

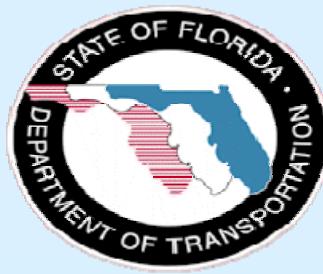
# US 41 PD&E Study Public Hearing Scrapbook



**From 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Kracker Avenue  
in Hillsborough County, Florida**

**WPI Segment Number 421140 8**

**Held on March 30, 2009  
at The Resort & Club  
at Little Harbor in Ruskin, Florida**



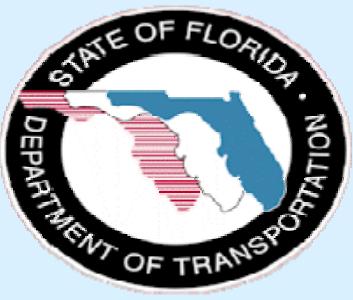
# *US 41 PD&E Study*

## *Public Hearing Scrapbook*



***CD of this Scrapbook, Hearing Displays, PowerPoint Presentation & Concept Plans***





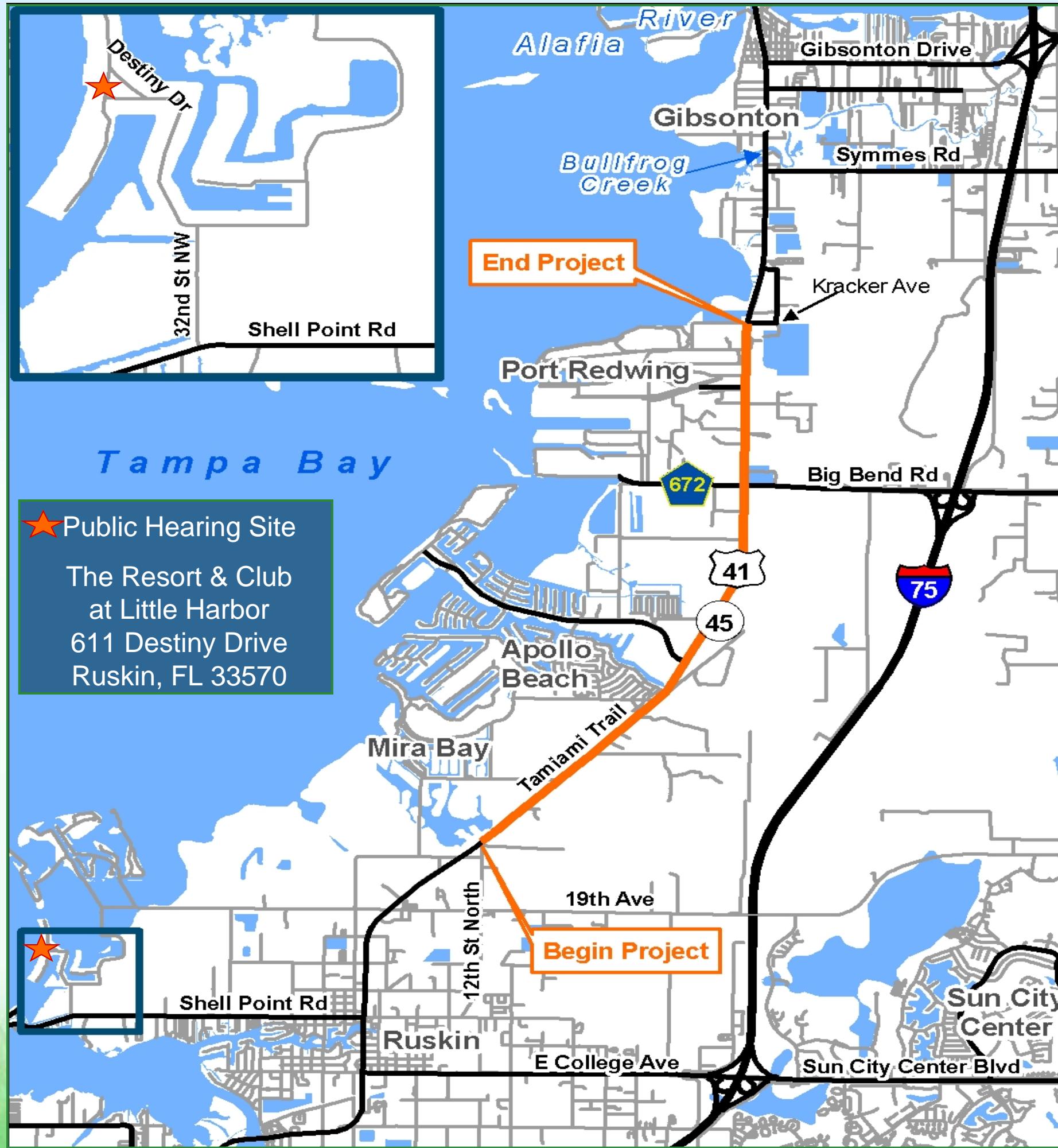
# US 41 PD&E Study

## Public Hearing Scrapbook

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## INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for US 41 (SR 45) in southern Hillsborough County. The study limits are from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Kracker Avenue. The total length of the project is approximately 6.2 miles. The purpose of this study is to identify and analyze alternative design concepts to meet the future traffic needs and to evaluate environmental effects of the alternatives. The project location map is shown as **Figure 1**.

The purpose of this public hearing scrapbook is to document the information that was presented at the hearing. This document includes the following information:

- Description of the proposed improvements;
- Display graphics presented;
- Citizen and FDOT/consultant sign-in sheets;
- Newsletter and public hearing handouts;
- Newspaper display advertisements;
- *PowerPoint* presentation with script; and
- Photographs taken at the hearing.

Also, a CD is included containing electronic files of this scrapbook as well as the *PowerPoint* presentation shown at the hearing and copies of the display boards.

## BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The PD&E study documented the need for the project and presented the procedures used to develop and evaluate various improvement alternatives related to this facility.

US 41 runs parallel to Interstate 75 and US 301 and provides connectivity among the communities of Ruskin, Apollo Beach, Gibsonton and Riverview. Motorists regularly experience traffic congestion along portions of US 41 and traffic will continue to increase in the future. Hillsborough County has approved a number of large developments along US 41 and others are proposed. A separate traffic study provided data to support future design alternatives and recommendations. Improvements are necessary to ensure US 41 operates efficiently and meets regional mobility needs. The proposed improvements will relieve present and future traffic congestion on US 41, improve safety and emergency evacuation, and reduce emergency response times. US 41 is a designated hurricane emergency evacuation route.

Existing US 41 is functionally classified as an "urban principal arterial – other" and currently has a 4-lane divided rural typical section. The existing roadway has 11.5 to 12.0 ft. travel lanes, 4-ft. paved inside and outside shoulders and a 40-foot grassed median. The posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour (mph) except for a short segment on either side of Big Bend Road, which is posted at 45 mph. The existing right-of-way typically varies from 182 ft to 227 ft. Expected improvements include widening to six lanes as well as intersection improvements and construction of storm water management facilities. The recommended improvements will be based on engineering and environmental analyses that are currently underway.

This project is included in the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Year 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as an unfunded need. The West Central Florida MPO Chair's Coordinating Committee (CCC) has classified US 41 as a "regional road" and as an "unfunded need" on the "regionally significant road network" in west central Florida.



**Figure 1**  
**Project Location Map**

## PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was held on Monday, March 30, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

The Resort & Club at Little Harbor  
611 Destiny Drive  
Ruskin, FL 33570

Prior to the hearing, a notice was published in the Florida Administrative Weekly. A legal display ad was published in two separate issues of the Tampa Tribune on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (copies of these ads are shown in this scrapbook).

Approximately 600 affected property owners, agencies, and interested citizens were sent a newsletter invitation in accordance with the Department's procedures. Approximately 21 citizens attended the hearing (copies of the sign-in sheets are included in this scrapbook). Prior to the hearing a total of 6 comments were received, and will continue to receive comments until approximately April 10, 2009. A total of 7 written comments were received at the hearing primarily requesting copies of the hearing displays and reports.

The informal session of the public hearing was held at the clubhouse from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The hearing venue was prepared as an open-house, during which citizens were given an opportunity to review a handout, various exhibits, and the study documents (copies of the handouts and display boards can be found in this scrapbook). In addition, a project video (*PowerPoint* presentation) ran continuously in one side of the room (copies of the slides and script are included at the back of this scrapbook). FDOT and consultant representatives were available for one-on-one questions and answers. A court reporter was present throughout the hearing to verbally record comments as well.

