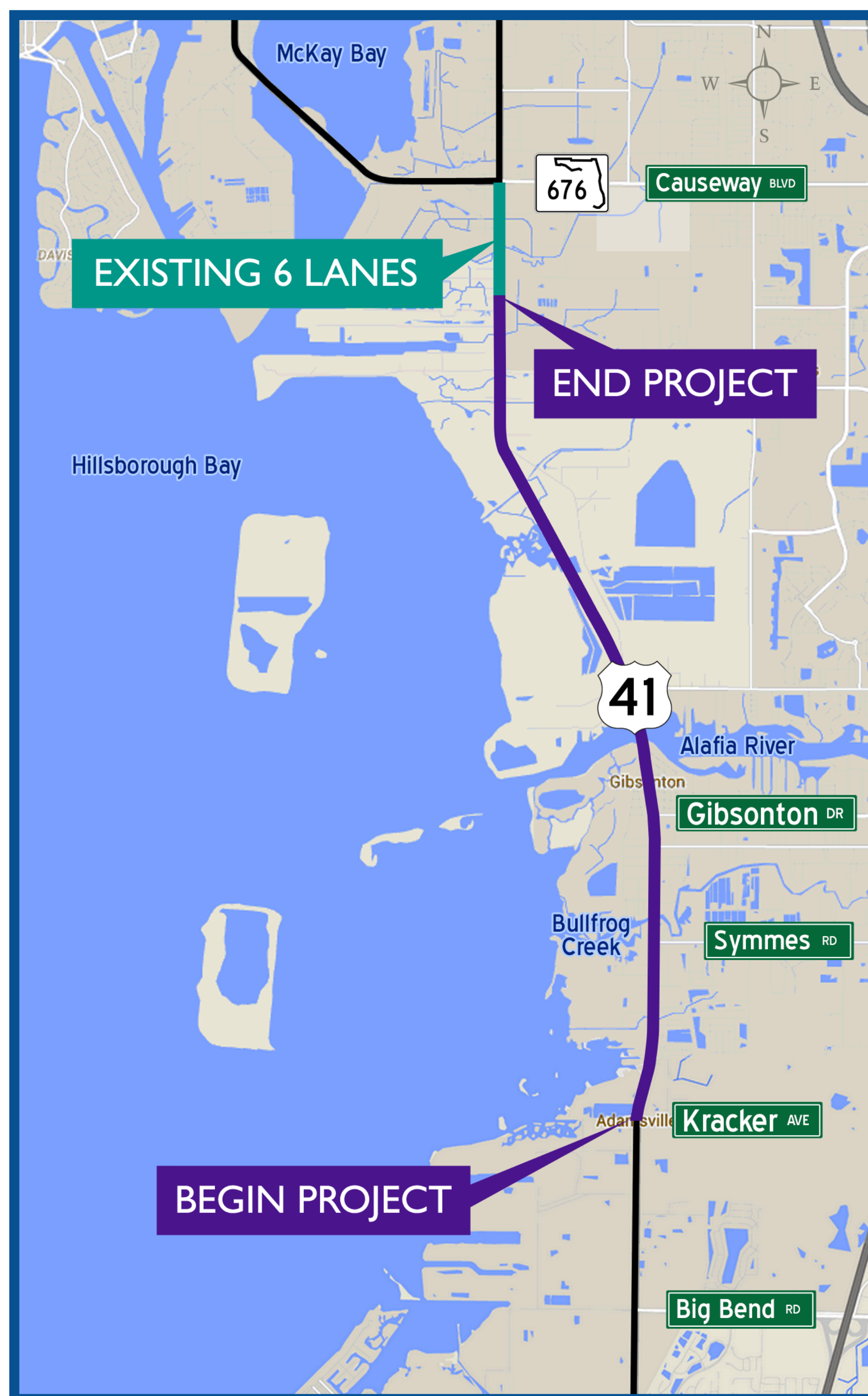




Project Overview

The **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate alternative improvements for US 41 (SR 45) from Kracker Avenue (milepoint 15.784) to south of SR 676 (Causeway Boulevard – milepoint 22.791) in Hillsborough County, a distance of approximately 7.0 miles. Study objectives included: determining proposed typical sections and developing preliminary conceptual design plans for proposed improvements, while minimizing impacts to the environment; considering agency and public comments; and ensuring project compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. Improvement alternatives were identified which will improve safety and satisfy future transportation demand.

FDOT conducted the PD&E study to evaluate the potential environmental, social, and cultural effects of widening U.S. 41, and a State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was prepared and approved by FDOT on January 12, 2017. The FDOT is now pursuing federal eligibility for this project since approval of the SEIR. This will result in updated and additional analyses, as well as the preparation of a Type 2 Categorical Exclusion (CE).