

**Florida Department of Transportation
PROJECT REEVALUATION**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION (originally approved document)

- a. Reevaluation Phase: Federally funded Right-of-Way Authorization.
- b. Document Type and Date of Approval: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), May 7, 1990 (see attached FONSI cover and corridor study map).
- c. Project Numbers: 15150-1565 FFD-185-1(46) 256774 1
State Project Federal Aid Financial Project
- d. Project Local Name, Location, and Limits: State Road (S.R.) 55 (U.S. 19) from S.R. 694 (Gandy Boulevard) in Pinellas County to S.R. 595 (Alternate U.S. 19) in Pasco County, Florida.
- e. Segment of Highway Being Advanced: S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from Whitney to south of Seville Boulevard and S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from south of Seville Boulevard to north of S.R. 60. Financial Project Number (FPN): 256881 1 and 256881 2; Federal Aid Project Number: 1851 113 P and FL63009 R (see attached segment location map).
- f. Name of Analyst: Rick Adair

II. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The above environmental document has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771 or the *Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual* of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and it was determined that no substantial changes have occurred in the social, economic, or environmental effects of the proposed action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the original Administrative Action remains valid.

It is recommended that the project identified herein be advanced to the next phase of project development.

REVIEWER SIGNATURE BLOCK

Rick Adair
District Representative

4/20/06
Date

III. FHWA CONCURRENCE BLOCK

Marcus Williams
FHWA Urban Transportation Engineer

5/3/2006
Date

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IV. CHANGE IN IMPACT STATUS OR DOCUMENT COMPLIANCE

	YES/NO	COMMENTS
A. SOCIAL IMPACTS:		
1. Land Use Changes	() (X)	_____
2. Community Cohesion	() (X)	_____
3. Relocation Potential	() (X)	_____
4. Churches & Schools	() (X)	_____
5. Title VI Considerations	() (X)	_____
6. Controversy Potential	() (X)	_____
7. Utilities and Railroads	() (X)	_____
B. CULTURAL IMPACTS:		
1. Section 4(f) Lands	() (X)	_____
2. Historic Sites/Districts	() (X)	_____
3. Archaeological Sites	() (X)	_____
4. Recreation Areas	() (X)	_____
5. Pedestrian/Bicycle	() (X)	_____
6. Facilities		_____
C. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:		
1. Wetlands	() (X)	_____
2. Aquatic Preserves	() (X)	_____
3. Water Quality	() (X)	_____
4. Outstanding Florida Waters	() (X)	_____
5. Wild and Scenic Rivers	() (X)	_____
6. Floodplains	() (X)	_____
7. Coastal Zone Consistency	() (X)	_____
8. Coastal Barrier Islands	() (X)	_____
9. Wildlife and Habitat	() (X)	_____
10. Farmland	() (X)	_____
11. Visual/Aesthetic	() (X)	_____
D. PHYSICAL IMPACTS:		
1. Noise	() (X)	_____
2. Air	() (X)	_____
3. Construction	() (X)	_____
4. Contamination	() (X)	_____
5. Navigation	() (X)	_____

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CORRIDOR PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE

The information presented below is based on the current five-year adopted work program (FY 2005-2009), Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) ten-year work program, FIHS Cost Feasible Plan, and 2020 Needs Plan. This listing also includes projects that are currently under construction. The project segments listed below are meant to complement those segments within the FONSI limits that have previously been constructed and opened to traffic.

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| 1. | Work Program Item Segment Number:
Federal Aid Project Number:
Project Limits: | Not Assigned.
Not Assigned.
S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from north of Gandy
Boulevard to south of 49 th Street. |
| | Current Status: | Unfunded. |
| 2. | Work Program Item Segment Number:
Federal Aid Project Number:
Project Limits: | 257070 1
1469 005 U
S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from north of 49 th Street to
south of 126 th Avenue; includes 118 th
Avenue interchange. |
| | Current Status: | Right- of- way (ROW) acquisition. |
| 3. | Work Program Item Segment Number:
Federal Aid Project Number:
Project Limits: | 256957 1
Not Assigned.
S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) at Drew Street; from north
of S.R. 60 to CSX railroad crossing. |
| | Current Status: | Construction underway. |
| 4. | Work Program Item Segment Number:
Federal Aid Project Number:
Project Limits: | 256881 1
1851 113 P
S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from north of Whitney
Road to south of Seville Boulevard. |
| | Current Status: | This segment is the subject of this
advance to ROW reevaluation. |