The formal portion of the hearing, also held in the clubhouse, was moderated by Mr. Ming Gao, the FDOT Department Head of Intermodal Systems Development at 6:00 p.m. where the members of the public could voice their opinions. His presentation covered the following topics:

- Introductions of FDOT and consultant staff and recognition of local public officials;
- Described the purpose of hearing;
- Reference to the exhibit with State and Federal laws cited; and
- Indicated methods the public can provide comments

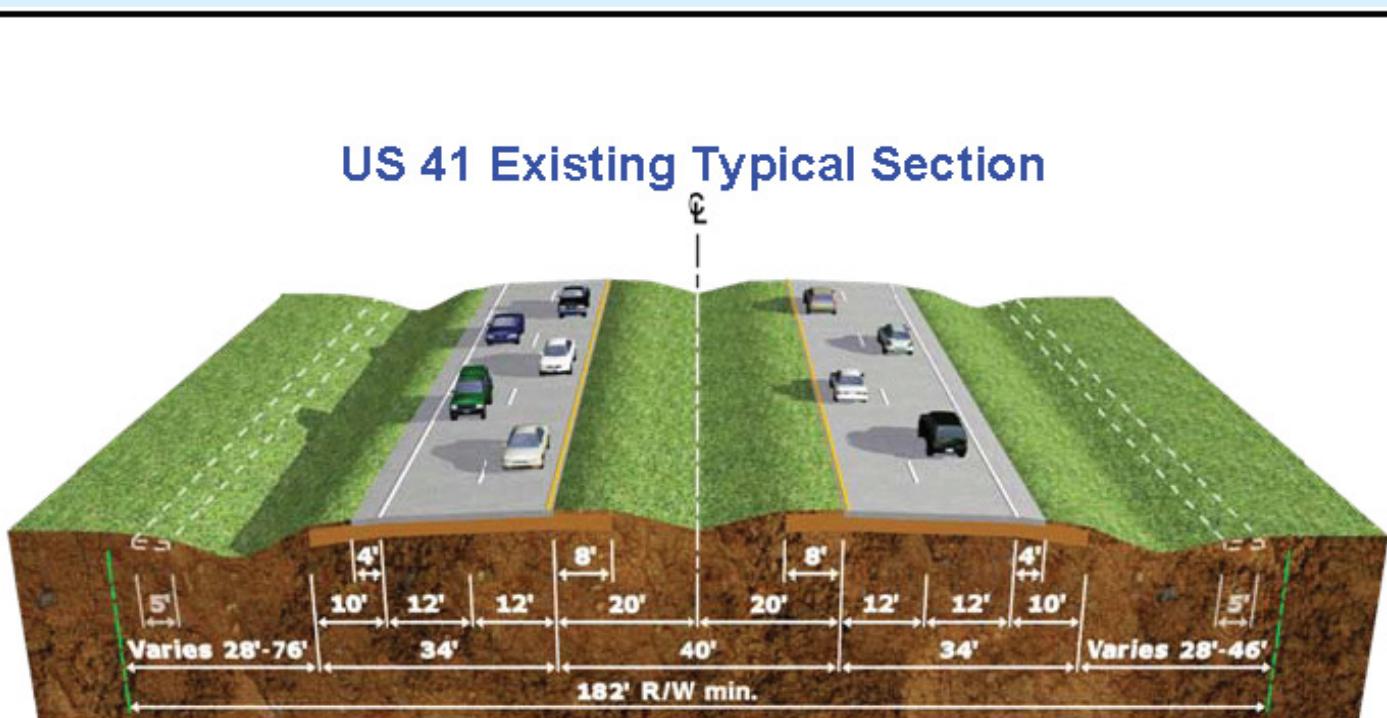
Following the formal presentation, attendees were given an opportunity to make oral statements for the record. One person spoke publicly. Following this segment, the formal session was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m., and the informal session resumed until 7:00 p.m. A transcript of the oral presentation and all statements made to the court reporter will be included in the study's *Final Project Development Summary Report*.

In addition, representatives and table kiosks were set-up for FDOT's right-of-way, access management, and noise. This was so the public could direct their comments directly with those areas.

Reports and other information available at the public hearing included:

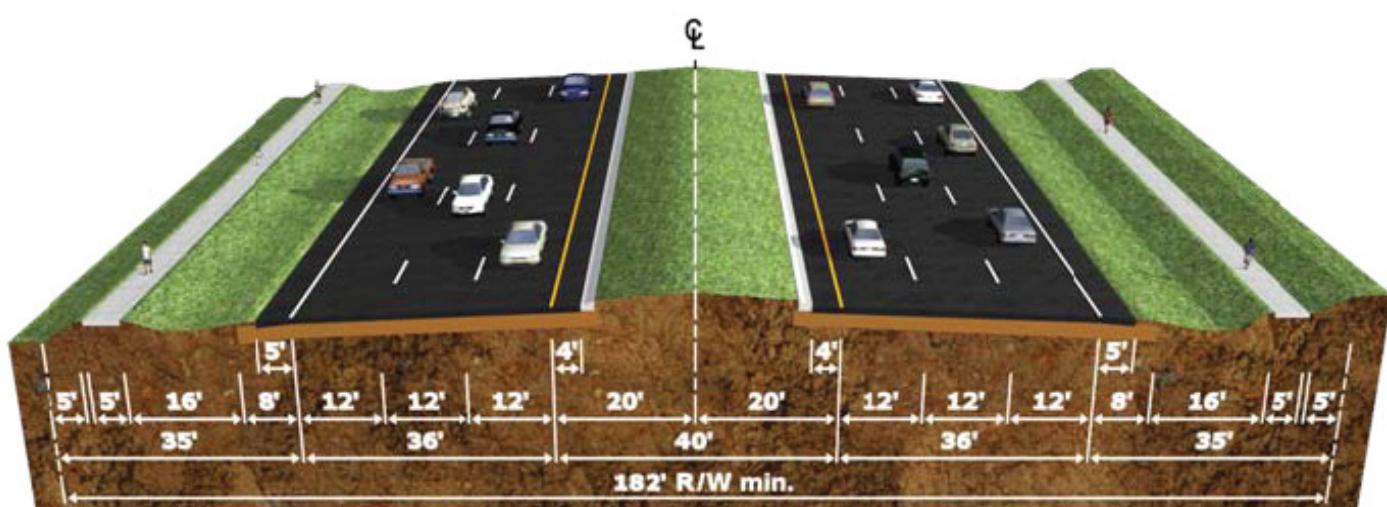
- Limited Level I Hazardous Material and Contamination Investigation (submitted by Shaw)
- Draft Noise Study Report
- Draft Wetland Evaluation and Biological Assessment Report
- Draft Location Hydraulics Report
- Traffic Technical Memorandum
- Draft Pond Sizing Analysis Memorandum
- Final Cultural Resource Assessment Survey
- Draft State Environmental Impact Report / Project Development Summary Report (SEIR/PDSR)

## US 41 Existing Typical Section



Existing 5-ft sidewalks are intermittent

#### US 41 Proposed Suburban Typical Section



### 6-Lane Suburban

Design Speed = 55 MPH or Less

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### 6-Lane Urban with Auxiliary Lanes\*

Design Speed = 45 MPH

\*This typical section applies to two segments

1. From Flamingo Drive to approximately 1000 ft north of Apollo Beach Blvd
2. Approximately 1000 ft south of Big Bend Road to Big Bend Road

The diagram illustrates a highway cross-section with a total Right-of-Way (R/W) of 194' min. The layout includes a center median (42') and two 12' auxiliary lanes on each side. The main travel lanes are 48' wide, and the shoulders are 5' wide. A 24' clear zone is located on the right side. The total width of the travel lanes and shoulders is 194' R/W min.

## 6-Lane High-Speed Urban with Auxiliary Lanes\*\*

Design Speed = 50 MPH

\*\*This typical section applies to US 41 from Big Bend Road to Pembroke Road, which is part of a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) connector route which connects the Port of Tampa to I-75.

