

US 41 PD&E STUDY

from Kracker Avenue to south of SR 676 (Causeway Boulevard)

Hillsborough County | Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven | WPI Segment No.: 430056-1

Project Kick-Off Newsletter
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JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

We want your comments and suggestions throughout the study.

Now is the time to get involved.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have questions... we have answers

We're here to help.
Just give us a call,
send us an email,
or let us come speak
to your group:

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STUDY KICKS OFF!

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven is kicking off a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study along a portion of US 41 (SR 45) in Hillsborough County **(MAP 1)**. This PD&E study focuses on a segment of US 41 (SR 45), beginning at Kracker Avenue and extending to just south of SR 676 (Causeway Boulevard) - a distance of approximately 7.8 miles.

US 41 is one of three heavily travelled north-south roadways in southern Hillsborough County, running parallel to both I-75 and US 301. In an effort to improve mobility and enhance safety within the

corridor, several alternatives will be developed; including options for widening this portion of US 41 from four to six lanes and adding features such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and bus stop foundations.

Along with roadway and multimodal improvements to be considered as part of the study, it will also evaluate the effects that

improvements to the bridge crossings over the Alafia River and Bullfrog Creek would have on the environment. The Department will be working closely with the US Coast Guard (USCG) if the bridges require replacement based on the study's alternatives analysis process.

Hillsborough County MPO's 2035 Highway Needs Plan.

alternatives analysis process.

The proposed project is not presently included in the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2035 Highway Cost Affordable Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) component. However, the project is consistent with an identified need to widen US 41 to six-lanes by the year 2035 as documented in the

End Project Palm River-Port Sutton Rd Pendola Point Rd Madison-Ave 41 Village Riverview Dr Alafia River Gibsonton Gibsonton-D HILL SBOROUGH POLK Palm Ave PD&E Study Location Kracker Ave Begin Project MAP I—PROJECT LOCATION MAP

PD&E STUDY BASICS

A PD&E study is conducted to meet the federal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal and state requirements. The study is to ensure that the implementation of transportation projects reflect and incorporate the unique engineering and community characteristics of the area. During the study, we determine the location and conceptual design of feasible "build" alternatives for transportation improvements and analyze each of their social, economic and environmental effects. The "no-build" alternative, which leaves US 41 in its present state and provides for only routine maintenance, remains an option throughout the study.

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The PD&E study will be finalized when the environmental reports are completed and approved by the Florida Department of Transportation and, if necessary, the USCG. If a "build" alternative is selected, once funding has been programmed, the project may then proceed to the next phase in development, which is the design phase.

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Get Involved Today!

We invite you to get involved! The public plays an important role in the project development and decision-making process of this study. Send us your comments and ideas to help us determine the best conceptual design alternatives for this portion of US 41. There are multiple ways to get involved—call, write, or email us. You can also join us at one of our public meetings or invite us to speak at one of your own meetings!

Non-Discrimination Laws & Regulations

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Rick Adair, Project Manager at (813) 975-6446 or (800) 226-7220.

Comuniquese Con Nosotros

Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestro representante, Sr. Manuel Santos, 813-975-6173, Departamento de Transportación de Florida, 11201 N. McKinley Dr., Tampa, FL 33612, manuel.santos@dot.state.fl.us.

Project Schedule

The US 41 PD&E study began in December 2012. The project activities include collecting information, developing roadway improvement alternatives and evaluating the "no-build" and "build" alternatives' potential environmental and social impacts. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2014 and the study is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2015.