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5. Work Program Item Segment Number: 256881 2
 Federal Aid Project Number: FL63 009 R
 Project Limits: S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from south of Seville
 Boulevard to north of S.R. 60.
- Current Status: **This segment is the subject of this
advance to ROW reevaluation.**
6. Work Program Item Segment Number: 256888 1
 Federal Aid Project Number: Not Assigned.
 Project Limits: S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from south of Northeast
 Coachman Road to north of Sunset Point
 Road.
- Current Status: Construction underway.
7. Work Program Item Segment Number: 256890 1
 Federal Aid Project Number: FL63 007 R
 Project Limits: S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from north of Sunset Point
 Road to south of Countryside Boulevard;
 includes Enterprise interchange.
- Current Status: Preconstruction underway.
8. Work Program Item Segment Number: Not Assigned.
 Federal Aid Project Number: Not Assigned.
 Project Limits: S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from north of S.R. 580 to
 north of C.R. 95.
- Current Status: Unfunded.
9. Work Program Item Segment Number: Not Assigned.
 Federal Aid Project Number: Not Assigned.
 Project Limits: S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from north of C.R. 95 to
 the north of Nebraska Avenue.
- Current Status: Unfunded.
10. Work Program Item Segment Number: Not Assigned.
 Federal Aid Project Number: Not Assigned.
 Project Limits: S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from north of Nebraska
 Avenue to south of Timberland Road.
- Current Status: Unfunded.

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| 11. | Work Program Item Segment Number: | Not Assigned. |
| | Federal Aid Project Number: | Not Assigned. |
| | Project Limits: | S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from south of Timberland Road to south of Lake Street. |
| | Current Status: | Unfunded. |
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| 12. | Work Program Item Segment Number: | Not Assigned. |
| | Federal Aid Project Number: | Not Assigned. |
| | Project Limits: | S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from south of Lake Street to the Pinellas Trail. |
| | Current Status: | Unfunded. |

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V. EVALUATION OF MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES (e.g., Typical Section Changes, Alignment Shifts, ROW Changes, Bridge to Box Culvert, and Drainage Requirements).

Segment 256881-1: The original PD&E Study proposed an overpass at Nursery Road and U.S. 19, however, this design element will not be provided. Since approval of the EA/FONSI, the FDOT has prepared a Feasibility Study. The Study concepts were developed to minimize ROW needs in the corridor. The resulting recommendations from this study included the elimination of an overpass at Nursery Road.

Segment 256881-2: The original PD&E document does not include an overpass at Seville Boulevard; however, the Phase II plans provide for an overpass at this location. Based upon the recommendations of the Feasibility Study referenced above, overpasses are currently being designed at Whitney Road and Seville Boulevard.

VI. MITIGATION STATUS AND COMMITMENT COMPLIANCE

1. The bottomland hardwood forest and cypress wetland communities are anticipated to provide flood control and habitat for a variety of wildlife including marsh birds and mammals. Valuable habitats are limited along the corridor due to the urban nature of the existing facility. Some of these wetlands are dominated by invader species along the edges, (i.e., willow, shrub, and saltbush).

These communities are anticipated to require less mitigation than the more valuable wetlands. All mitigation is proposed at a 1:1 ratio for a total of 4.10 acres. The existing communities have been impacted by previous road construction, and the minimal acreage required for the proposed improvements is not anticipated to significantly impact these wetlands.

Status:

Consultation with FDOT Environmental permits staff confirmed that the proposed locations and quantities of wetlands impacts associated with the current design are consistent with those outlined in the original PD&E study. It is currently estimated that 0.8 acres will be mitigated through Florida Statute S.373.4137 F.S. for Segment 256881-1 and 0.5 acres will be mitigated through Florida Statute S.373.4137 F.S. for Segment 256881-2. Environmental permits have not yet been submitted to the regulatory agencies. Their status will be updated in a future reevaluation.

2. Due to the suitable habitat and potential for manatee involvement, a mitigation plan, in accordance with the Florida Manatee Act, will be implemented as a part of the recommended action.

Status:

U.S. 19 (256881-1) passes over Allen's Creek. Because of the potential for Manatee involvement, FDOT remains committed to the inclusion of the FDOT Manatee

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Technical Special Provisions in the final plans package. The status of these provisions will be updated in a future reevaluation.

3. Maintenance of traffic throughout the project corridor will be given special consideration. Access to major traffic generators such as businesses and residences will be provided.

Status:

Traffic control plans are currently being developed and will include adequate access to major traffic generators, such as businesses and residences. There is no change in status.