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## *Display Graphics*



## U S 41 P D & E S T U D Y

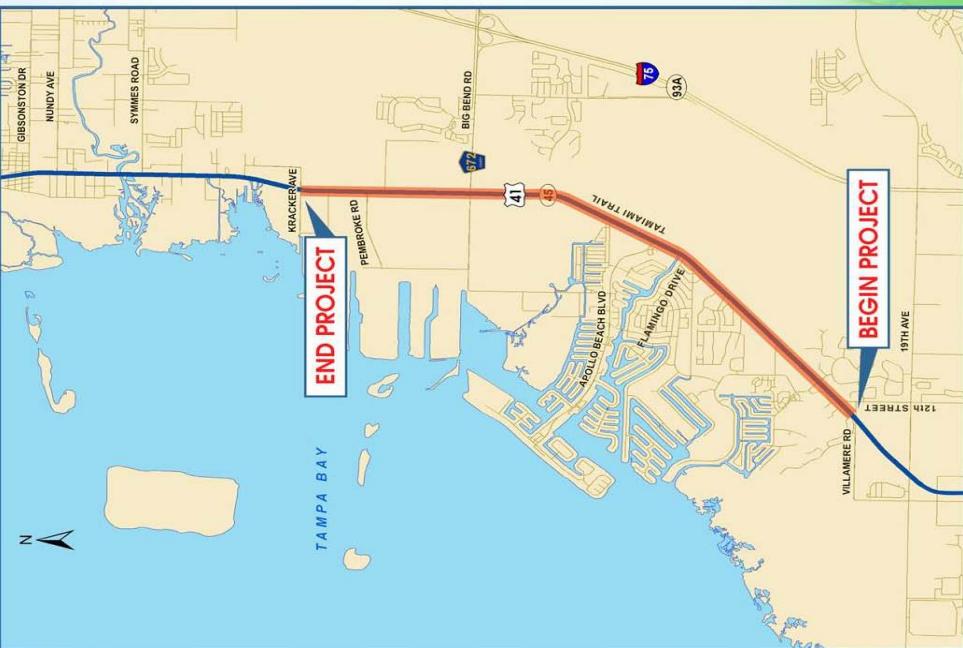
Public Hearing for the US 41 Project Development  
and Environment (PD&E) Study

From 12th Street to Kracker Avenue

# Welcome!

**The Resort & Club at Little Harbor**  
**611 Destiny Drive**  
**Ruskin, Florida 33570**

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Hillsborough County  
March 30, 2009



## U S 41 P D & E S T U D Y

### Federal and State Citations

- Florida Statutes Chapter 120
- Florida Statutes Section 339.155
- Florida Statutes Section 286.26
- Florida Statutes Section 337.243
- Florida Statutes Section 339.135
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended

This Public Hearing was advertised in the Tampa Tribune on March 9, 2009 & March 18, 2009.

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Public Hearing  
March 30, 2009

The logo of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is circular. It features a map of the state of Florida in the center, with the northern panhandle in blue and the southern peninsula in orange. The words "STATE OF FLORIDA" are written in a circular arc along the top left, and "DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" are written in a circular arc along the bottom right.

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## Recommended Build Alternative

| Environmental Effects                                    |  |
|--|--|
| Noise Sensitive Sites Affected*                          | 5  |
| Number of Potentially Contaminated Sites Involved        | 24   |
| Wetlands Affected (Acres)                                | 0.48   |
| Other Surface Waters Affected (Acres)                    | 2.77   |
| Estimated Floodplain Encroachment Area (Acres)           | 74   |
| Historic, Archaeological, or Section 4(f) Sites Affected | 0  |
| Residential Relocations                                  | 0  |
| Business Relocations                                     | 1  |
| Number of Affected Parcels                               | 46   |
| Additional Right-of-Way Required                         | For Roadway Widening (Acres)                             |
|  | For Stormwater Ponds and Floodplain Compensation (Acres) |
| Cost Estimates (\$millions) Present Day Costs            |  |
| Construction   | 43.0   |
| Roadway Design   | 4.5  |
| Construction Inspection                                  | 4.5  |
| Right-of-Way Aquisition                                  | For Roadway Improvements                                 |
|  | For Stormwater Ponds and Floodplain Compensation         |
| Total Costs (Preliminary Estimate)                       | \$167  |

\* Noise  
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Hillsborough County, Florida

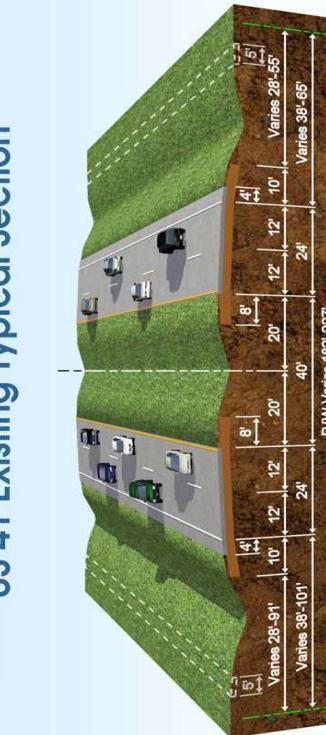
Evaluation Matrix

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The logo for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is circular. It features a stylized map of the state of Florida in the center, with the western coast in blue and the eastern coast in orange. The word "FLORIDA" is written vertically along the left side of the map, and "DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" is written vertically along the right side. The entire logo is set against a dark blue background.

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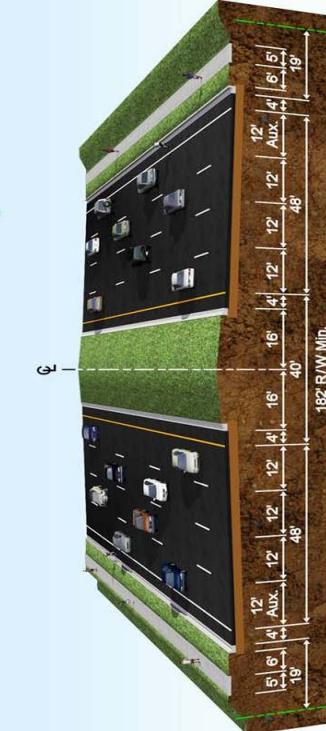
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## Suburban Typical Section 6-1 and Suburban



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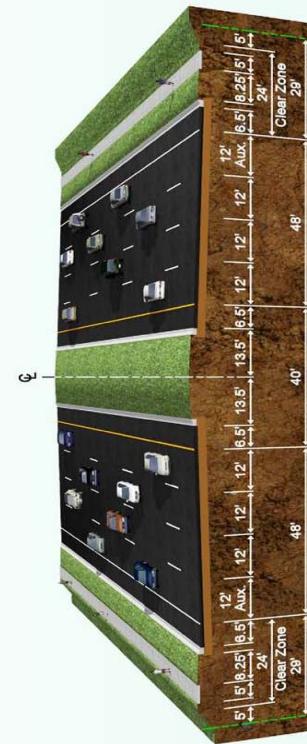
6-lane High-Speed Urban with Auxiliary lanes\*\*



\*This technical section applies to two comments:

1. From Flamingo Drive to approximately 1000 ft north of Apollo Beach Boulevard this typical section applies to two segments.

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## Typical Sections



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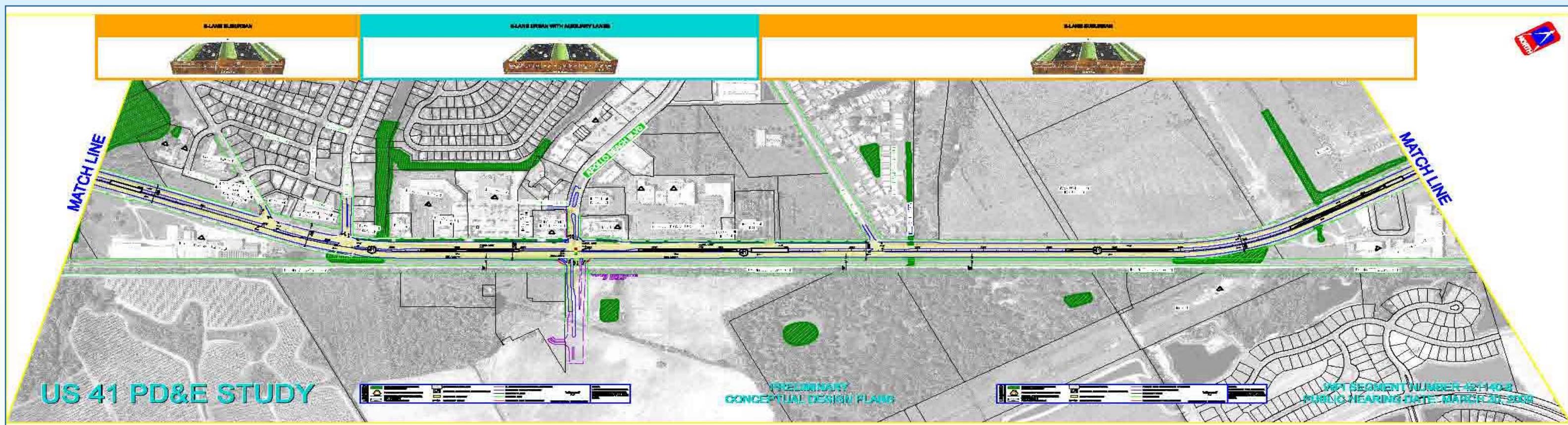


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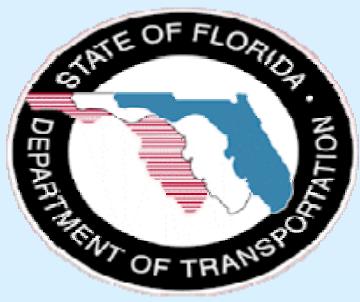
## Existing Traffic and Future Projections

