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The approved final Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study documents may be viewed on the study's website provided below.

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Non Discrimination Laws & Regulations

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

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 May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

PROJECT WEBSITE

www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us98-cr54-to-us301/

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US 98/SR 35/SR 700 from CR 54 to US 301/SR 39

Project Development & Environment Study

Florida Department of Transportation District Seven
Pasco County | WPI Segment No. 443368-2

Study Approval Notification

On December 6, 2022 the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the FHWA and FDOT, was granted Location and Design Concept Acceptance for the US 98/State Road (SR) 35/SR 700 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from CR 54 to US 301/SR 39. It is located in Pasco County and is approximately 8.6 miles (see project location map inside).

Public Hearing Results

A Public Hearing was held for this project on December 2, 2021, in person at the Pasco County Fairgrounds Clayton Auditorium, 36722 State Road 52, Dade City, FL 33525 and included an option to attend virtually online.

A total of 66 people (non-staff) signed in at the in-person public hearing, and 14 people (non-staff) signed in at the virtual portion of the public hearing. A total of 14 comments were received: 6 written comments, 7 verbal statements made during the formal portion, and 1 virtual comment.

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Project Location Map

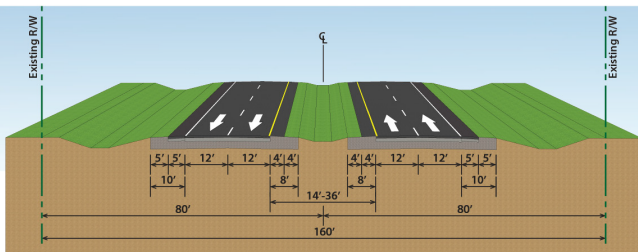


Preferred Alternative

The Preferred Alternative for this project was presented at the public hearing on December 2, 2021, and includes the widening of US 98 from a 2-lane undivided facility to a 4-lane divided facility from County Road (CR) 54 to north of Townsend Road, approximately 6.8 miles, and realignment of US 98 from north of Townsend Road to US 301. The 4-lane divided facility will consist of two 11 to 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a median which varies from 14 to 40 feet. The remaining segment of US 98 between the new US 98 connection and US 301 will be milled & resurfaced and ownership transferred to Pasco County. Eight stormwater and two floodplain management sites were identified to capture and retain stormwater and compensate for any impacts to existing floodplain areas.

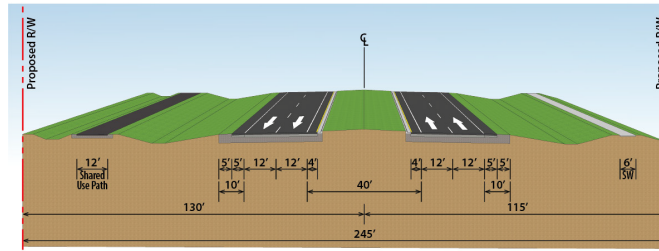
Typical Sections

From CR 54 to north of Townsend Road, the roadway consists of a rural typical section with two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction and will fit within the existing 160-foot wide right of way (ROW). (See image below)

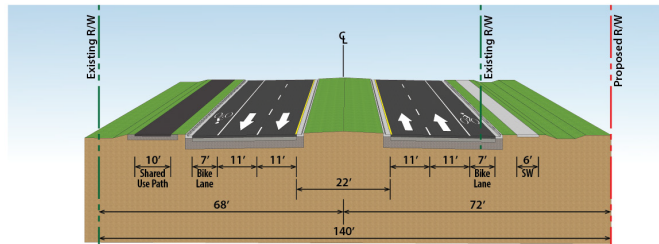


From north of Townsend Road to Cindy Lane, the roadway consists of a suburban typical section with two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction located within a proposed 245-foot wide ROW and includes a 6-foot sidewalk on the east side of the road and a 12-foot shared use path on the west side of the road.

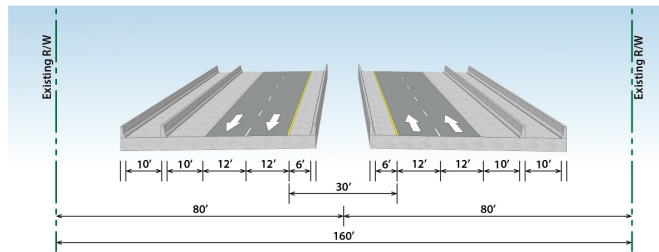
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From Cindy Lane to US 301, the roadway consists of an urban typical section with two 11-foot travel lanes in each direction within a 140-foot wide ROW and includes a 6-foot sidewalk on the east side of the road and a 10-foot shared use path on the west side of the road that connects to the existing shared use path on US 301. (See image below)



At the Hillsborough River and Old Lakeland Highway/CSX Railroad locations, the bridges will be replaced with twin bridges with two 12-foot travel lanes with 6-foot inside shoulders and 10-foot outside shoulders. Both bridges will include barrier separated 10-foot walkway to accommodate future shared use path and/or sidewalk (bicycle and pedestrian) accommodations and will be located within the existing 160-foot ROW. (See image below)



Proposed Right of Way

In addition to the ROW needed for the US 98 mainline widening, ROW is proposed for off-site stormwater management facilities and floodplain compensation sites. Six residential relocations are included as part of the proposed ROW acquisition. This project is now eligible to proceed to the next phase of development. The ROW phase is funded in FDOT's current Five Year Work Program Fiscal Year 2022/23 to 2026/27.

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, FDOT created real estate acquisition and relocation informational brochures. These brochures and other educational materials are available on our website: www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/documents.shtml or call (813) 975-6495 for information.

FDOT Adopted Five Year Work Program Fiscal Years 2022/23 to 2026/27

Phase	Fiscal Year(s)
PD&E	Complete
Design	Design Build (See Construction)
Right of Way Acquisition	2022/2023
Construction	2022/2023

This project is included in the Pasco County MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.