4. Any hazardous waste sites discovered during design or construction will be investigated by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDER) and appropriate clean up measures will be taken prior to continuation of work in the area.

Status:

The Hazardous Waste Site Inventory Report, (December 1987) identified 21 possible sites within the two segments being advanced with this reevaluation. Given the preliminary status of project plans, an assessment of impacts from contamination issues on planned construction activity has not been finalized. The results of this assessment will be addressed in a future reevaluation.

5. Any historic or archaeological remains encountered will cause stoppage of contractors until the proper action is taken by the State Division of Archives, History and Records Management, and the Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties.

Status:

A Probability Analysis, conducted in 2004 for the 12 proposed ponds (for both segments), determined that there is a low probability for finding historic structures within or adjacent to the pond sites. This Probability Analysis also concluded that one pond site had a moderate to high potential and two pond sites had moderate potential of containing unrecorded archaeological sites. Fieldwork to determine if unrecorded archaeological sites exist at these proposed locations will be conducted for the preferred pond sites. The final Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS), containing the findings of the field investigations, will be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for review and coordination with the Florida State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

6. Construction noise will be controlled as specified in Section 4.0 (of the approved FONSI).

Status:

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During the construction phase of the project, short-term noise may be generated by stationary and mobile construction equipment. The construction noise will be temporary at any location and will be controlled by adherence to the most recent edition of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Due to the existing commercial status of these segments, construction noise impacts are not expected.

7. The development of a stormwater management plan will be a major element of the final design of this project. The plan will be developed during the preliminary engineering stage of the final design contracts and provided to the FDER and to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for conceptual approval. Permits will be obtained from SWFWMD, FDER, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for approval and monitoring of stormwater and dredge and fill activities.

Status:

FDOT is working closely with SWFWMD to design and permit a stormwater management system that meets state water quality standards. FDOT is currently working with the other permitting agencies to assess project related impacts and determine additional permitting needs.

VII. PERMITS STATUS

The following provides for the status of environmental permits by each regulatory agency for the segment being advanced.

Project Segment No. 256881 1

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Status</u>
SWFWMD	Environmental Resource Permit	Permit has not yet been submitted.
FDEP	Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities (replaces National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES])	Issued 48 hours prior to construction.

Project Segment No. 256881 2

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Status</u>
SWFWMD	Environmental Resource Permit	Permit has not yet been submitted.
FDEP	Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities (replaces NPDES)	Issued 48 hours prior to construction.

Federal Highway Administration
Region Four

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

and

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State Project Number: 15150-1565
Federal Project Number: FFD-185-1(46)
Work Program Number: 7116860

U.S. Highway 19 (State Road 55) from Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) in Pinellas County to Alternate U.S. 19 (State Road 595) in Pasco County, Florida.

This project consists of upgrading 24.6 miles of U.S. 19 from a 4- and 6-lane at-grade arterial to a 6- and 8-lane controlled access expressway. There are 12 major interchanges, 13 overpasses/minor interchanges, and 6 grade separations planned in this section of U.S. 19.

Submitted pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2)(c).