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# US 41 PD&E Study

## *Sign-In Sheets*

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| US 41 PD&E Study from 12 <sup>th</sup> Street to Kracker Avenue<br>Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet |                            |   |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| WPI Segment Number: 421140 8 – FAP Number: 421140-8-22-01                                       |                            |   |
| Monday, March 30, 2009, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  |                            |   |
| The Resort & Club at Little Harbor<br>611 Destiny Drive, Ruskin, FL 33570                       |                            |   |
| Name (Please Print)   | Representing               | Address                                     |
| 1. Scott Jones  | NEWLAND COMMUNITIES        |   |
| 2. Steve Headlee  | FDOT                       |   |
| 3. Tom Evans  | Burgess+Niple              | 1800 Rembark Drive<br>Orlando, Florida      |
| 4. Robert Deppen  | Self                       | 3255 Budson Street<br>Apollo Beach          |
| 5. Liver Dauchery   | "                          | "   |
| 6. Melanie Morrison   | Ruskin Chamber             | ruskinchamber@earthlink.net                 |
| 7. Tony Zipperer  | Ruskin Chamber             |   |
| 8. Anne Madden  |                            | 218 6th Ave SW Ruskin                       |
| 9. Zenia Gallo  | FDOT                       |   |
| 10. DAVID REPKA   | MarketPlace & Apollo Beach | 449 Central Ave # 204<br>St. Pete, FL 33701 |

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| Name (Please Print)   | Representing | Address   |
| 1. Maria Nelson   |              | 345 Silver Falls Drive<br>Apollo Beach FL 33572 |
| 2. Susan Christopher  | RDOT         | 139 Shell Falls DR<br>Apollo Beach FL 33572     |
| 3. Christopher Radolic  |              | 601 E Kennedy Blvd 18th Fl<br>Tampa FL 33602    |
| 4. Joe Zambito  | Hillsb MPO   |   |
| 5.  |              |   |
| 6.  |              |   |
| 7.  |              |   |
| 8.  |              |   |
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| Name (Please Print)   | Representing   | Address                                 |
| 1. Susie Brewer   | Self           | 1620 Wallace<br>Bartow FL 33830         |
| 2. John B. Smith  | Ruskin Chamber | APOLLO BEACH 33570                      |
| 3. KENT ORTIZ   | COUNCIL MARKS  |   |
| 4. Linda & Sam Miller   | Self           | 178 Shell Falls Drive<br>Apollo Beach   |
| 5. Peter Crighton   | Self           | 7801 Park Blvd Pinellas Park, FL 33781  |
| 6. Hardy Huntley  | Self           |   |
| 7. David Freeman  | SELF           |   |
| 8. Melanie Meijin   | Self           | 1509 Cherry Hills Sun City Center 33573 |
| 9.  |                |   |
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| Name (Please Print)   | Representing                | Address                             |
| 1. DAVID BREWER   | Self                        | 1620 Wallace Av<br>Bartow, FL 33830 |
| 2. JOHN PAULK   | Self &<br>COUNCIL BAY FARMS | P.O. Box 388<br>RUSKIN 33575        |
| 3. William Lombry   | Hillsborough Co             | 1001 E Kennedy 33601                |
| 4.  |                             |                                     |
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**US 41 PD&E Study** from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Kracker Avenue

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| 1.  | Name (Please Print) | Representing         | Address   |
|-----|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1.  | John Wilson         | ABCC                 | 218 Apollo Beach Blvd<br>Apollo Beach, FL 33572 |
| 2.  | David Madden        | Blue Ibis Consulting | 218 67th Ave SW<br>Ruskin, FL 33570             |
| 3.  | Lisa Silva          | Planning Commission  | 601 E Kennedy Blvd 10th flr<br>Tampa, FL 33602  |
| 4.  |                     |                      |   |
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| 6.  |                     |                      |   |
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| 10. |                     |                      |   |



**US 41 PD&E Study** from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Kracker Avenue

**Public Hearing FDOT and Staff Sign-In Sheet**

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| 1.  | Name (Please Print) | Representing | Address   |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|---|
| 1.  | DEWI Johnson        | AMERICAN     | 2819 CYPRESS RIDGE BLVD, SUITE 200<br>WESLEY CHAPEL, FL 33544 |
| 2.  | Jessica Provenzano  | American     | " " "   |
| 3.  | Jeff Novotny        | " "          | " " "   |
| 4.  | Chris Salicco       | American     | " " "   |
| 5.  | Jane Alway          | American     | " " "   |
| 6.  | Michael Ryan        | AMERICAN     | " " "   |
| 7.  | Larry Weatherby     | American     | " " "   |
| 8.  | David Bredahl       | American     | " " "   |
| 9.  | Robert Hancock      | "FOOT"       |   |
| 10. | Marian Scorsa       | FDOT         | 1201 N McKinley   |



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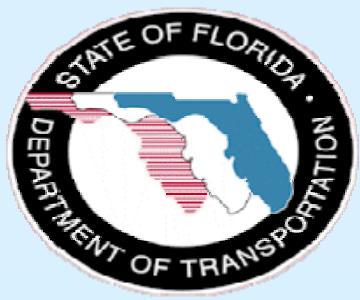
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The Resort & Club at Little Harbor  
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| 1.  | Name (Please Print) | Representing | Address                               |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Robin Rhinesmith    | FDOT         | 11201 N. McKinley DR<br>Tpa, FL 33612 |
| 2.  | Kirk Bogen          | FDOT         |                                       |
| 3.  | Manuel Santos       | FDOT         |                                       |
| 4.  | Jim Futen           | FDOT         |                                       |
| 5.  | Lori Shively        | FDOT         |                                       |
| 6.  | MING GAO            | FDOT         |                                       |
| 7.  | Joel Provenzano     | American     |                                       |
| 8.  | Steve Hodges        | FDOT         |                                       |
| 9.  | Kurt Fair           | FDOT         |                                       |
| 10. | Zenia Gallo         | FDOT-RW      |                                       |

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# *US 41 PD&E Study*

## *Newsletter Blank Comment Form & Speaker Request Card*



# US 41 PD&E STUDY

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

from 12th Street to Kracker Avenue  
Hillsborough County, Florida

### Public Hearing Scheduled

March 2009

Florida Department of Transportation  
District Seven  
WPI Segment No.: 421140 8

Dear Property Owner or Interested Citizen:

You are invited to attend and participate in a public hearing to be held by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the proposed improvements to US 41 from 12th Street to Kracker Avenue in south Hillsborough County. The hearing is being held to give the public an opportunity to provide comments concerning the conceptual design of the proposed improvements to US 41 within the project limits. The hearing will be held:

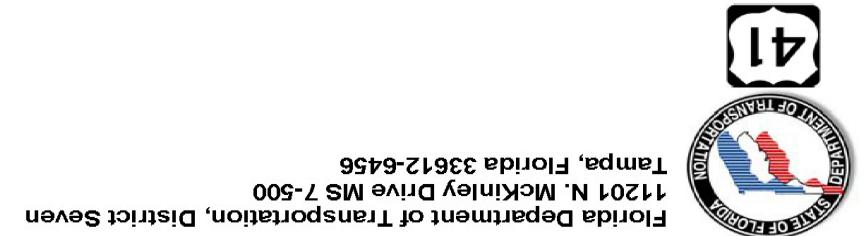
Date: Monday, March 30, 2009  
Place: The Resort & Club at Little Harbor (see map)  
611 Destiny Drive  
Ruskin, FL 33570  
Time: Open House 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.  
Formal Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

be available for review at the FDOT, District Seven Office, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This public hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact the Project Manager, Manuel Santos, by calling 813-975-6173, or by email to: manuel.santos@dot.state.fl.us by Friday, March 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

Ming Gao, P.E.  
Intermodal Systems Development Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven



### Your Comments are Important to Us

We encourage your participation in this US 41 PD&E Study. If you wish to discuss any issues related to this project, schedule a small group meeting, or add your name to the mailing list, please contact Manuel Santos, Project Manager, by calling 813-975-6173 or 800-226-7220 or by e-mail to : manuel.santos@dot.state.fl.us.

Written comments may be sent to:

Ming Gao, P.E.  
Intermodal Systems  
Development Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation,  
District Seven  
11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500  
Tampa, Florida 33612-6456

### Title VI Compliance

In Accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other non-discrimination laws, 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 Manuel Santos Project Manager, at (813) 975-6173 or (800) 226-7220 at least 7 working days in advance of the hearing.

