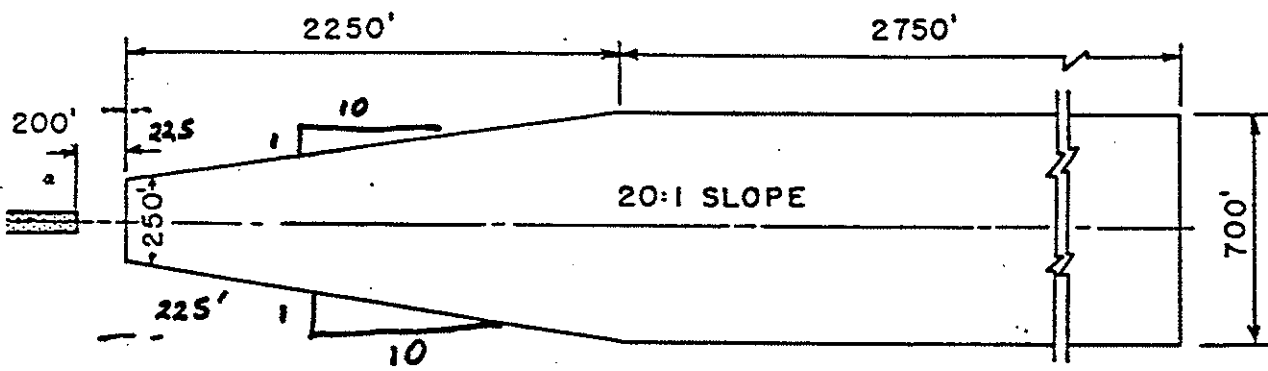
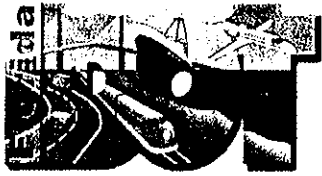


FIGURE 5-1. OBSTACLE REMOVAL

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Public Hearing Sign-in Sheets

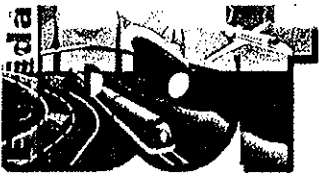


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PETER GABRIEL	8843 MCKENDREE	W.C. FL	33544
ADAM R. KOFELD	SR-52 : I-75 (PRIME RETAIL)	FALM. MD	
JAMES SASSO	1803 TANGLED VINE DR	WESLEY CHAPEL	33543
Genev Watson	7908 West Dr.	Wesley Chapel	33544
John Frost	27643 SR 54 WEST WEST	Wesley Chapel	33543
Alan Sorsby	14016 Middleton Lane	Tampa	33618
Michael A Spina	6738 Quail Hollow Blvd.	Wesley Chapel	33543
Mark Spink	P.O. Box 364, 1	TAMPA	33601
CHARLES ANCHULETA	30835 ELOIAN DR	WESLEY CHAPEL	33544-3921
Richard Klein	8747 McKendree Rd	Wesley Chapel	33544



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Charlotte Kiefer	10834 West Rd San Antonio	San Antonio	33576
Madeyn McCulland	8933 McKendree Rd	Zephyrhills Fla.	33544
Tony Arranaga	7524 Oak Hill Dr.	NVH	34202
KEN LITTLEFIELD	DADE CITY		
Shirley Mobley	8947 McKendree Rd		
Roddy + Helen M. Malek	6816 Old Pasco Rd. W.E.	Wesley Chapel	33544
Ann Lisa Jones	7735 Dowel Dr	" "	33544
Ray Vignault	7616 BHAIR Dr	" "	33544
Elaine Allhouse	3616 Lofbridge Blvd.	" "	33543

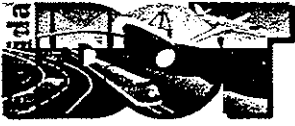


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Unclear Tung h	1546 Clearglades	Wesley Chapel	33543
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Nancy Silverwood	1907 TUPELO Lane	Wesley Chapel	33543
LINDA McGLATHLIN	28434 MEADOWSUSH WAY	"	33543
Fred/Denny Tedlow	27734 Lincoln Pl.	"	33544
Judy Spada	29851 Elcom Rd	Wesley Chapel	33544
Joanne Park	7656 Tallentree Dr.	Wesley Chapel	33544
Cindy Mroczkowski	1701 E. Busch Blvd Tampa ³³⁶¹²		
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Lisa Gonzalez	16402 Palm Landing way	Tampa	33647

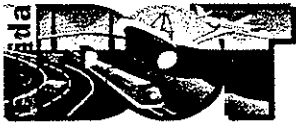


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Lee Folsom	Comm Awareness
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Rick Adair	EMO
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Ming Gao	EMO
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John Jenkins	Design
Jay Lukic	FDOT - CCEI
Marian Person	PIO
Kris Carson	PIO
Mary Arend	FDOT
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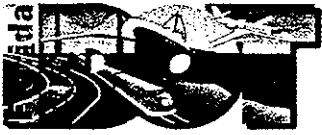


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John Kilkenny	FDOT - Brooksville Maintenance
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Lynn Isaak	Construction
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Diane Guigley	PBS&J
Becki Sharp	PBS+J
Daniel Doebler	PBS+J
Tom Davidowicz	"
Steve Gordillo	"
WENDY LASHER	PBS+J
Bob Finck	PBS&J
Sharon Phillips	PBSEJ
Pam Sherman	PBSEJ
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the I-75 (SR 93) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The Hearing will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2000 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Thomas E. Weightman Middle School Gymnasium, 30649 Wells Road in Wesley Chapel, Florida.

The Study limits for I-75 are from south of SR 56 to north of SR 52 in Pasco County, Florida, a distance of approximately 11.9 miles (19.15 kilometers). The Study considers widening the existing four-lane facility to a six-lane facility.

This Public Hearing is being held to inform interested parties of the status of the ongoing PD&E Study and to present the preferred alternative for the proposed widening. The Hearing will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. This project may involve encroachments on wetlands and floodplains which require special considerations under Executive Order 11990 and 11988, respectively.

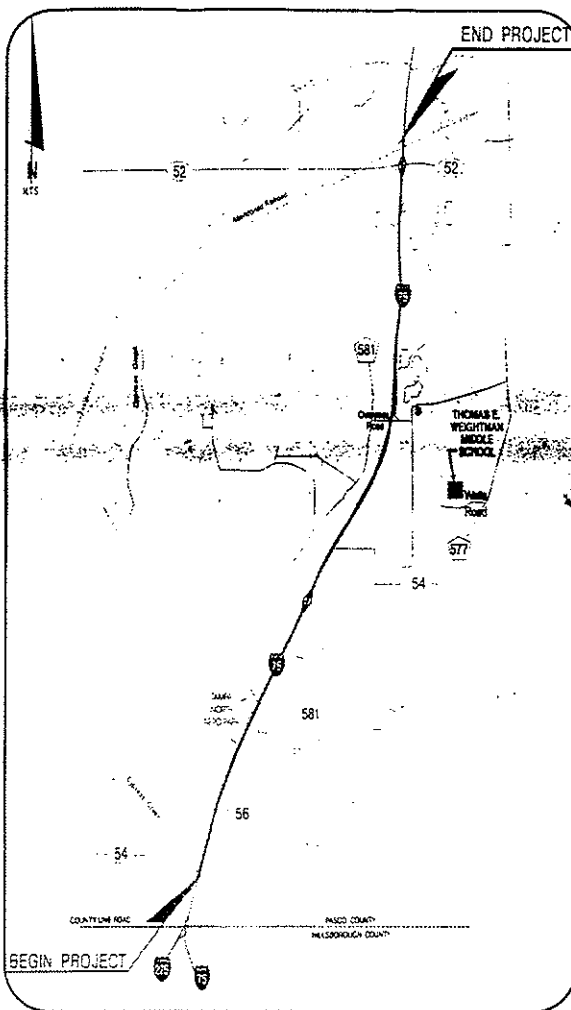
Beginning July 6, 2000 through August 7, 2000, the Study document and its supporting reports will be available for public review at the FDOT District Seven Headquarters during normal business hours at the address listed below, and at the New River Branch Library, Reference Desk, 34043 SR 54, Zephyrhills from: 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. These materials will also be available for review at the Hearing site between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Representatives from the Department will be available at this time to answer questions and receive comments. There will be a project video that will be shown continuously throughout the informal portion of the Hearing. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., a formal presentation will be given by the Department on the proposed project and its associated impacts. Time for public testimony will follow the presentation.

Persons who wish to submit written statements in lieu of, or in addition to, oral statements may do so at the Hearing, or they can mail them to the following address: Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary, Attn: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E., District EMO Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456. All comments must be postmarked by August 7, 2000 to become part of the Official Public Hearing Record. Public participation is solicited

without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap or family status.