Date

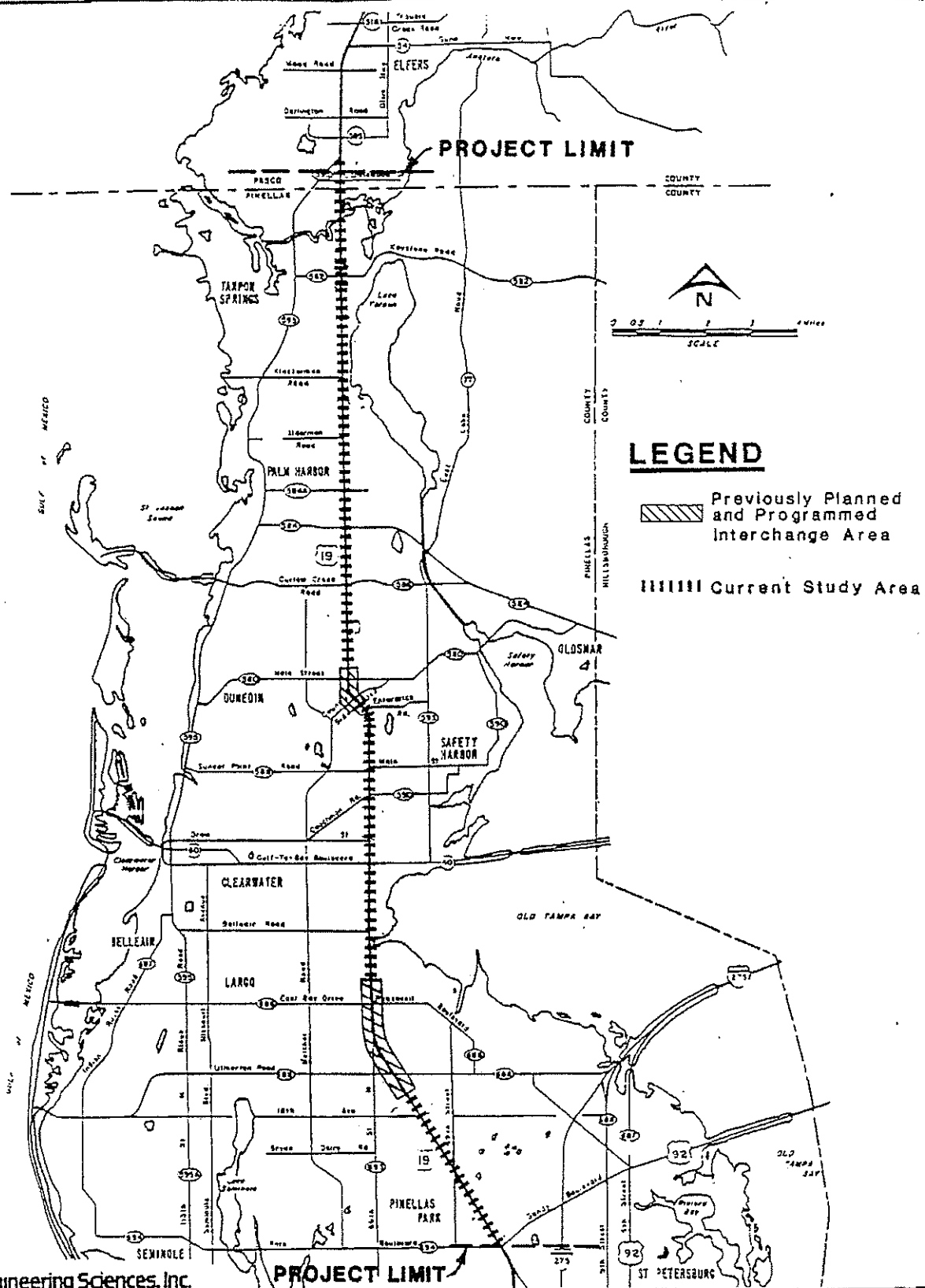
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Bethel Blackman
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

FHWA has determined that this project will not have any significant impact on the human environment. This Finding Of No Significant Impact is based on the attached Summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which has been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and contents of the attached Summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

U.S. Highway 19 is the only continuous north-south general land service highway serving the populous west coast of the Pinellas/Pasco County area. The Florida Department of Transportation proposes to improve U.S. 19 (SR 55) from Gandy



