

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting an intersection realignment study for the US 301/US 98/Clinton Avenue intersection in Pasco County. The study will identify suitable improvement alternatives to move forward in the Project Development process. This study is being completed using the FDOT's Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) process.

The primary purpose of the study is to determine the feasibility of realigning the US 301/US 98/Clinton Avenue intersection and identify suitable improvement alternatives that will:

- Eliminate the current closely spaced intersections of US 301 at US 98 and US 301 at Clinton Avenue;
- Facilitate east/west travel;
- Maximize the benefits of the improvements to Clinton Avenue and designation as SR 52 west of US 301; and
- Enhance safety along the corridor.

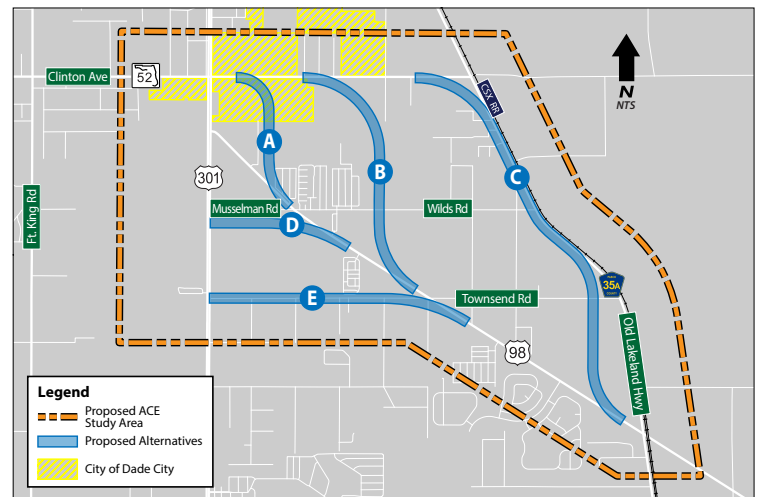
ACTIVITIES COMPLETED TO DATE

- A Kickoff Meeting was held on June 20, 2019 for elected officials, agency representatives, and other interested parties. An overview of the study process and project schedule was presented.
- A Methodology Memorandum (MM) was approved in August 2019. The MM documents the process utilized to develop and evaluate corridor alternatives.
- An Existing Conditions Report (ECR) was approved in February 2020. The ECR documents the conditions within the study area and the engineering and environmental factors used in the corridor evaluation.
- The Draft Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER) was approved in August 2020. The ACER documents all aspects of the study including the development and evaluation of corridor alternatives, rationale for the recommendation to eliminate or advance alternatives, and public involvement activities.

All documents are available for review on the Project Documents tab of the project website (<https://fdotd7studies.com/US301US98INT/>).

STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Five (5) corridor alternatives were developed and shown in the figure below. Based on the evaluation of each corridors ability to satisfy the project's stated purpose and need and evaluation of environmental and engineering factors, Corridors A, C, D, and E are recommended for elimination from further analysis. Corridor B is recommended for advancement to further evaluation during the PD&E study. The details of the analysis are documented in the ACER.



WHAT'S NEXT

A virtual Public Information Meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2020. The meeting will provide an opportunity to review the corridor alternatives and provide your input. We encourage all interested people to participate and express their views regarding the project and information presented. Public comments will be received through November 25, 2020.

After the public meeting, comments will be incorporated into the Draft ACER. The Draft ACER will then be reviewed by the Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) for review and comment. After inclusion of ETAT comments, the ACER will be submitted to the Office of Environmental Management (OEM) for approval. FDOT will then conduct a PD&E study to further analyze the recommended alternative. The study will also include the widening of US 98 south to CR 54. The PD&E study is anticipated to begin in early 2021.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, comments, or would like more information about the study, please contact:

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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Alex Henry, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220.

Comuníquese con nosotros: Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, o simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestra representante en español es: Manuel Flores, Departamento de Transporte de la Florida, (813) 975-4248, Manuel.Flores@dot.state.fl.us









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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

FDOT District Seven invites you to participate in the US 301 / US 98 / Clinton Avenue Intersection Realignment Study Public Information Meeting on November 4, 2020. The Public Information Meeting will be conducted virtually with all information available at the project website (<https://fdotd7studies.com/US301US98INT/public-meeting/>).

Join us at the Public Information Meeting to review the corridor alternatives, learn more about the project, and provide your input. We encourage all interested people to participate and express their views regarding the project and information presented. Access to the project information will be available beginning Wednesday, November 4, 2020 and will remain available for you to review and comment at your convenience. We encourage all interested people to participate on-line and express their views regarding the project and information presented no later than Wednesday November 25, 2020.

If unable to view online, a hard copy of the meeting documents can be requested by contacting Brian Shroyer at (813)975-6449.

Date		November 4, 2020
Website		https://fdotd7studies.com/US301US98INT/public-meeting/
Comment Period		November 4, 2020 - November 25, 2020
Ways to Comment		https://fdotd7studies.com/US301US98INT/public-meeting/
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We look forward to your participation.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.