Persons who may require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Ginger Regalado, Community Involvement Specialist, by calling (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6000 or by written correspondence to the address listed above. Special accommodation requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act should be made at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Hearing.

Questions concerning this project should be directed to Ming Gao, P.E., Project Manager, at the above referenced telephone number and address.



This Hearing is being held pursuant to the Federal Highway Act, 23 U.S.C. 1010 et. seq., 128.315; Section 2(a); 2(b), and 9(e)(1) of the Department of Transportation Act; 49 CFR Section 1.4(c); 23 CFR Section 1.32; Chapter 339.155 of the Florida Statutes; 23 CFR 771; and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

THE TAMPA TRIBUNE
Published Daily
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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared J. Rosenthal, who on oath says that she is Classified Billing Manager of The Tampa Tribune, a daily newspaper published at Tampa in Hillsborough County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement being a

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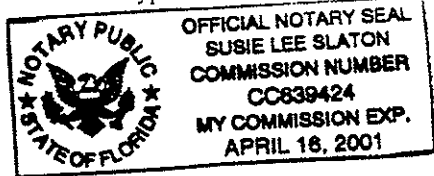
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Affiant further says that the said The Tampa Tribune is a newspaper published at Tampa in said Hillsborough County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Hillsborough County, Florida, each day and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Tampa, in said Hillsborough County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

J. Rosenthal

Sworn to and subscribed by me, this 12 day
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The **Department of Education** announces the Occupational Access and Opportunity Commission will be meeting on:

DATE AND TIME: July 20, 2000, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Doubletree Hotel, 101 South Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: To redesign the Florida Vocational Rehabilitation system.

The OAOC may meet on July 21, 2000. If the Commission meets and you would like to know the place and time, please contact Susan Mason, (850)487-3431, Ext. 121.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons in need of special accommodations to participate in these meetings should contact Susan Mason no later than three days prior to meeting, at 2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Building A, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0696 or (850)487-3431, Ext. 121 or toll free at 1(800)451-4327.

The meeting agenda will be available in alternative formats upon request. Should you not be able to attend, but would like a copy of the minutes, please contact Susan Mason, (850)487-3431, Ext. 121 or toll free at 1(800)451-4327.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida **Department of Transportation**, District 7 announces a Public Hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, July 27, 2000, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (with formal presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

PLACE: Thomas E. Weightman Middle School Gymnasium, 30649 Wells Road, Wesley Chapel, FL

PURPOSE: The Hearing is being held to afford interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic, and environmental effects of Work Program Item Segment Number: 258736 1; FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275; the Project Development and Environment (PD & E) Study for I-75 (SR 93) from SR 56 to SR 52 in Pasco County, Florida.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612-6456.

FLORIDA PAROLE COMMISSION

The **Florida Parole Commission** announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 26, 2000, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Florida Parole Commission, 2601 Blairstone Road, Bldg. C, Third Floor, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: Regularly Scheduled Meeting for all Parole, Conditional Release, Conditional Medical Release and Control Release Matters.

Any person who decides to appeal a decision of the Florida Parole Commission with respect to a matter considered at this meeting may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. Chapter 80-150, Laws of Florida (1980).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: Florida Parole Commission, 2601 Blairstone Road, Building C, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2450.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the agency sending the notice not later than two working days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice, Telephone (850)488-3417.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida **Public Service Commission** announces an Emergency Oral Argument to be held in the following docket, to which all parties and interested persons are invited.

Docket No. 000262-TP – Petition by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Section 252(b) arbitration of a resale agreement with NOW Communications, Inc.

DATE AND TIME: July 14, 2000, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room 148, The Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: The purpose of this emergency oral argument is to provide parties the opportunity to argue the appropriate wording of Issues 7 and 10 raised by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. in its Petition for Arbitration.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this oral argument because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting, (850)413-6770, at least 48 hours prior to the oral argument. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1(800)955-8771 (TDD).

The Florida **Public Service Commission** announces a scheduling conference to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

Docket No. 991377-TL – Initiation of show cause proceedings against Sprint-Florida, Incorporated for violation of service standards.

DATE AND TIME: July 21, 2000, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: To establish new guidelines for the resolution of this matter.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this schedule conference because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting, (850)413-6770, at least 48

APPENDIX K

Public Hearing Notices



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SECRETARY

July 6, 2000

RE: WPI Seg. No. 258736 1 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
I-75 (SR 93) from SR 56 to SR 52 / Pasco County / Public Hearing

Dear Property Owner:

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In compliance with Chapter 339.155, Florida Statutes, property owners whose property lies, in whole or in part, within 300 feet (91.4 meters) of either side of the center line of any of the alternatives under study **(EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED)** are being notified of this Hearing. Current county property tax records indicate that you are the recorded owner of a property located within 450 feet (137.2 meters) of at least one of the project alternatives. To better serve the public, we have expanded our coverage by an additional 150 feet (45.7 meters).

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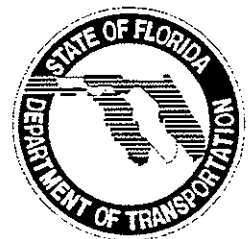
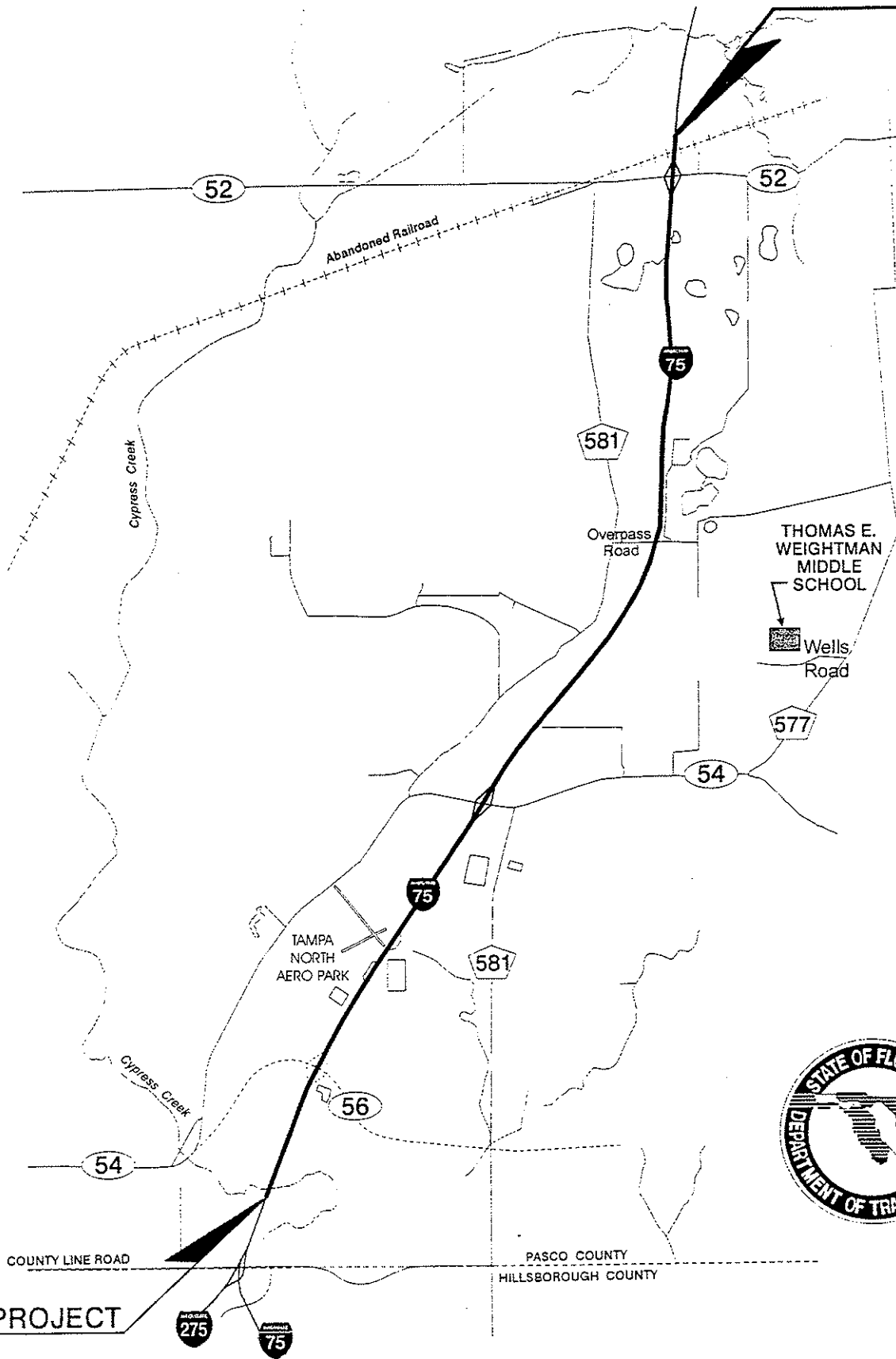
Sincerely,



Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer

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June 30, 2000

Mr. Pat Kiesylis, Chairman
Suncoast Sierra Club
475 Central Avenue
Suite M-1
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

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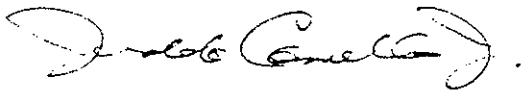
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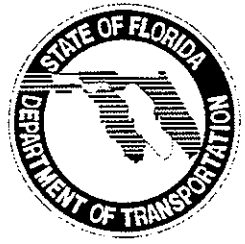
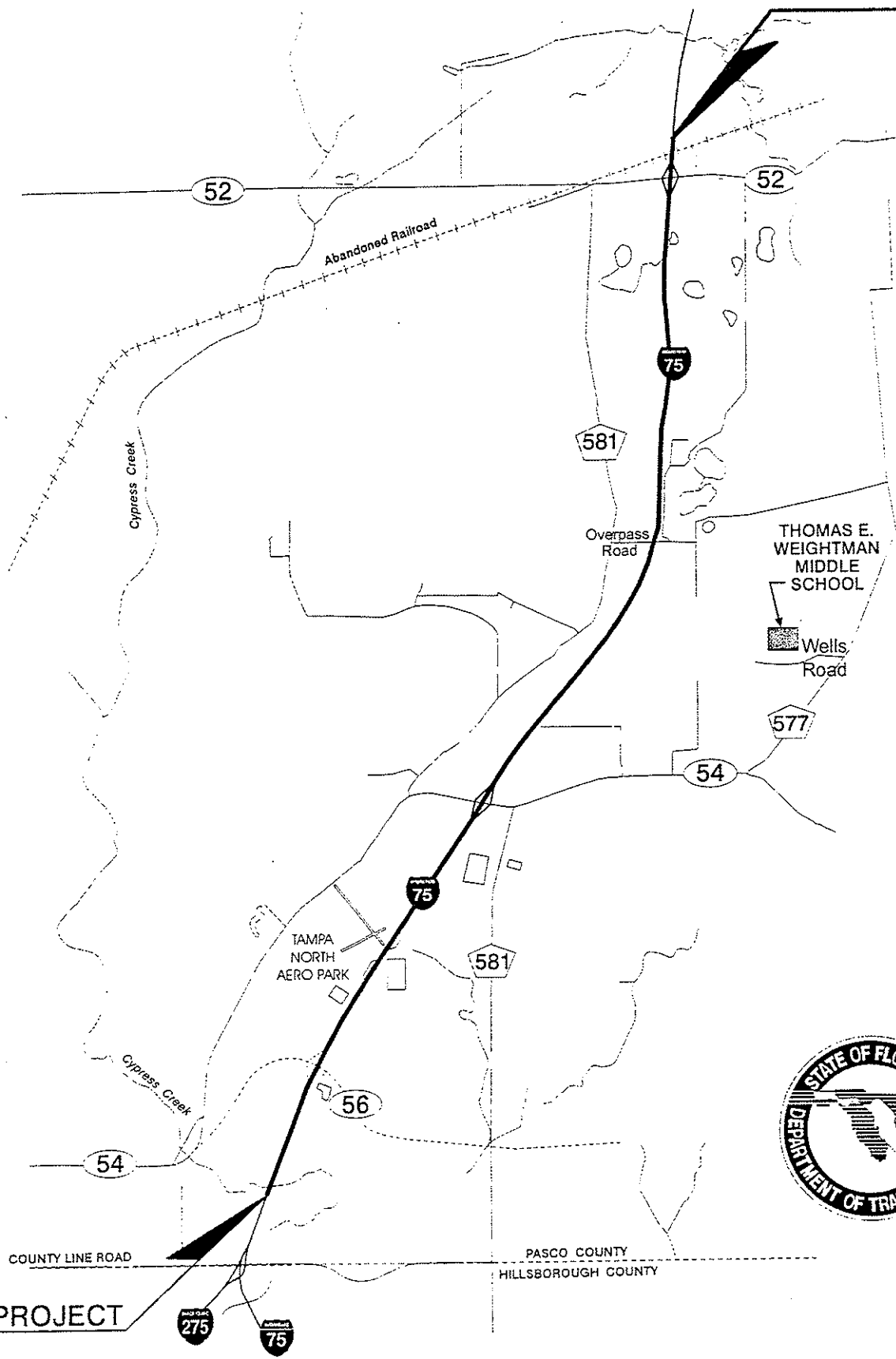
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June 30, 2000

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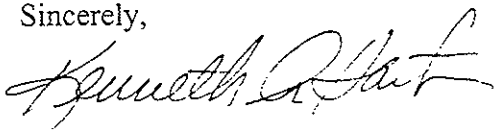
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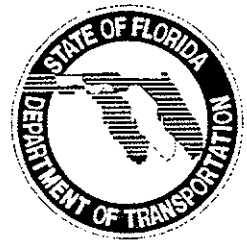
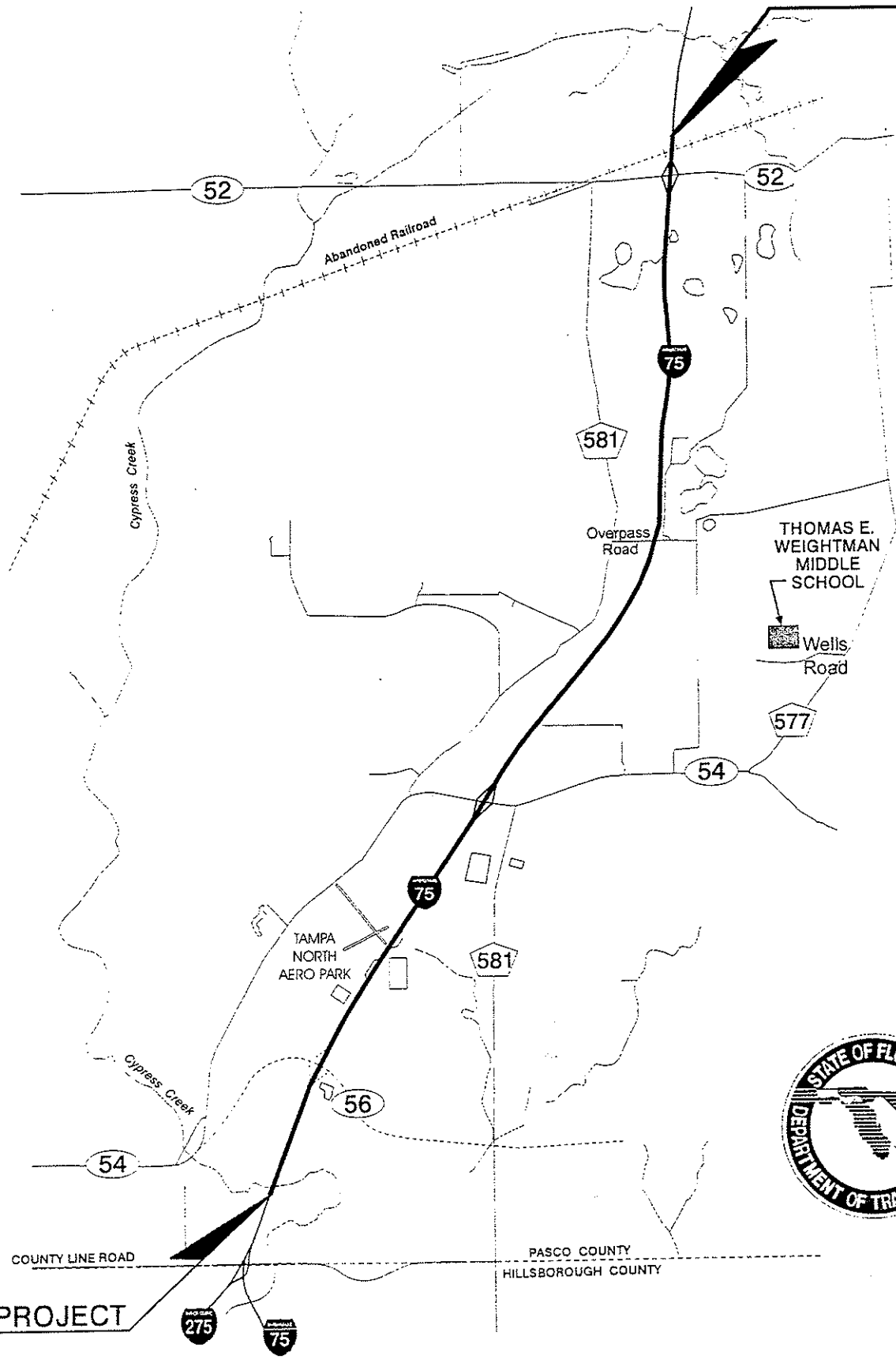
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District Seven Secretary