### Anticipated Project Effects

| Project Evaluation Matrix                                |  |                               |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Comparison of No-Build and Recommended Build Alternative |  |                               |
| Evaluation Factor  | No-Build Alternative                                     | Recommended Build Alternative |
| <b>Environmental Effects</b>                             |  |                               |
| Noise Sensitive Sites Affected*                          | --   | 5                             |
| No. of Potentially Contaminated Sites Involved           | 0  | 24                            |
| Wetlands Affected (Acres)                                | 0  | 0.48                          |
| Other Surface Waters Affected (Acres)                    | 0  | 2.77                          |
| Estimated Floodplain Encroachment Area (Acres)           | 0  | 74                            |
| Historic, Archaeological, or Section 4(f) Sites Affected | 0  | 0                             |
| Residential Relocations                                  | 0  | 0                             |
| Business Relocations                                     | 0  | 1                             |
| Number of Affected Parcels                               | 0  | 46                            |
| Additional Right-of-Way Required                         | For Roadway Widening (Acres)                             | 0                             |
|  | For Stormwater Ponds and Floodplain Compensation (Acres) | 0.88                          |
|  |  | 116                           |
| <b>Cost Estimates (\$Millions) Present Day Costs</b>     |  |                               |
| Construction   | 0  | 43.0                          |
| Roadway Design   | 0  | 4.5                           |
| Construction Inspection                                  | 0  | 4.5                           |
| Right-of-Way Acquisition                                 | For Roadway Improvements                                 | 0                             |
|  | For Stormwater Ponds and Floodplain Compensation         | 11.0                          |
|  |  | 104.0                         |
| <b>Total Costs</b> (Preliminary Estimate, Rounded)       | 0  | \$167                         |

\*Noise impact defined as a site that approaches, meets or exceeds FHWA's Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC). NAC for residences = 67 dBA

Department representatives will be available at the hearing beginning at 5:00 p.m. to answer questions and discuss the project informally. Exhibits and other project related materials will be displayed showing the proposed improvements.

A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting. At 6:00 p.m., Department representatives will begin the formal portion of the hearing, which will provide an opportunity to make formal public comments. Following the formal portion of the hearing, the informal open house will resume and continue until 7:00 p.m. You may also mail your comments to the address preprinted on the back of the comment form. All comments must be postmarked by Monday, April 13, 2009 to become part of the official public hearing record.

This newsletter serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the centerline of the proposed project. However, this does not mean that all properties would be directly affected.

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## **What is a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study?**

A PD&E Study is a comprehensive study that evaluates social, cultural, economic and environmental effects associated with the proposed transportation improvements so that the Department can reach a decision on the type, location and conceptual design of the necessary improvement of US 41 to accommodate future traffic demand in a safe and efficient manner. It represents a combined effort by transportation and environmental professionals who analyze information and document the best alternative for a community's transportation needs. The PD&E Study efforts are accomplished by working in cooperation with other state/federal agencies and local governments. This coordination allows the Department to better determine the effects a transportation project will have on the natural and human environment. A State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is being prepared which contains the results of analyses of potential effects to the social, cultural, natural and physical environment.

### Project Description & Need

US 41 is to be improved from an existing four-lane divided rural facility to an urban and suburban six-lane divided facility. The existing posted speed limit varies from 45 miles per hour (mph) to 55 mph. The purpose of this PD&E Study is to evaluate needed capacity improvements of the existing 6.2-mile segment of US 41 from 12th Street extending north to Kracker Avenue in south Hillsborough County, Florida.

Existing traffic volumes range from 17,400 to 31,100 vehicles per day (VPD). By the year 2030, traffic is expected to grow to almost 57,800 VPD. The anticipated traffic growth and existing high levels of congestion created a need to analyze the corridor for necessary improvements to ensure that traffic congestion on US 41 does not continue to worsen.

### No-Build Alternative

The No-Build Alternative would involve foregoing major improvements to the existing roadway and provide only routine maintenance and safety improvements as required. The No-Build Alternative is considered to be a viable alternative and will remain so for the duration of the study.

### Recommended Build Alternative

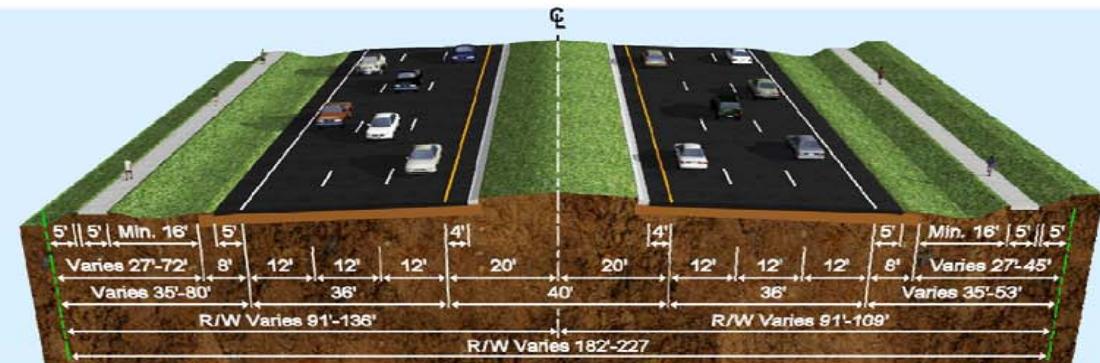
Three different roadway typical sections are proposed within the study limits. The different sections are color coded on the map to the right.

**6-lane Suburban:** This typical section applies to the entire project with the exception of the following sections.

**6-Lane High-Speed Urban with Auxiliary Lanes\*\***: This typical section applies to US 41 from Big Bend Rd. to Pembroke Rd., which is part of a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) connector route which connects the Port of Tampa to I-75.

**6-Lane Urban with Auxiliary Lanes\***: This typical section applies to two segments:

1. From Flamingo Dr. to approximately 1000 ft north of Apollo Beach Blvd
2. Approximately 1000 feet south of Big Bend Road to Big Bend Rd.

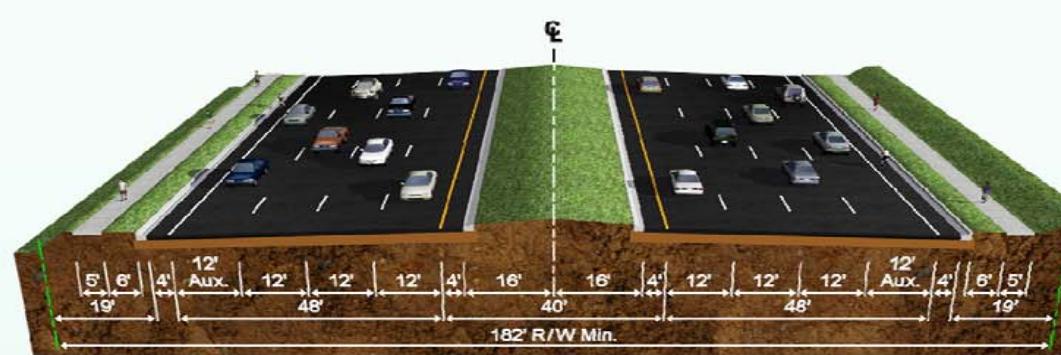


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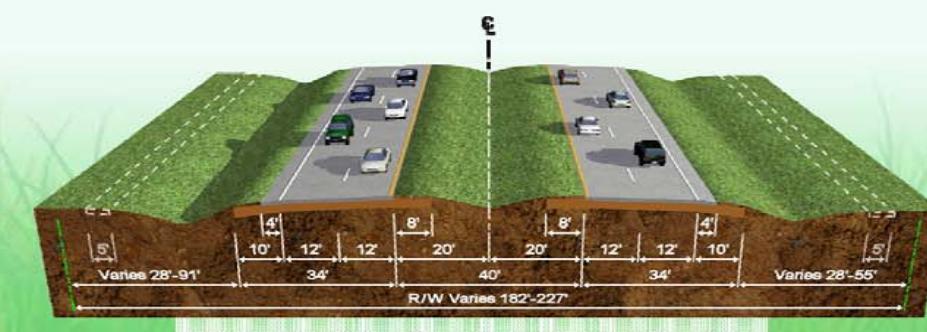
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#### **Recommended Alternative from Big Bend Road to Pembroke Road**



### 6-Lane Urban with Auxiliary Lanes\*

Recommended Alternative from Flamingo Drive to Apollo Beach Blvd



#### US 41 Existing Roadway Cross Section



## Project Schedule

Project Schedule  
PD&E Study Initiated – March 2008  
Public Hearing – March 2009  
PD&E Study Completed – June 2009  
Design – Currently Not Funded  
Right-of-Way – Currently Not Funded  
Construction – Currently Not Funded

## Right-of-Way Acquisition Procedure

We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns. To better educate and inform you about the right-of-way acquisition process and your rights, the Department has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures. These brochures and other education materials will be available at the public hearing. Copies of brochures may also be found on our website: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/Documents.shtml>

We are very interested in hearing your concerns and answering your questions. We also encourage you to speak with the Department's Project Manager or a Right-of-Way Representative at your convenience.



**US 41 PD&E STUDY**  
**From 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Kracker Avenue**  
**Hillsborough County, Florida**  
**WPI Segment Number 421140 8**  
**FPID Number 421140-8-22-01**

## ***Public Hearing Comment Form***

***We encourage your comments regarding this project***

March 30, 2009

**Ming Gao, P.E.**  
**Intermodal Systems Development Manager**  
**Florida Department of Transportation, District**  
**MS 7-500**  
**11201 N. McKinley Drive**  
**Tampa, Florida 33612-6456**

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US 41 PD&E Study  
March 30, 2009

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable):

**Note:** In order to allow all persons the opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to 30 seconds. Questions and comments will be called for in the order in which they are received.

