

## 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 study area, as shown in Figure 1, is bounded by US 301/US 98 on the west, Clinton Avenue on the north, Old Lakeland Highway on the east and US 98 on the south.

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 intersection offset of US 301, US 98, and Clinton Avenue;
- Facilitate east/west travel and enhance safety near the US 301/US 98/Clinton Avenue intersection; and
- Maximize the benefits of other area improvements currently underway.

## WHAT IS AN ACE FEASIBILITY STUDY?

The ACE process is conducted to evaluate corridors and recommend those that should move forward for additional analysis as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A Methodology Memorandum (MM) will be developed as part of the ACE process. The MM will outline the analysis methodology that will be used to evaluate corridor alternatives. The project team will meet with various federal, state and local agencies throughout the process to obtain comments. Following approval of the MM, an Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER) will be prepared, which may recommend feasible alternative corridors to be considered for further evaluation. If a realignment of the US 301/US 98/Clinton Avenue intersection is determined to be feasible, then a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study will be initiated. Consideration will be given to minimizing impacts to the natural, social, cultural and physical environment. The No-Build alternative will remain an option throughout the ACE process and the ensuing PD&E Study, if applicable.

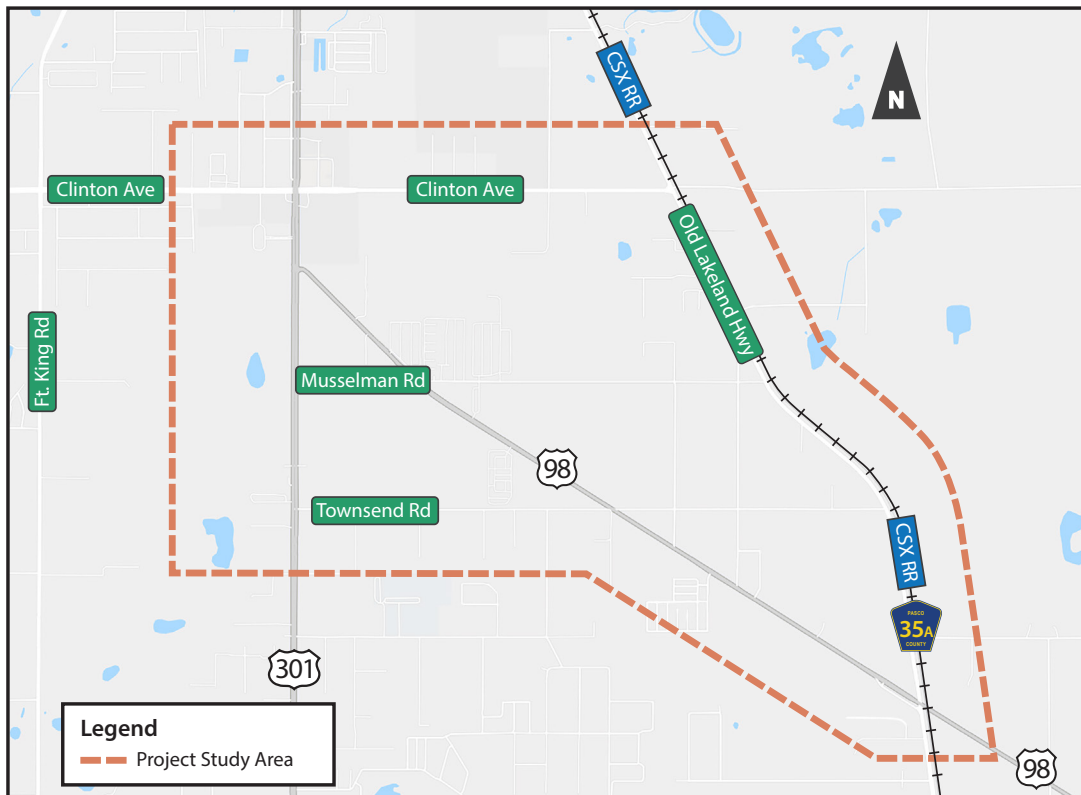


Figure 1: Project Location Map

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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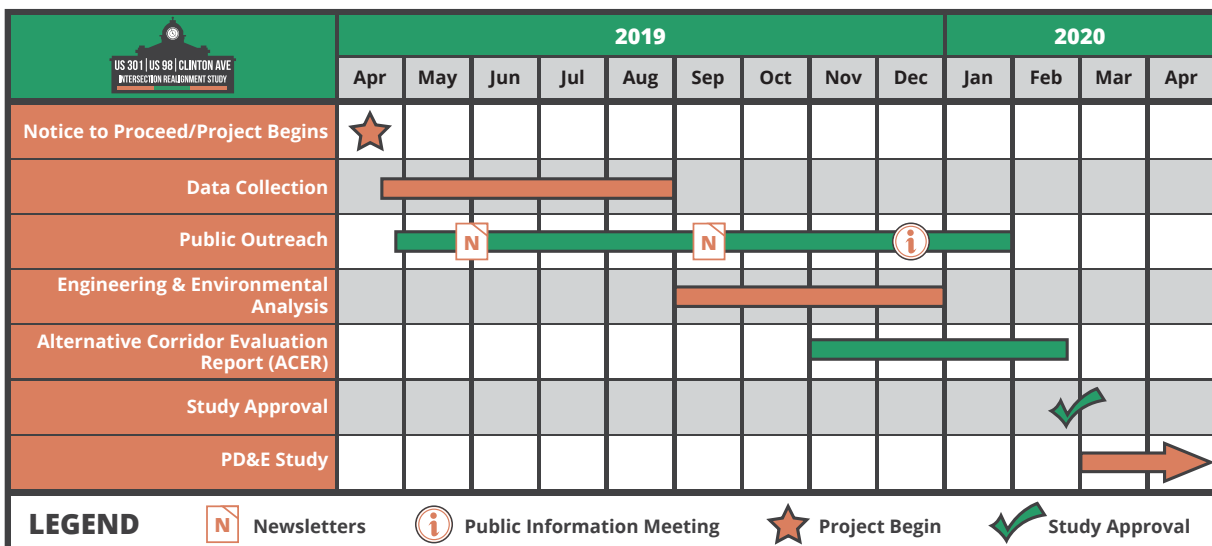


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## PROJECT SCHEDULE

The US 301/US 98/Clinton Avenue Intersection Realignment Study began in April 2019, and is expected to be complete in early 2020. A Corridor Workshop is tentatively scheduled for September 2019 to present the study goals and objectives and initial project findings. The Public Information Meeting, tentatively scheduled in December 2019, will present the recommendations from

the study for public input. You are encouraged to get involved throughout the project by sharing your comments, questions and suggestions about this project with the study team using the project Contact Information provided in this newsletter or by visiting the project website at <http://www.fdotd7studies.com/US301US98INT/>.



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.