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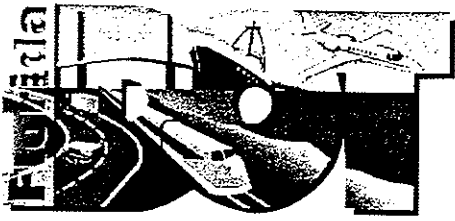
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Pasco County, Florida

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APPENDIX L
Public Hearing Handout



I-75 (SR 93) PUBLIC HEARING
From South of SR 56 to North of SR 52
Pasco County, Florida
WPE Segment No: 258736 1 FAP No: NH-75-1(91)275
July 27, 2000

Welcome to the Public Hearing for Interstate 75 (SR 93) in Pasco County. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting this Hearing to offer you the opportunity to obtain information and to comment on the proposed improvements to the I-75 corridor. The focus of this evening's meeting is to present the "Build" Alternative that is based upon the environmental and engineering analyses performed to date along with the "No-Build" Alternative.

The schedule for tonight's Hearing is as follows:

INFORMAL HEARING: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Representatives from the Department will be available to discuss the project, answer questions, and receive comments. Conceptual plans, reports, a continuously played informational video, and supporting materials will be available for review. A court reporter is available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting.

FORMAL HEARING: 6:00 p.m.

The Department will make a presentation regarding the project and its associated effects. An opportunity to provide formal public testimony will follow the presentation. If you would like to provide public comment during this time, please fill out one of the speaker cards available at the sign-in desk.

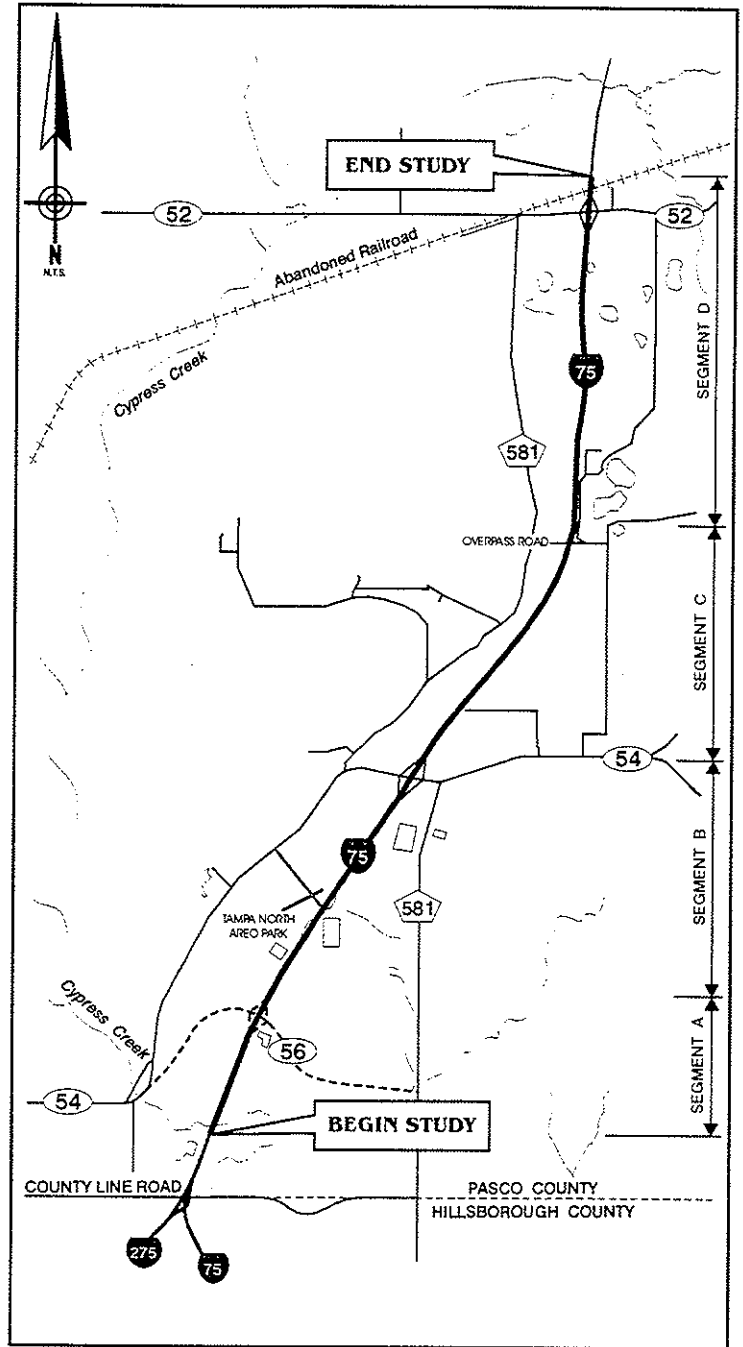
Following the formal portion of the Hearing, the informal portion will resume and continue until 7:30 p.m. All comments received, verbal or written, will be considered equally and documented in the Official Public Hearing Record.

STUDY OBJECTIVES and PROJECT HISTORY

The I-75 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study evaluates and documents engineering and environmental issues associated with the proposed improvements from south of SR 56, which is under construction, to north of SR 52 in Pasco County, a distance of 11.9 miles (see Project Location Map). A "Build" Alternative is being recommended based upon that evaluation and is presented at tonight's Public Hearing.

The I-75 PD&E Study began in the Fall of 1996. An Alternatives Public Workshop was held on December 3, 1997 at the Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex. As a result of input received at the Workshop, one "Build" Alternative has been developed for the mainline and the reconfiguration of the SR 52 interchange. The "Build" Alternative widens the interstate mainline from four to six lanes. The widening occurs to the outside and within the existing right-of-way except at the interchanges. The proposed "Loop" ramp at the SR 52 interchange increases vehicle capacity for the westbound to southbound traffic movement. Because access points to the interstate are proposed to be changed, an Interchange Modification Report or IMR is being undertaken to assess the effects of this interchange configuration on I-75.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

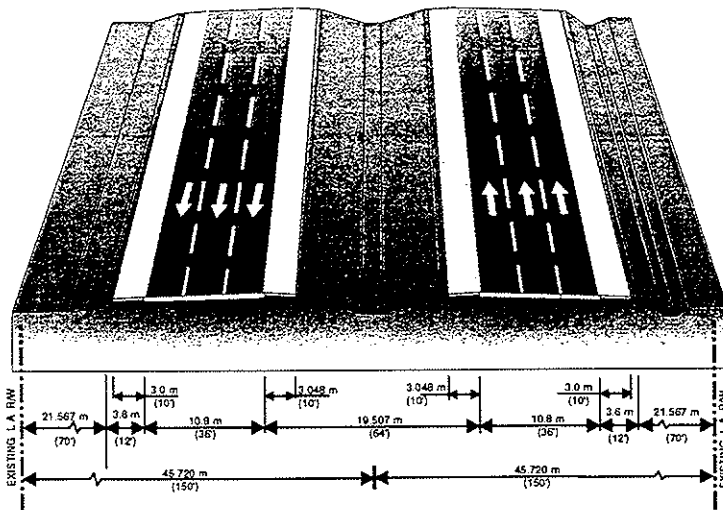
For the analyses associated with this Study, the I-75 project corridor was divided into the following segments:

- SEGMENT A: south of Cypress Creek to north of the SR 56 interchange
- SEGMENT B: north of the SR 56 interchange to north of the SR 54 interchange
- SEGMENT C: north of the SR 54 interchange to north of Overpass Road
- SEGMENT D: north of Overpass Road to north of the SR 52 interchange

Five "Build" Alternatives and a "No Build" Alternative have been considered to date for this portion of I-75. Based upon public and review agency comments, and environmental and engineering analyses, one "Build" Alternative is being presented at this Hearing along with the "No Build" Alternative.

The mainline typical section for the "Build" Alternative consists of a 12 ft. inside shoulder of which 10 ft. is paved, three 12 ft. travel lanes, and a 12 ft. outside shoulder of which 10 ft. is paved in each direction, separated by a 64 ft. depressed median. A border width of 70 ft. is proposed in order to minimize Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition.