**Note:** In order to allow all persons the opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to 3 minutes. Should you need additional time, a court reporter will be available to complete your statement immediately following the Hearing.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDRESS

EMAIL:

If you did not receive notice of the Public Hearing but would like to be included on the mailing list for this project, please check.

NOTE: Please complete and place in the "Comments" box or mail to Ming Gao, P.E. at the address on the back of this Comment Form. All comments are part of the public record and are available for viewing by the public and the media.



# US 41 PD&E Study

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# US 41 (SR 45)

From 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Kracker Avenue in Hillsborough County  
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

## Public Hearing

FDOT District 7, WPI Segment No: 421140 8, FPID No: 421140-8-22-01, Hillsborough County

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**WHAT:** US 41 – PD&E Study  
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5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
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**WHERE:** Resort & Club at Little Harbor\*  
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### BRIEFLY

#### Rights March Celebrated

SELMA, Ala. — The nation's first black attorney general and Gov. George C. Wallace's daughter celebrated the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march Sunday — 44 years after state troopers from his father's administration beat marchers as they started the landmark journey. Peggy Wallace Kennedy introduced Attorney General Eric Holder at a historic Selma church filled to overflowing.

Selma's annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, commemorating the 1965 voting rights march, was held at Brown Chapel AME Church, where marchers organized on March 7, 1965, to begin their 50-mile trek to Montgomery.

 The Associated Press  
Police on Sunday investigate a drive-by shooting at an army barracks in Northern Ireland.

#### Attack On Soldiers Decried

LONDON — Leaders from across the political spectrum vowed Sunday that the first fatal attack on British soldiers in Northern Ireland in 12 years would not derail the peace process put in motion by the 1998 accord between Catholic republicans and Protestant loyalists.

The shooting, which came at the British army base in a town of 5,000, left two soldiers dead and wounded four people, including a pair of pizza workers who were making a delivery when the assailants struck.

A dissident republican group reportedly claimed responsibility for the attack.

#### Gunman Kills Pastor

MARYVILLE, Ill. — A gunman walked into the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning and opened fire, killing the pastor, then pulled out a knife and stabbed himself and two church members who tried to subdue him, police said.

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Illinois State Police said the gunman is a 27-year-old man from Troy, but did not name him. No charges have been filed. Police do not know a motive and know of no relationship between the suspect and the church.

#### Interpol Joins Probe

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — With prosecution deadlines looming, Interpol announced an agreement Sunday with Pakistan to aid an investigation into the masterminds behind November's militant attack in Mumbai that killed more than 160 people.

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#### China Blames Quake

BEIJING — The strength of last year's massive earthquake in southwestern China was the

### SUDAN

## President Warns Of Escalation

 The Associated Press  
El Fasher, Sudan — Sudan's president threatened to kick out more aid groups and expel diplomats and peacekeepers Sunday during his first trip to Darfur after an international court issued an arrest warrant against him for war crimes there.

Sudan has already expelled 13 of the 16 largest aid groups operating in Darfur as part of its defiant response to the International Criminal Court's decision last week to indict him. Sudan has accused them of cooperating with the ICC.

The statements came as the Sudanese army announced it was moving toward putting its own on-call alert by mobilizing three-quarters of its troops, according to the Sudan Media Center, a news agency with close links to the government.

"Those who respect themselves, we will respect them. Don't interfere in something that doesn't concern you," al-Bashir said in the North Darfur capital of El Fasher. "Don't do anything that would harm the country's security and stability. Whoever deviates, we will not let them stay, whether a voluntary organization, an envoy, a diplomatic mission or a security force."

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main reason so many schools collapsed, an official said Sunday, ignoring claims that shoddy construction was to blame.

The 7.9-magnitude temblor in May left nearly 90,000 people dead or missing, many of them schoolchildren killed in the collapse of 7,000 classrooms.

### North Koreans Vote

 SEOUL, South Korea — North Koreans lined up Sunday to vote for the country's next rubber-stamp parliament, endorsing candidates hand-picked by the ruling party in a poll closely watched for signs of a political shift or hints leader Kim Jong Il has anointed a successor.

Sunday's election was largely a formality, because no one candidate received a majority of the vote. The vote is secret. But those who oppose the sole candidate must go to a special booth to cross out the name before placing it in a ballot box.

Today, outside observers will be analyzing the election results for signs that Kim, 67, who reportedly suffered a stroke last August, is grooming a third-generation leader in the world's first communist dynasty.

### Fighting Kills 100 Rebels

 COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Fierce fighting between Sri Lankan troops and ethnic Tamil separatists defending their last remaining enclave has left about 100 rebels dead in two days of fighting, the military said Sunday.

Military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said Sunday that troops had killed about 100 rebels in two days of fighting in rebel-held territory since Friday, though he cautioned that only about 50 bodies were found.

Troops also suffered casualties in three battles on the edge of the enclave, the army's Web site said.

### China Ramps Up Security

 BEIJING — Military troops ramped up patrols on mountain roads, the Internet has been cut in potential trouble spots and motorists must run a gauntlet of inspection checkpoints as Beijing mounts a show of force in Tibetan areas to prevent a repeat of uprisings against Chinese rule.

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A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Hilda Frazier, Planning Manager, Florida Department of Community Affairs, Community Assistance Section, Sadowski Building, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, (850)488-7541, Fax: (850)488-2488 or e-mail: [hilda.frazier@dea.state.fl.us](mailto:hilda.frazier@dea.state.fl.us).

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The **Florida Building Commission**, "the COMMISSION" announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 2, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Meeting to be conducted using Communications Media Technology, Specifically Conference Call: 1(888)808-6959, Code: 9221867. Public point of access: Room 210L, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Meeting of the Product Approval Program Oversight Committee to consider declaratory statements and applications for statewide product approval.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mr. Azhar Khan, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Housing and Community Development, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, (850)487-1824.

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Fax (850)414-8436. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The Florida **Department of Revenue** announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 10, 2009, during a regular meeting of the Governor and Cabinet, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Department is withdrawing the request for approval by the Governor and Cabinet at their meeting on March 10, 2009, to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Rule 12A-19.021, F.A.C. (Communications Services Tax Brackets).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Larry Green at (850)922-4830.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida **Department of Transportation**, District Seven announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, March 30, 2009, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Resort & Club at Little Harbor, 611 Destiny Drive, Ruskin, Florida 33570

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven invites you to attend and participate in a Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for proposed improvements to US 41 (SR 45) from 12th Street to Kracker Avenue in Hillsborough County. WPI Segment: 421140 8, FPID No.: 421140-8-22-01.

This Public Hearing is being held to afford interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic and environmental effects of the recommended alternative for the project. The project proposes improving US 41 between 12th Street and Kracker Avenue from a four-lane divided road to a six-lane divided suburban road, a six-lane urban road with auxiliary lanes, and a six-lane high-speed urban road with auxiliary lanes. The project length is approximately 6.2 miles.

This Public Hearing is being conducted pursuant to Chapter 339, Florida Statutes, 23 CFR 771, 23 U.S.C. 128, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Title VI and Title VIII of the United States Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968.

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#### STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

The **State Board of Administration** announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m. (ET)

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the SBA Trustees to address the need to raise additional revenue to fund the obligations, costs and expenses of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation. In addition, other general business may be addressed.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Tracy Allen, Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, P. O. Drawer 13300, Tallahassee, FL 32317-3300, [tracy.allen@sbafla.com](mailto:tracy.allen@sbafla.com), (850)413-1341.



# *US 41 PD&E Study*

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## US 41 PD&E Study

Welcome... to the Public Hearing for the US 41 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

From 12th Street to Kracker Avenue

The Resort & Club at Little Harbor  
611 Destiny Drive  
Ruskin, Florida 33570



US 41 PD&E Study



Welcome to the Public Hearing for the US 41 State Road 45 Project Development and Environment, or PD&E Study. At this hearing you will see information about the proposed improvements to the US 41 corridor between 12th Street and Kracker Avenue in southern Hillsborough County.

The Florida Department of Transportation, also known as the FDOT, is conducting this hearing in partnership with Hillsborough County. This presentation will give you a brief overview of this study and will provide interested citizens like yourselves a chance to ask questions and offer comments.