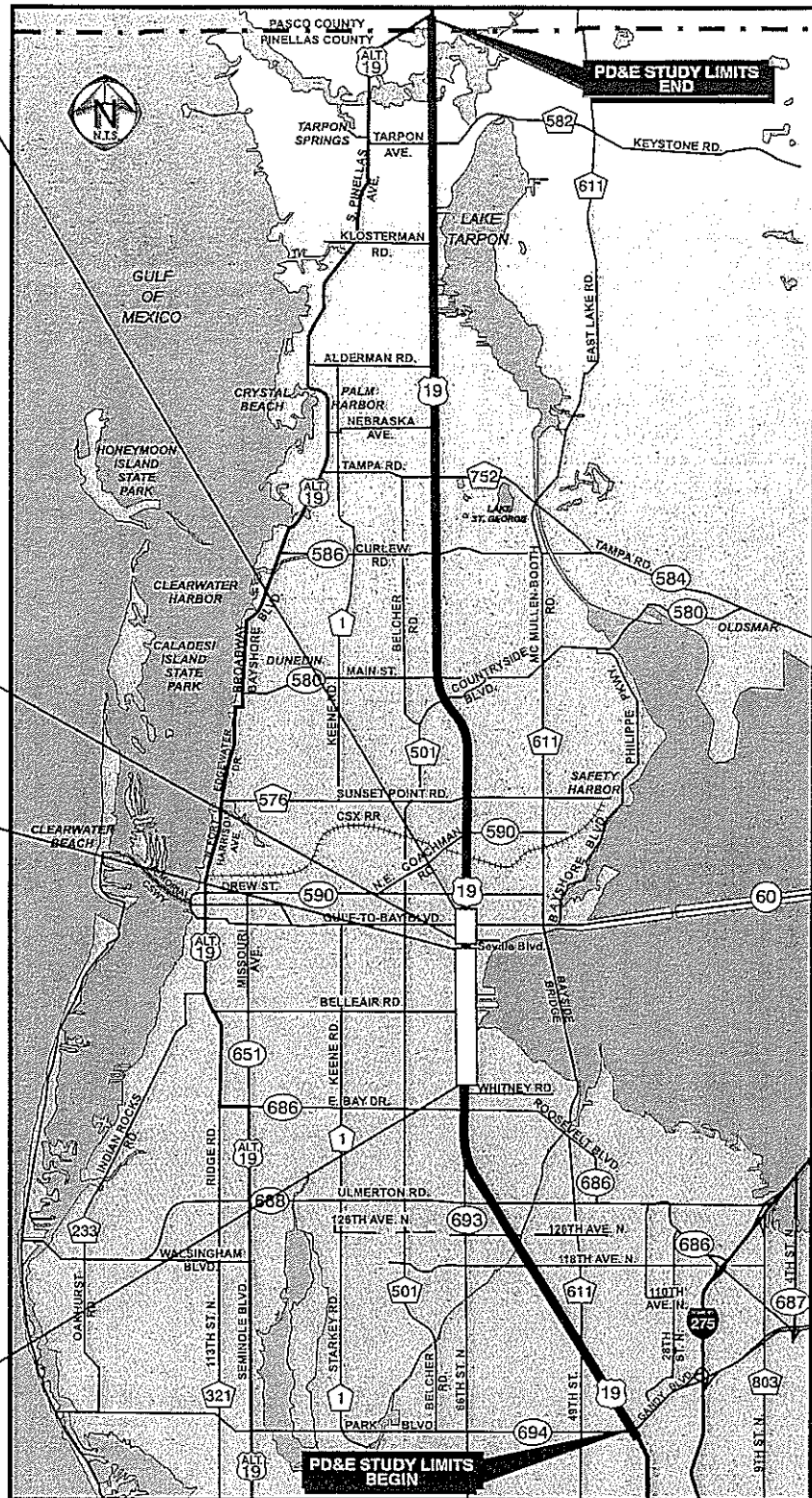
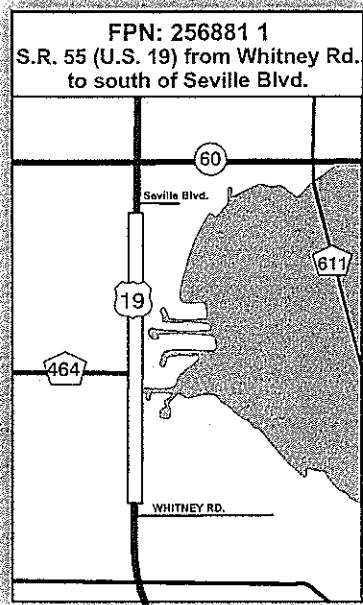
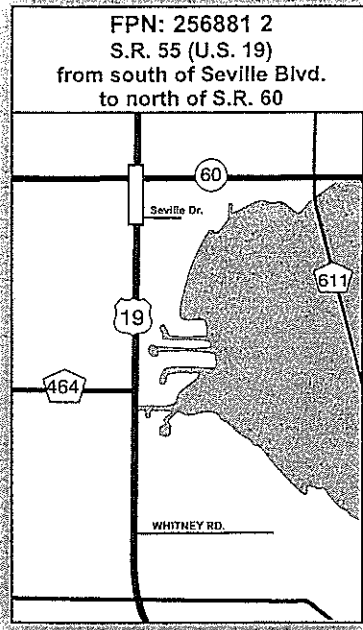
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AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**
Pinellas and Pasco Counties, Florida
STATE PROJECT NO. 15150-1585

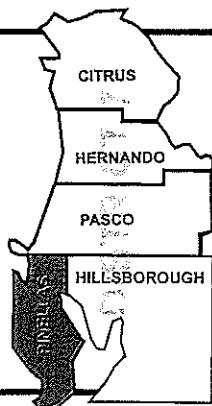
U.S. 19 CORRIDOR STUDY AREA

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EXHIBIT 1



PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Florida Department of Transportation US 19 ADVANCE TO RIGHT-OF-WAY REEVALUATION

S.R. 55 (U.S. 19) from Whitney Road to South of Seville Boulevard
and South of Seville Boulevard to North of S.R. 60
(FPN: 256881 1, 256881 2)

Pinellas County, Florida