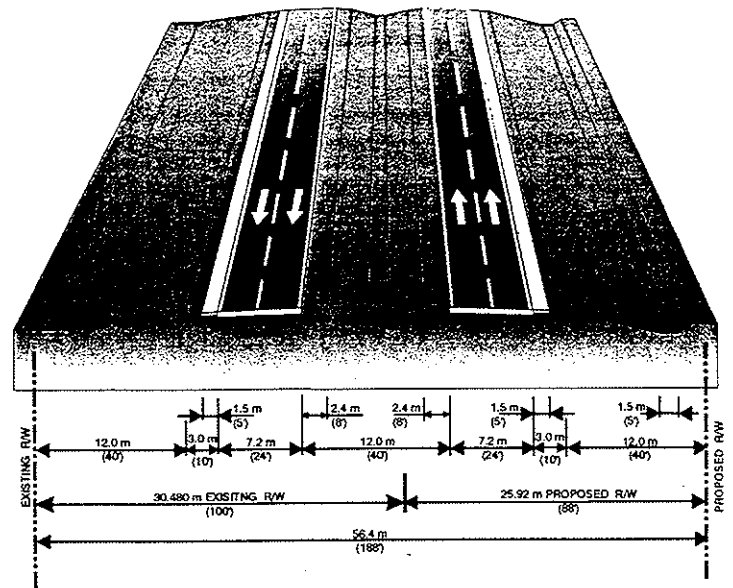
PROPOSED I-75 TYPICAL SECTION



DESIGN SPEED: 110 km/hr (70 mph)

The interchange at SR 52 will also be reconfigured to provide a loop ramp in the northwest quadrant for the westbound SR 52 to southbound I-75 traffic movement. The loop ramp would ensure that the interchange could accommodate the projected traffic volumes in this area, while maintaining an acceptable level of service. The typical section for SR 52 in the area of the interchange features 8 ft. inside shoulders, two 12 ft. travel lanes, and 10 ft. outside shoulders (of which 5 ft. is paved) in each direction, separated by a 40 ft. depressed median. There are open drainage ditches on both sides of the road.

PROPOSED SR 52 TYPICAL SECTION



DESIGN SPEED: 90 km/hr (55 mph)

There are advantages and disadvantages to the "Build" Alternative. Advantages include:

- *Less traffic congestion;*
- *Improved levels of service on the roadway network; and*
- *Consistency with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).*

Disadvantages include:

- *Design, ROW, and construction costs;*
- *Relocations and acquisition of ROW;*
- *Temporary disruption to traffic during construction activities; and*
- *Environmental effects, although minimal.*

The "No Build" Alternative, which consists of not constructing the project and limiting improvements to routine maintenance, is considered a viable alternative and will remain so throughout the duration of this Study.

Advantages associated with the "No Build" Alternative include:

- *No ROW relocations or acquisitions;*
- *No temporary disruption to traffic due to construction activities; and*
- *No new construction costs.*

Disadvantages include:

- *Increased traffic congestion resulting in increased road user costs;*
- *Unacceptable levels of service on the existing roadway network;*
- *Deterioration of air quality caused by traffic congestion and delays;*
- *Not consistent with the LRTP.*

The major parameters upon which the "Build" Alternative is evaluated are summarized in the Evaluation Matrix on the back of this brochure.

WE INVITE YOUR COMMENTS

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FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP IN HIGHWAYS

Through a series of Congressional acts, the Federal-aid Highway Program was conceived and developed as a joint federal-state partnership.

The success of this partnership is evident in the thousands of miles of highway and bridges comprising the nation's transportation network. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in consultation with the FDOT, and in accordance with federal laws, makes final decisions for the location, design, and construction of federal-aid actions programmed by the FDOT.

The FHWA, in accordance with federal law, cooperates with the State of Florida in planning and developing federal-aid transportation improvements. When present at a Public Hearing, FHWA representatives serve as observers and technical advisors regarding federal requirements and procedures.

TITLE VI and TITLE VIII COMPLIANCE

This Hearing is being held to afford all citizens the right to understand the project and express any concerns about the project to the Department. This Hearing is being held to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended. Public participation at this Hearing is encouraged and solicited without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or family status.

Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to compliance with Title VI and/or Title VIII may do so by contacting District Seven Title VI and VIII Program Officer, Attn: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E., Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Drive / MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456, or the Florida Department of Transportation Minority Programs Office, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 65, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399. All inquiries or complaints will be handled according to Department procedures and in an expeditious manner.

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION and RELOCATION

The FDOT has developed a Right-of-Way and Relocation Program in accordance with Section 339.09, Florida Statutes, and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1990 (Public Laws 91646, as amended by Public Law 100170).

The three brochures which describe in detail the FDOT's relocation assistance and ROW acquisition program are:

- *The Real Estate Acquisition Process;*
- *Your Relocation: Residential; and*
- *Your Relocation: Business, Farm, and Non-Profit Organization.*

These brochures are available this evening as is a representative from our ROW office. ROW questions may be also addressed by contacting: Joe Thompson, District Right-of-Way Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Drive / MS 7-900, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456, Phone: (813) 975-6495 or (800) 226-7220.

FDOT WORK PROGRAM

The PD&E Study is expected to be completed later this year. Design, ROW, and Construction are not currently funded in the Department's Five Year Adopted Work Program for Fiscal Years 2000/2001-2004/2005.

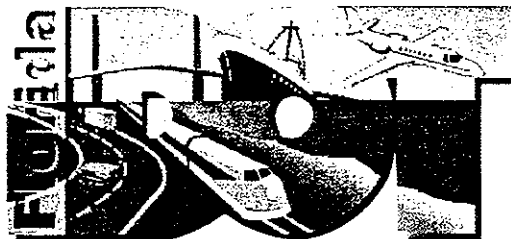
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

You will have the opportunity to present your views concerning the proposed improvements during this Hearing and for 10 days afterward. Comments must be postmarked by Monday, August 7, 2000 to be included in the Official Public Hearing Record for this project. Comments may be mailed to the following address:

Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E.
District Seven Secretary
Attn: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District Environmental Management Engineer
Florida Department of Transportation
11201 N. McKinley Drive / MS 7-500
Tampa, Florida 33612-6456

Based upon the comments received during the Public Hearing process, and continued coordination with governmental agencies, the Department will recommend an alternative to the FHWA for its approval. All individuals on the Public Hearing mailing list will be notified by letter of the alternative approved by the FHWA.

The Department thanks you for participating at tonight's Public Hearing.



Build Alternative Evaluation Matrix

EVALUATION FACTORS	SEGMENT				TOTAL
	A	B	C	D	
BUSINESS RELOCATIONS					
Number of businesses expected to be relocated	0	0	0	4	4
RESIDENTIAL RELOCATIONS					
Number of residences expected to be relocated	0	0	0	1	1
RIGHT-OF-WAY INVOLVEMENT					
Number of parcels affected	2	13	24	26	65
Area of ROW to be acquired in hectares (acres)	0.288 (0.71)	4.309 (10.65)	3.162 (7.81)	10.82 (26.74)	18.579 (45.91)
COMMUNITY FACILITY EFFECTS (within proposed ROW)					
Number of churches affected	0	0	0	0	0
Number of schools affected	0	0	0	0	0
Number of nursing homes affected	0	0	0	0	0
Number of hospitals affected	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cemeteries affected	0	0	0	0	0
Number of other public services (fire stations, etc.) affected	0	0	0	0	0
NOISE EFFECTS					
Number of noise sensitive sites affected*	0	3	17	12	32
CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PARKS INVOLVEMENT					
Number of historic sites/structures within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
Number of public parks within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INVOLVEMENT					
Total wetland involvement area in hectares (acres)	0.142 (0.35)	0.271 (0.67)	0 (0)	0.874 (2.16)	1.287 (3.18)
FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY ENCROACHMENT					
Area of base floodplain encroachment in hectares (acres)	0.396 (0.98)	1.339 (3.31)	0.370 (0.91)	0.286 (0.71)	2.391 (5.91)
Area of base floodway encroachment in hectares (acres)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND PETROLEUM POLLUTANT CONTAMINATED SITES (within or adjacent to ROW)					
Number of potential hazardous material sites within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0
Number of potential petroleum pollutant contaminated sites within or adjacent to ROW	0	7	0	4	11
ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS (Present value in million \$)					
ROW acquisition cost	\$0.184	\$3.387	\$1.483	\$30.492	\$35.546
Engineering cost 15%	\$0.180	\$0.744	\$0.639	\$1.716	\$3.279
Construction cost	\$1.202	\$4.961	\$4.259	\$11.439	\$21.861
Construction engineering and inspection cost 15%	\$0.180	\$0.744	\$0.639	\$1.716	\$3.279
TOTAL COST	\$1.746	\$9.836	\$7.020	\$45.363	\$63.965

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

W.P.I. NUMBER: 2587361
F.A.P. NUMBER: NH-75-1(91) 275

I-75 (S.R. 93) PD&E STUDY PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Thursday, July 27, 2000
TIME: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Thomas E. Weightman
Middle School Gymnasium
30649 Wells Road
Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544
REPORTED BY: MS. CANDACE M. SALMINEN
NOTARY PUBLIC

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ORAL STATEMENTS

1
2 MR. SASSO: Oh, I'm not used to
3 talking to these things. I'm sorry.

