



## Why is this Project Needed?

US 41 is a major north-south arterial of regional significance that parallels Interstate 75 (I-75) and US 301 in Hillsborough County. Within the study area, US 41 plays a significant role in connecting southern Hillsborough County to the Tampa Bay region. The purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate future traffic demands on US 41 due to growth within the project limits and surrounding areas. This corridor is projected to operate at level of service (LOS) F in the design year (2040) if no increase in capacity is provided. Other factors that support the need for the project include the need for increased regional connectivity, safety, emergency evacuation, and modal interrelationships.

## What is a PD&E Study?

A **Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study** is a comprehensive study that evaluates social, economic and environmental effects associated with the proposed transportation improvements so that the FDOT can reach a decision on the type, location and conceptual design to meet the project's proposed purpose and need. A No-Build Alternative, which considers leaving the roadways in their present state with routine maintenance, remains a viable alternative throughout the study. A State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was originally prepared as part of this study and approved on January 12, 2017. Since then, federal funds have been programmed for this project, so the FDOT is now updating the PD&E study to convert the SEIR to a federal Type 2 Categorical Exclusion.