## PD&E Study Evaluations

- ★ Traffic Operations
- ★ Socio-Economic
- ★ Cultural
- ★ Natural
- ★ Physical

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US 41 (SR 45)  
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study  
From 12th Street to Kracker Avenue

Draft Wetland Evaluation and Biological Assessment Report

WRS Segment No. 412140-9

Hillsborough County

Presented to:

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District Seven

Prepared by:

Environmental Engineers, LLC

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## PD&E Study Evaluations



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The PD & E process is used to develop feasible alternatives for roadway improvement projects. The study evaluates viable alternatives and design concepts including a "No-Build" Alternative. Once the recommended alternative is selected, a State Environmental Impact Report or SEIR will be submitted to the FDOT's District Secretary for approval.



## Project Needs



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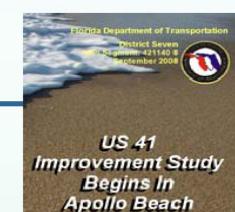
## Study Timeline

Traffic Analysis and Development of Conceptual Roadway and Intersection Improvements

Traffic Technical Memorandum Begins

PD&E Study Begins

November 2007  
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## Study Timeline

### US 41 PD&E STUDY

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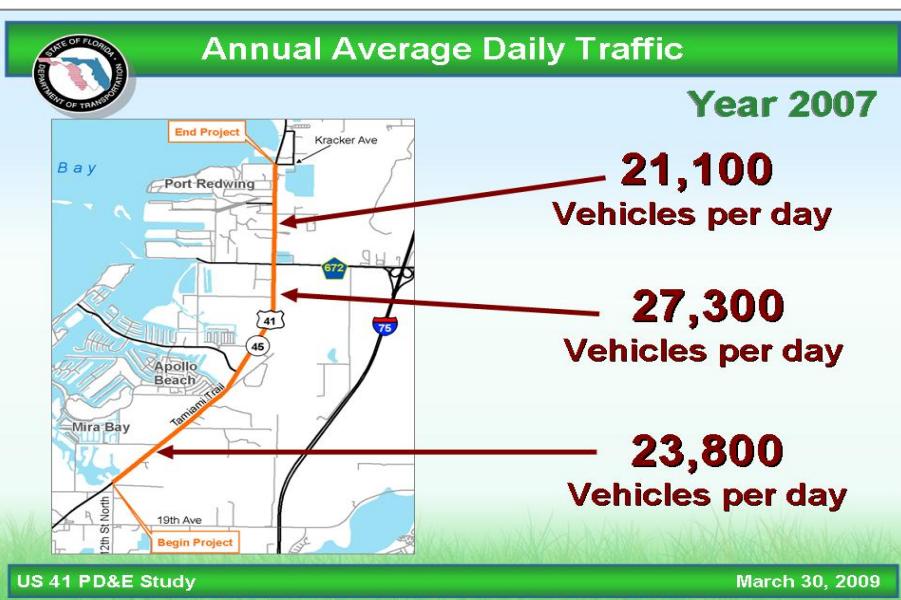
The Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan was adopted in November of 2004 and last amended in June of 2007. This plan identified a need for widening this portion of US 41 to 6-lanes. However, these improvements are not funded in the MPO's Cost-Affordable Plan.

The US 41 PD & E Study began in March of 2008. Prior to the PD&E Study, a traffic study was conducted to determine future traffic and level of service information and identify possible roadway and intersection improvements for the corridor.

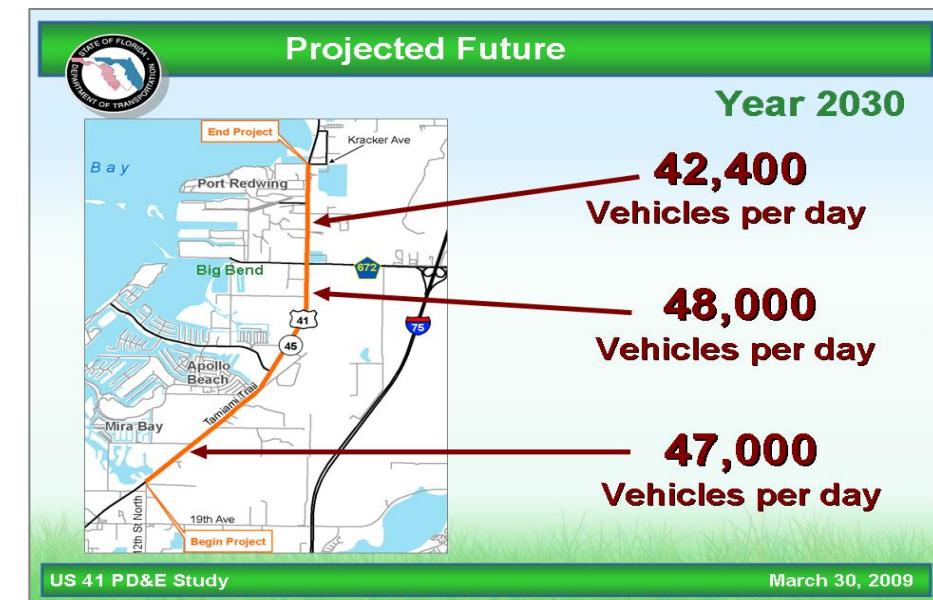
During the PD&E Study, the proposed build improvements were refined, costs developed and potential environmental effects were quantified. The purpose of today's public hearing is to present the recommended alternative and to receive comments for the record on the proposed project and its expected effects.



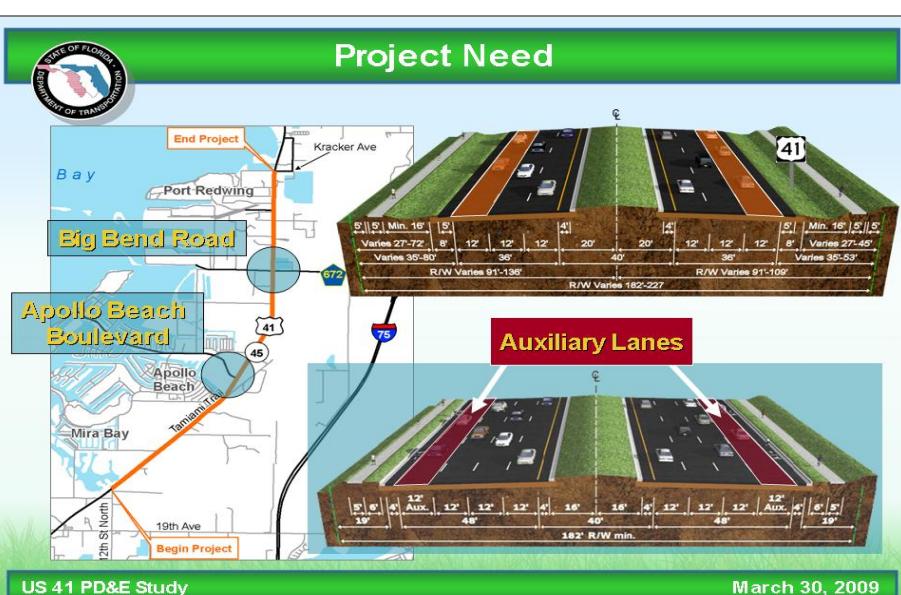
The existing US 41 facility is a 4-lane mostly rural roadway with twelve foot wide travel lanes with paved and lawn shoulders of varying widths. The existing right-of-way width varies from approximately 182 feet to 227 feet. Along this segment, US 41 is designated as an emergency evacuation route.



The Annual Average Daily Traffic is the average amount of traffic that crosses a given point in a 24 hour period. In 2007, the annual average daily traffic along this portion of US 41 was between about 21 thousand and 27 thousand vehicles per day.



We have determined that traffic will double. By the year 2030, traffic on US 41 is expected to grow to between 42 thousand vehicles per day and almost 48 thousand vehicles per day south of Big Bend Road. The existing 4-lane roadway cannot handle these projected future traffic volumes without heavy traffic congestion.

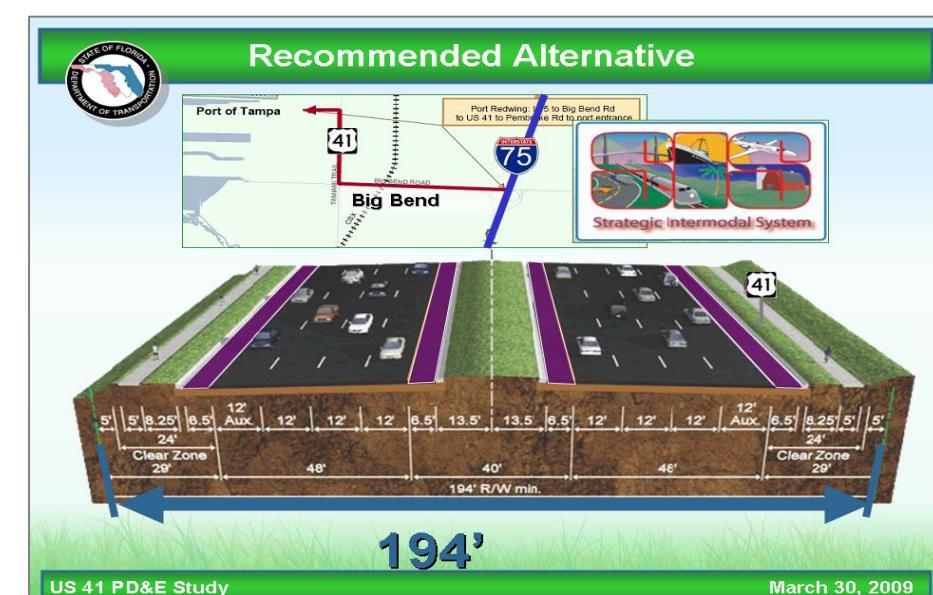


Based on this future traffic we have determined that widening US 41 to a six lane divided highway will be needed. In general, the additional travel lane will be added to the outside of the roadway. At both the Apollo Beach Boulevard and Big Bend Road intersections, an additional lane, called an auxiliary lane will carry additional US 41 traffic through the intersections.