4 My concern is the effect this will
5 have on the State Road 54 exit from
6 I-75. Although it's been identified
7 that we're going to have less traffic
8 coming on State Road 54 by rerouting it
9 to I-75, the effect of the exit ramp
10 will be increased as far as volume
11 goes.

12 We currently have backups on that
13 exit ramp, as well as cross traffic.
14 And by increasing the traffic flow from
15 State Road 75 (sic), it will cause more
16 backups.

17 Currently, there is one lane going
18 each way underneath the bridge on State
19 Road 55 (sic) that goes -- going from
20 east to west, it goes from two lanes to
21 one lane right underneath the bridge,
22 which will cause additional congestion.

23 And going from west to east, it
24 goes from one lane to two lanes, which
25 they have alleviated some of the

1 problem there.

2 And with the anticipated increase
3 of approximately 10,000 families within
4 the next four to five years in Pasco
5 County, I think this is something
6 that's going to have to be addressed
7 because a lot of that development is
8 going to take place on State Road 54
9 between I-75 and 54 and I-75 and 56.
10 And the only alternative there will be
11 more traffic going there.

12 And I guess I'd like to know if I
13 can get a response to this.

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JAMES SASSO

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WESLEY CHAPEL, FLORIDA 33543

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FORMAL PRESENTATION

1
2 MR. COMELLAS: Ladies and
3 gentlemen, good evening. Welcome to
4 the public hearing concerning the
5 proposed improvements to I-75 (State
6 Road 93). This Project Development and
7 Environment (PD&E) study is being
8 conducted by the Florida Department of
9 Transportation in cooperation with the
10 Federal Highway Administration.

11 My name is Jerry Comellas, and I'm
12 the district departmental management
13 engineer for District 7, which
14 encompasses five counties, including
15 Pasco County.

16 Today is Thursday, July 27th,
17 2000. And it is approximately 6 p.m.

18 There are four parts to our
19 presentation this evening. I will
20 first describe the laws under which we
21 are conducting this public hearing. I
22 will then introduce department staff
23 who can answer questions during the
24 informal portion of the hearing. I
25 will then describe the study's proposed

1 improvements. And finally, I will
2 discuss the ways in which you can
3 comment prior to taking your public
4 comments.

5 This public hearing is being
6 conducted by the Department in
7 accordance with all applicable federal,
8 state, and local requirements,
9 including Title VI and Title VIII of
10 the Civil Rights Act.

11 This hearing is being held at the
12 Thomas E. Weightman Middle School
13 Gymnasium, 30649 Wells Road, Wesley
14 Chapel, Florida, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30
15 p.m. and concerns the following study:
16 Work Program Item Segment No.
17 258736-1, Federal Aid Project No.
18 NH-75-1(91)-275.

19 The study is along I-75 from south
20 of the State Road 56 interchange, which
21 is under construction, to north of the
22 State Road 52 interchange in Pasco
23 County, a distance of approximately
24 11.9 miles.

25 In keeping with the Florida

1 statutory requirements and Department
2 policies, this public hearing was
3 advertised in the Florida
4 Administrative Weekly on July 14th,
5 2000; and in The Tampa Tribune, Pasco
6 Edition, on July 7th and again on July
7 22nd.

8 Under Title VI and Title VIII of
9 the Civil Rights Act, any person or
10 beneficiary who believes they have been
11 subjected to discrimination because of
12 race, color, religion, sex, age,
13 national origin, disability, or family
14 status may file a written complaint to
15 either one of the addresses listed in
16 your brochure.

17 This hearing will fulfill
18 requirements for implementation of
19 Executive Orders 11990 and 11988,
20 relating to protection of wetlands and
21 flood-plain management, respectively.

22 The purpose of this public hearing
23 is to share information with interested
24 citizens about the proposed study, its
25 conceptual design, and potential

1 social, economic, and environmental
2 impacts.

3 We are here tonight to present to
4 you and explain the engineering and
5 environmental work accomplished to date
6 for this study to give you an
7 opportunity to publicly and officially
8 comment on the conceptual plans and
9 documents.

10 Please understand that the plans
11 displayed here this evening are not
12 final construction plans. We bring
13 plans to public hearings while they are
14 still in a conceptual stage to seek
15 public opinion and to solicit local
16 knowledge of values and concerns as
17 they relate to the transportation
18 plans.

19 This gives interested persons like
20 you an opportunity to become fully
21 aware of proposed improvements. Also,
22 it allows a chance for you to state
23 your comments so that they may be
24 considered before selection of a final
25 alternative.

1 This presentation provides a
2 summary of the Department's engineering
3 and environmental studies associated
4 with the proposed improvements to
5 I-75.

6 When you arrived this evening, you
7 were offered a project brochure. This
8 brochure contains information about the
9 federal and state partnerships and the
10 use of the Federal Highway Trust Fund.
11 Also, the right-of-way process is
12 described within this brochure.

13 At this time I'd like to introduce
14 to you those representatives from the
15 Department that can assist you with
16 your review of the materials on display
17 here this evening.

18 First, Kirk Bogen, who is our
19 project development engineer; Rick
20 Adair, our environmental administrator;
21 Ming Gao, project manager for the I-75
22 study; Ginger Regalado, who is our
23 community involvement coordinator;
24 Sharon Phillips, who represents the
25 consultant project management; Roberto

1 Gonzalez, who represents our hazardous
2 materials sections; Mary Arend from our
3 right-of-way acquisition department; Ed
4 Johnson from the right-of-way
5 relocations department; David Olson
6 from access management.

7 And we also have here this evening
8 Mike Seifert from the environmental
9 management office, and Joe Feaster. I
10 think that -- oh, Mark Glasgen is also
11 from the environmental. Marian, public
12 information officer for District 7.

13 Thank you.

14 The major aspects of the study are
15 as follows: The Department initiated
16 the I-75 PD&E study in the fall of
17 1996. An alternatives public workshop
18 was held on December 3rd, 1997 at the
19 Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex.

20 As a result of input received at
21 the workshop, one build alternative has
22 been developed for the mainline and the
23 reconfiguration of the State Road 56
24 interchange.

25 For analyses associated with this

1 study, the I-75 project corridor was
2 divided into the following segments:
3 Segment A is from south of Cypress
4 Creek to north of the State Road 56
5 interchange; Segment B, from north of
6 the State Road 56 interchange to north
7 of the State Road 54 interchange;
8 Segment C, from north of the State Road
9 54 interchange to north of Overpass
10 Road. And then, finally, Segment D,
11 from north of Overpass Road to north of
12 the State Road 52 interchange.

13 The build alternative widens the
14 interstate mainline from four to six
15 lanes. The widening occurs to the
16 outside within the existing right of
17 way, except at the interchanges.

18 The proposed loop ramp in the
19 northwest quadrant of State Road 52
20 interchange increases vehicle capacity
21 for the westbound to southbound traffic
22 movement.

23 Because access points to the
24 interstate are proposed to be changed,
25 an Interchange Modification Report, or

1 IMR, is being undertaken to assess the
2 effects of this interchange
3 configuration on I-75.

4 Improvements will also be done to
5 State Road 52 in the area of the
6 interchange. State Road 52 will be
7 widened to a four-lane divided facility
8 with open drainage ditches on both
9 sides of the road.

10 This completes my description of
11 the proposed improvements. Many of
12 your questions may be very specific in
13 nature, and we may not be able to
14 answer them until the final design
15 phase of the project. However, we will
16 give you the best answers we can based
17 on the information that we do have at
18 this point.

19 Now, I'd like to go over very
20 briefly how you can go about making
21 comments. First, you can make an oral
22 statement during the formal portion of
23 the hearing where you can come up to
24 the microphone and make your statement.

25 Second, you can make an oral

1 statement to the court reporter during
2 the informal portion of the hearing.

3 Third, you may complete the
4 comment form, which can be submitted to
5 the court reporter or dropped in the
6 comment-form box.

7 And finally, you can also complete
8 and mail the comment form to the
9 address preprinted on the back of the
10 comment form.

11 At this time I would like to
12 recognize any elected officials or the
13 representatives who are here tonight.
14 If there are any such representatives,
15 I would ask them to please stand and
16 introduce themselves for the record.

