

Gandy Boulevard (US 92/SR 600)

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

From 4th Street to Westshore Boulevard

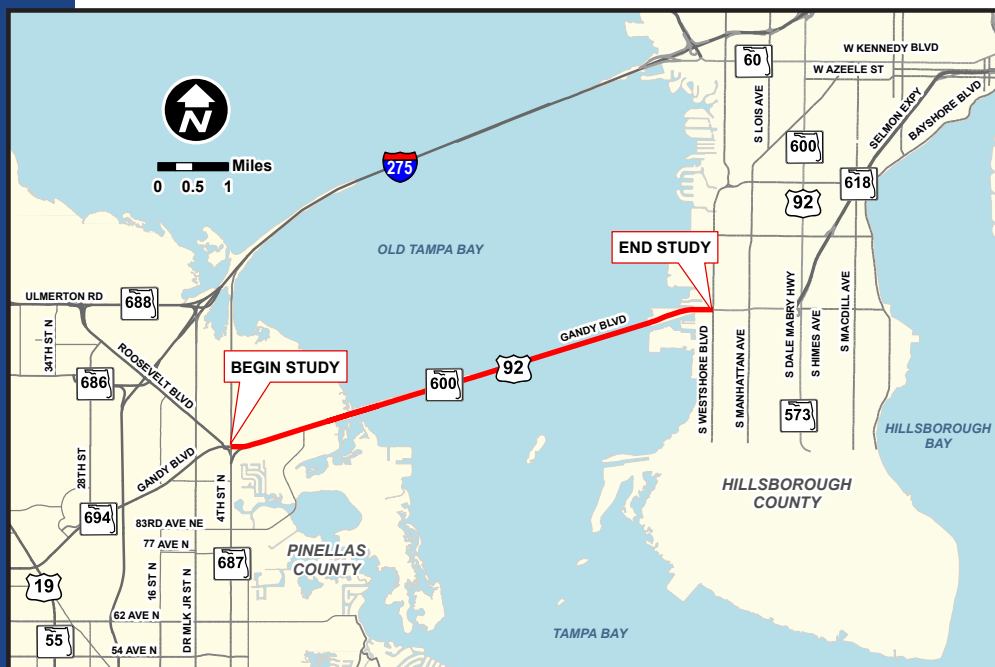
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INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for US 92/SR 600/Gandy Boulevard, hereinafter referred to as Gandy Boulevard. The limits of the study, shown on the graphic below, are from 4th Street on the west in Pinellas County to Westshore Boulevard on the east in Hillsborough County, a distance of approximately 7 miles.



Gandy Boulevard is currently a four-lane divided facility throughout the study limits and is classified by the FDOT as an urban principal arterial. Gandy Boulevard is on the FDOT's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) – meaning it is part of Florida's high priority network of transportation facilities important to the state's economy and mobility.

The PD&E Study will evaluate capacity improvements (i.e., roadway widening) and the addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the study limits. Bridge widening or replacement is also anticipated, and a grade separated overpass at Brighton Bay Boulevard will also be evaluated.

PD&E STUDY OVERVIEW

A PD&E Study is conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal and state requirements. The PD&E Study process assists the FDOT to determine the location; conceptual design; and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project. During the PD&E Study, "Build" alternatives are developed and evaluated based on safety measures, environmental and engineering analyses, and public input. In addition, the "No-Build" or "No Action" alternative, which leaves Gandy Boulevard in its present state and provides for only routine maintenance, remains a viable option throughout the PD&E Study.

The PD&E Study will be finalized after the public hearing when the project documents are approved by the FDOT Office of Environmental Management (OEM). If a "build" alternative is selected and funding is programmed, the project may then proceed to the next phases of project development, which include the final design, right of way acquisition, and construction phases.

GET INVOLVED

Public and agency involvement is one of the most important elements of a PD&E Study. There are many ways for you to stay involved, such as regularly visiting the project website, attending the public hearing and requesting information by phone or email. In addition, you may request to be added to the project mailing list by visiting the project's website at <https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gandy-4th-to-westshore/> or by contacting the Project Manager, Craig Fox, by email at craig.fox@dot.state.fl.us or by telephone at (813) 975-6082 or (800) 226-7220.

Join the Conversation about the Gandy Boulevard PD&E Study

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Project Website

For more information on this study, visit our project website:
<https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/gandy-4th-to-westshore/>



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Gandy Boulevard PD&E Study began in February 2020. The main project activities include public involvement, data collection, analysis of existing conditions, developing and evaluating a range of improvements, known as alternative(s), and preparing project documents. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the Spring of 2022 and the study is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2022.

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 December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Task	2020				2021				2022			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Study Begins	★											
Data Collection												
Alternatives Development & Evaluation												
Public Hearing												
LDCA* Study Approval												✓

*LDCA = Location and Design Concept Acceptance

All dates shown on schedule are tentative and subject to change.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Alex Henry, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or by email to alex.henry@dot.state.fl.us.

COMUNIQUESE CON NOSOTROS

Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información sobre este proyecto, por favor ponerse en contacto con el señor Manuel Flores al teléfono (813) 975-4248 o al correo electrónico manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us.

RIGHT OF ENTRY

The FDOT and/or authorized agents may need to make entry onto your property sometime between June 14, 2021 and July 31, 2021 for the purpose of conducting land surveys and gathering environmental and geotechnical data. Data collected will be analyzed as we develop concept plans and engineering and environmental reports. Property entry is authorized by Florida Statute 337.274 and is solely for the purpose of gathering data and will not interfere with continued use or occupancy of your property. Florida Statute 337.274 authorizes FDOT staff or its agents to enter any lands, waters, and premises to conduct surveys, soundings, drillings, environmental assessments and other examinations necessary to perform our duties.