The Recommended Alternative is a six lane "suburban" cross section with 12-foot travel lanes, 5-foot outside paved shoulders and 4-foot paved inside shoulders. The roadway is proposed to retain the existing 40 foot median, and 5 foot sidewalks will be added in most areas where they do not exist.

Except for near the Apollo Beach and Big Bend intersections, in most areas no additional right of way will be required for the roadway improvements. Additional right of way will be needed for constructing off-site stormwater management facilities.



North of Big Bend Road to Pembroke Road, US 41 is designated as a Strategic Intermodal System Connector route by the FDOT. This segment of US 41 connects I-75 to the Port of Tampa facilities. The typical section varies slightly here with wider inside and outside paved shoulders.

**Alternatives Matrix**

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Project Evaluation Matrix  
Comparison of No-Build and Recommended Build Alternative

| Evaluation Factor  | No-Build Alternative         | Recommended Build Alternative |      |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| <b>Environmental Effects</b>                             |                              |                               |      |
| Noise Sensitive Sites Affected*                          | --                           | 5                             |      |
| No. of Potentially Contaminated Sites Involved           | 0                            | 24                            |      |
| Wetlands Affected (Acres)                                | 0                            | 0.48                          |      |
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| Estimated Floodplain Encroachment Area (Acres)           | 0                            | 74                            |      |
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| Business Relocations                                     | 0                            | 1                             |      |
| Number of Affected Parcels                               | 0                            | 46                            |      |
| Additional Right-of-Way Required                         | For Roadway Widening (Acres) | 0                             | 0.86 |
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The study team evaluated the engineering and environmental factors involved with the recommended alternative. This matrix compares the cost and potential environmental effects of the No-Build Alternative with the Recommended Alternative. You can find the matrix in your handout.

**Recommended Alternative**

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**Advantages**

- Improved Regional Connectivity
- Increase in Roadway Capacity
- Improved Safety
- Consistent with Needs Component of Hillsborough County MPO Transportation Plan

**Disadvantages**

- Project Costs (Design, Land Acquisition and Construction)
- Acquisition of Right of Way
- Temporary Disruption to Traffic
- Minimal Environmental Effects

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There are advantages and disadvantages associated with the Recommended Alternative.

The advantages include:

- Improved regional connectivity
- An increase in roadway capacity
- Improved safety with a decrease in future traffic congestion, and
- Consistency with the needs component of the Hillsborough MPO Transportation Plan

The disadvantages of the Recommended Alternative include:

- Costs associated with the design, land acquisition and construction acquisition of additional right-of-way
- Temporary traffic disruptions as a result of these improvements, and
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**No-Build Alternative**

**Advantages**

- No New Construction Costs
- No Disruption due to Construction
- No Right-of-Way Acquisitions
- No Disturbance to Natural Resources

**Disadvantages**

- Increase in Traffic Congestion
- Increase in Potential for Traffic Crashes
- Increase in User Costs
- Inconsistent with the Needs Component of the Hillsborough County MPO Transportation Plans

**No New Improvements**

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The No-Build or no-project alternative is also considered a viable alternative and will remain so for the duration of the study. Under this alternative, no improvements would be made to US 41.

Advantages of the No-Build Alternative include:

- No new construction costs
- No disruption to traffic due to construction activities
- No right-of-way acquisition , and
- No disturbance to natural resources

The disadvantages of the No-Build Alternative include:

- Increase in traffic congestion
- Increase in potential for traffic crashes due to increased congestion, and
- Increase in roadway maintenance and user costs
- An inconsistency with the needs component of the Hillsborough County long range transportation plan.

**Opportunities for Input**



**Right-of-Way Access Management**

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Today's Public Hearing is an opportunity for you to comment on this project. Project representatives are on-hand for anyone who wishes to ask questions. Department representatives are also available to address questions concerning right-of-way acquisition and access management.

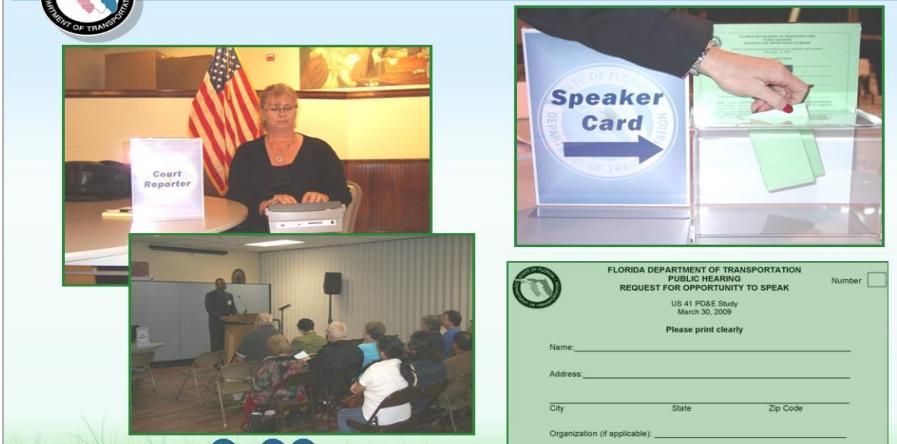
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There are several ways to make a comment as part of the public hearing record. You can speak directly to the court reporter who is on-hand at this hearing.

**Opportunities for Input**



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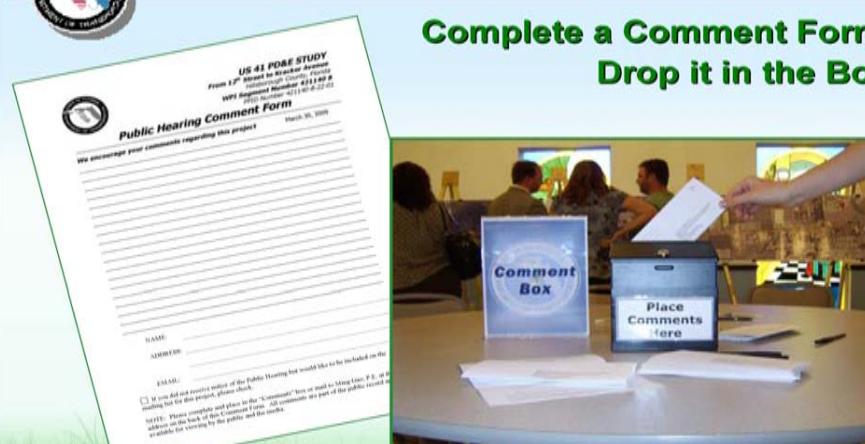
**6:00 p.m.**

The court reporter will also record comments stated at the public forum that begins at 6:00 p.m. An FDOT representative will moderate this formal public comment session and speaking time may be limited.

If you are interested in speaking publicly, please complete a green speaker's card and drop it in the box at the sign-in table.

**Opportunities for Input**

**Complete a Comment Form Drop it in the Box**



We encourage your comments regarding this project!

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**What's Next?**



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With Segment 41-2A & Interchange Study  
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Following this hearing, the Project Team will review all public input. They will then document the preferred alternative and finalize the PD&E documents. Since no federal funds are anticipated for this project, a State Environmental Impact report is being prepared. The PD&E Study is expected to be completed in the next few months.



## What's Next?



Typically, the project would then proceed to the Design Engineering Phase, followed by Right-of-Way Acquisition, and Construction. Funding has not yet been identified for the recommended US 41 improvements. Design for this project will move forward when funding is identified. It is possible that some of these improvements will be constructed in conjunction with adjacent future land developments.



## What's Next?



If you have any questions about the public hearing procedure, or the study in general, you may direct them to the Department staff members who are here today.



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The Resort & Club  
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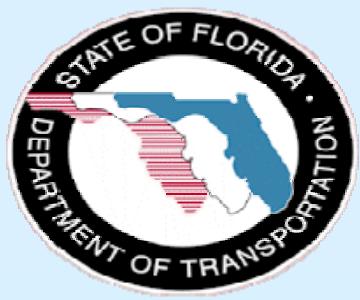
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