17 We will now call those who have
18 turned in speaker cards. If you have
19 not turned in a card and wish to speak,
20 please raise your hand and someone will
21 give you a card to complete.

22 To allow everybody who would like
23 to speak the opportunity to do so,
24 please limit your comments to three
25 minutes. Before making your statement,

1 please state your name and address for
2 the court reporter.

3 At this time those who have filled
4 out a speaker card and wish to speak
5 for the record will be called to the
6 microphone. And the first one is
7 Armando Prohenza.

8 Okay. Next one, Juan Prohenza.
9 Looks like it might be a short night
10 here.

11 MS. REGALADO: They got their
12 questions answered before they left.

13 MR. COMELLAS: Okay. I know
14 Jennifer is here.

15 MS. SENEY: Don't take my
16 picture. My name is Jennifer Seney. I
17 live at 25605 Apple Blossom Lane in
18 Wesley Chapel. I am appointee to the
19 Pasco County Citizens' Ordinance Review
20 Committee. I'm a director on the
21 Wesley Chapel Chamber Board of
22 Directors. I am also an officer on the
23 Quail Hollow Community Group. And I
24 live and work in Wesley Chapel
25 Chamber -- I'm sorry, Wesley Chapel.

1 I also probably should tell you
2 that I am one of five petitioners on
3 the challenge to the Pasco County
4 Comprehensive Plan.

5 And my reason for being here
6 tonight is I want to point out to you
7 that there is a problem at the
8 interchange of State Road 54 and I-75
9 that is not being addressed by your
10 study.

11 I notice that the State Road 52
12 overpass is being lengthened to
13 accommodate four lanes. However, the
14 interchange at State Road 54 is not
15 being lengthened to accommodate four
16 lanes there.

17 The Pasco County Board of County
18 Commissioners in -- less than three
19 weeks ago passed a task order to fund a
20 study similar to this one to look at
21 widening State Road 54 between Old
22 Pasco Road and Bruce B. Downs, 581.

23 No, there is no funding for it
24 yet, but we've already talked about
25 that. And I will work on that with the

1 MPO representatives.

2 My point is that you cannot ignore
3 the State Road 54 interchange. Pasco
4 County has allowed to date on the books
5 58,000 units to be built in Pasco
6 County alone. There are over a hundred
7 thousand units okayed and on the books
8 for the entire county, and it's still
9 growing at the rate of four to five
10 developments a month at this point,
11 with the central part of the county
12 being the hot spot.

13 It hasn't gotten to 52 yet, but it
14 will. But it is at 54 right now. As a
15 member of the Chamber of Commerce,
16 which I cannot speak for because I'm an
17 individual -- I'm not speaking for the
18 Chamber -- I can tell you that the
19 businesses at State Road 54 and I-75
20 are very concerned of being passed over
21 in terms of this study.

22 There is no doubt now that there
23 is a horrendous problem. We have
24 traffic that stretches all the way west
25 back to Grand Oaks and all the way past

1 581 past Saddlebrook at this point on
2 the other side every day, morning and
3 night, and Saturdays.

4 Not only that, but we have an
5 extremely dangerous interchange at
6 Oakley Boulevard, which is supposedly
7 within 800 feet of the interchange at
8 I-75 and 54.

9 There have been at least two
10 fatalities there since the road has
11 been bought by the county and opened.
12 And we would like to talk to the State
13 about a traffic light, which may or may
14 not be part of this study. I don't
15 know if it goes that far.

16 Another point that I would like to
17 make is at Overpass Road you've got a
18 span of road between 52 and 54 that's
19 what, maybe 10 miles -- 8, 9, 10
20 miles. In between that, right in the
21 middle is Overpass Road.

22 Pasco County has just paved Old
23 Pasco Road between 54 and Overpass, and
24 they have funded paving it all the way
25 up to 52. When that happens, more

1 development will come; more traffic
2 will come. It makes sense to look at
3 an interchange at Overpass Road.

4 Oops, I can hear that that wasn't
5 very popular. But the truth of the
6 matter is that we don't necessarily
7 need to develop around every
8 interchange.

9 I don't think I have much more to
10 say than that. Let me look at my
11 notes.

12 One more thing. I'm also involved
13 in working with Pasco County on a
14 wildlife ordinance and an environmental
15 land-acquisition program. And it
16 concerns me that I do not see, at least
17 not at the moment, I don't see any
18 wildlife crossings plan for I-75.

19 I would like to see, if possible,
20 large mammal wildlife crossings
21 included in this study. I don't have
22 that much information to tell you where
23 I would put them, but I'm sure if I
24 looked into it I could find a spot or
25 two.

1 And I think that's all. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. COMELLAS: Well, let me try to
4 respond to a couple of those comments.

5 MS. SENEY: Only if I can respond
6 back to you.

7 MR. COMELLAS: Absolutely.

8 MS. SENEY: Okay.

9 MR. COMELLAS: As far as the I-4
10 or I- -- I'm sorry, the State Road
11 54/I-75 interchange -- and we talked
12 earlier -- I can assure you we are
13 going to continue to coordinate with
14 the county on their study that they
15 have just approved. Of course, that
16 has occurred very recently, and we
17 certainly would be willing to meet with
18 the county and discuss those issues.

19 If there is a need for that
20 overpass of I-75 to be widened, it
21 would be better decided upon once we
22 know of what the county has envisioned
23 as to widening along 54.

24 We have talked with the county on
25 their future plans of 54. However,

1 like you had said earlier, there is
2 nothing that is currently funded beyond
3 the study, but that doesn't mean we
4 wouldn't be coordinating with them to
5 look at what could happen. So I can
6 assure you we'll continue that
7 coordination.

8 On the issue of the Overpass Road,
9 there are spacing criteria upon which
10 we have to comply with through the
11 Federal Highway Administration is why
12 you see where 56 is in relation to 54
13 in relation to 52. I'm not saying that
14 there could not be one there, but it's
15 something that we'd have to look at
16 from a spacing standpoint.

17 Anytime we try to introduce a new
18 interchange to the interstate system,
19 of course, the Federal Highway is going
20 to want us to assure that there is not
21 going to be any detriment --

22 MS. SENEY: How far is 56 from
23 54? Is it like --

24 MR. COMELLAS: Six miles right
25 now.

1 MS. SENEY: Six miles?

2 MR. COMELLAS: Yeah. Six miles in
3 either direction, I think all pretty
4 much evenly spaced. So, you know, it's
5 something we could consider and look
6 at.

7 And as far as the wildlife
8 crossings, I'm not really an expert in
9 that area. We certainly have staff
10 here this evening that could speak to
11 any plans that we have as part of this
12 study or any other studies.

13 Usually it depends on what
14 habitat, of course, is out there now,
15 and if there has been a -- I guess a
16 track record, if you will, for lack of
17 a better term, as to what kind of
18 animals would be utilizing it from one
19 side of the road to the other.

20 But again, there is staff here
21 this evening that could probably better
22 answer that.

23 MS. SENEY: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. COMELLAS: Thank you for your
25 comments.

1 Is there anyone else who would
2 like to speak at this time that has not
3 turned in a card?

4 The transcript of the oral
5 proceedings of this hearing and copies
6 of or in reference to written
7 statements or exhibits, together with
8 copies or references to materials made
9 available for the hearing will be
10 available for public inspection at the
11 District 7 office, 11201 North McKinley
12 Drive, Tampa, Florida within three
13 weeks.

14 It is approximately 6:20 p.m.
15 There being no one else wishing to
16 speak, I hereby officially close the
17 formal portion of the public hearing
18 for the I-75 PD&E study.

19 The Florida Department of
20 Transportation thanks you for your
21 participation in tonight's hearing.
22 Please drive safe.

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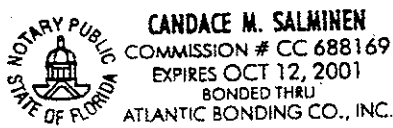
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I, CANDACE M. SALMINEN, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at large, hereby certify that the Public Hearing was recorded in Stenotypy by me and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct transcription of the recordings thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30th day of July, 2000, at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.



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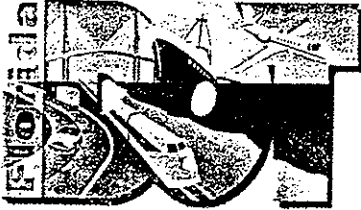
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APPENDIX N

Public Hearing Written Comments and Responses



I-75 (SR 93)

PD&E Study Public Hearing

From South of SR 56 to North of SR 52 • Pasco County, Florida
WPI Segment No. 258736 1 • FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275

July 27, 2000

COMMENT FORM

We encourage your comments regarding this project.

I would like copies of Maps 25, 26, & 26B
The maps are for property that we
own at the Southeast corner of
SR 52 & I-75. Please send
them to my attention @ address
listed below. If you need to
contact me, please call 813.932.0404

NAME:

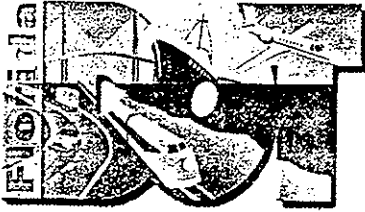
Cindy Mroczkowski

ADDRESS:

1701 E. Busch Blvd

Tampa, FL ~~33512~~ 33612

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I agree wholeheartedly with the public comments made by Jennifer Seney. The 54 interchange is a dangerous tube goldberg concoction. It doesn't work well now, and will only be worse as congestion grows. Another 75 access would help. Other egress across 75, a wall across our community with only one inadequate passage across besides the bottleneck a 75/54, -- is necessary. Business and residences may build ground interchanges in Tamps -- because there are alternate routes for traffic. We have none. Plan now to put an over or underpass for the new passages that must be developed, in our community not at 56.

Wildlife corridors are vital. I live w/in a couple of miles of 75 and have seen bobcats, my neighbors have seen bears. As we crowd them out, they need passage to less impacted habitat.

NAME: JOANNE EAST
ADDRESS: 7654 TALLOW TREE DR.
WESLEY CHAPEL FL 33544

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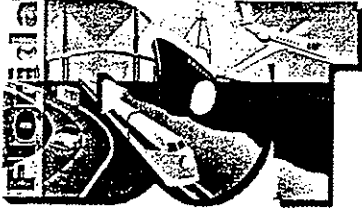
NAME:

Ann Liedman

ADDRESS:

*7735 Dowd Dr Wesley Chapel
33544*

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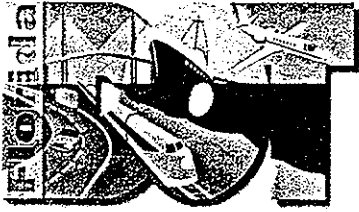
We encourage your comments regarding this project.

As a family member of resident - Ann Friedman I
request that a noise wall barrier be built.
This would benefit all residents near
Overpass Rd and Williams Acres - (Dowd Drive)
I was relieved to know there would not be any
property use as right of way affecting this area

Rick,
please prepare
a response for
my signature.
J.H.
J.C.

NAME: Diana J. Friedman / Ann Friedman's daughter-in-law
ADDRESS: 7735 Dowd Drive
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

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July 27, 2000

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We encourage your comments regarding this project.

Please address S.R. 54 and I-75 interchange
as part of your PD&E study
- Cost & traffic impact

At: AT&T

PASCO MPO

RECEIVED ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT OFFICE
2000 AUG 8 AM 11:56

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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SOLOMON PARTNERS, INC.

205 South Hoover Boulevard, Suite 101

Tampa, Florida 33609

Phone (813) 636-8111 Facsimile (813) 636-8710

Ext. 113

September 12, 2000

Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
District Environmental Management Engineer
11201 N. McKinley Drive / MS 7-500
Tampa, FL 33612-6456
Attention: Mr. Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E.,
District Seven Secretary

RECEIVED DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT OFFICE
2000 SEP 15 AM 8:12

**Re: WPI Seg. No. 258736 1 / FAP No. NH-75-1 (91)275
I-75 (SR 93) / Pasco County / PD&E Study Public Hearing**

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

I am General Counsel of Solomon Partners, Inc. ("Solomon"), owners of the Texaco Tract off of I-75 on SR-52 in San Antonio, Florida.

Since Solomon has not been previously informed about the proposed widening of SR-52, and has been unable to talk to anyone at DOT about the project despite repeated attempts, I am forwarding our concerns on the comment form attached to this letter.

As stated therein, the proposed widening project will completely destroy the business of the truck stop.

Please call our attorney in this matter, Mr. Paul A. Blucher at (941) 955-4019, as soon as possible to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



Bradford C. Vassey
General Counsel

*Ming, please handle.
Investigate why this person was not notified prior to the hearing or why if he was on the mailing list. Then let's schedule a meeting to discuss his issue.*

J.C.

BCV/jt

cc: Jack Ceccarelli
Felix Oliu
Paul A. Blucher



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From South of SR 56 to North of SR 52 • Pasco County, Florida
WPI Segment No. 258736 1 • FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275

July 27, 2000

COMMENT FORM

We encourage your comments regarding this project.

I have attempted to contact you on several occasions without success. The proposed limited access right of way on S.R. 52 wipes out the pump islands at the Texaco Truck Stop owned by Solomon Partners. This is a high volume motor fuel dispensing facility, and elimination of the pump islands would put the entire truck stop out of business. Due to the profits generated at this Truck Stop, in my opinion, the taking proposal for road widening would be a very expensive proposition.

It appears that Solomon Partners has been excluded from your mailing list because it was not aware that you intended to include the pump islands in the road widening of SR 52. As a result of the exclusion, Solomon has not received advance notice of the various meetings and workshops designed to inform the public and affected landowners of the proposed project. Obviously Solomon is opposed to the destruction of its truck stop business that would inevitably occur as a result of the project.

NAME: Bradford C. Vassef, Attorney
ADDRESS: General Counsel for Solomon Partners
205 S. Hoover Blvd, Ste 101
Tampa, FL 33609

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An employee-owned company

August 3, 2000

Mr. Alan R. Kofoed
Vice President - Development
Prime Retail
100 East Pratt Street
Nineteenth Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**Subject: Financial Project No. 2587361-31-01
State Project No. 14140-1423
Work Program Item No. 7147619
Federal Aid Program No. NH-75-1(91)275
I-75 (S.R. 93) PD&E Study From S. of S.R. 56 To N. of S.R. 52
Pasco County**

RECEIVED ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT OFFICE
2000 AU - 7 AM 11:08

Dear Mr. Kofoed:

Per your request, enclosed please find the conceptual design for the SR 52 interchange that was on display at the Public Hearing on July 27, 2000. The plot is in metric and at a ratio of 1:1000. (Approximately 1 inch equals 100 feet)

If you have any questions, please call me at 877-7275, extension 448.

Sincerely,

Steve Gordillo, P.E.
Project Manager

Kjs

Enclosure

cc: Ming Gao (w/o attachment)
File 10-475.xx (3C)



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THOMAS F. BARRY, JR.
SECRETARY

August 11, 2000

Ms. Diana Friedman
7735 Dowd Drive
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

RE: WPI Seg. No. 258736 / FAP No. NH-75-1 (91) 275
I-75 (SR 93) from south of SR 56 to north of SR 52 / Pasco County

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I appreciate the interest you have shown in this project. Should you need any further information regarding the studies prepared for this project please contact Ms. Robin Rhinesmith at (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6496 or E-mail: robin.rhinesmith@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Jerry Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer

JC/RR/RKS

cc: Ming Gao



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August 16, 2000

Mr. James Sasso
1803 Tangled Vine Drive
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

RE: WPI Seg. No. 258736 1 / FAP No. NH-75-1 (91)275
I-75 (SR 93) PD&E Study from SR 56 to SR 52 / Pasco County

Dear Mr. Sasso:

The Florida Department of Transportation would like to thank you for your participation in the I-75 PD&E Study Public Hearing. At this time, I would like to address your comment regarding the interchange of I-75 and SR 54.

The Department had completed a PD&E Study in 1988 for the interchange of I-75 and SR 54. The 1988 Study recommended extending the I-75 overpass bridge to accommodate future widening of SR 54. The recommended improvements did not advanced to the next phase due to the construction of the new SR 56. These recommended improvements are still valid although they were not included in the I-75 PD&E Study. In response to comments received at the Hearing, the Department is incorporating the proposed bridge extension into the I-75 PD&E Study. The Department is also working closely with Pasco County in determining necessary improvements on SR 54 to meet future transportation needs in this area.

Thanks again for your interest in our project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (813) 975-6454/(800) 226-7220 or at the E-mail address listed below.

Sincerely,

Ming Gao, P.E.
EMO Project Manager
ming.gao@dot.state.fl.us

cc: J. Comellas, K. Bogen



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August 14, 2000

Mr. William A. Mattick
P.O. Box 1257
Leesburg, Florida 34749-1257


RE: WPI Seg. No. 258736 1 / FAP No. NH-75-1(91)275
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Dear Mr. Mattick:

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Please accept my apology for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions regarding the I-75 PD&E Study, please contact me at (800) 226-7220/(813) 975-6454, or by e-mail at the address listed below.

Sincerely,


Ming Gao, P.E.
Project Manager
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Tampa, Florida 33609-3593

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I-75 (SR 93) / Pasco County / PD&E Study Public Hearing

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