



# Burnt Store Road PD&E Study

From Van Buren Parkway to Charlotte County Line  
Lee County

## PD&E STUDY KICKOFF

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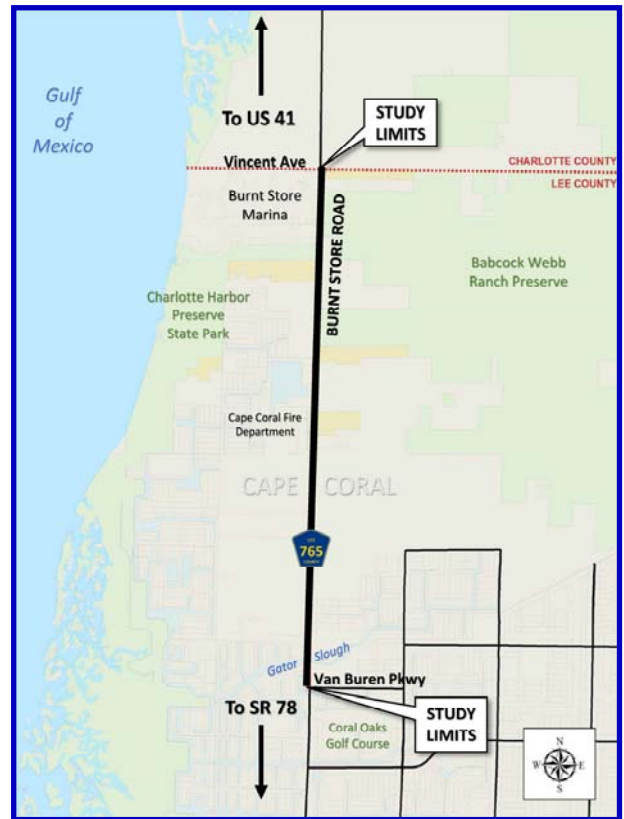
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for proposed improvements to Burnt Store Road from Van Buren Parkway to the Charlotte County Line in Lee County, a distance of approximately 5.5 miles. The improvements are intended to provide additional roadway capacity and enhance safety.

During the PD&E process, FDOT will develop alternatives and provide opportunities for your input. Alternatives under consideration include widening Burnt Store Road from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway and bridge improvement options over Gator Slough Canal. Each alternative will be evaluated to determine social and environmental impacts, safety needs, additional right-of-way, and traffic performance. The purpose of the study is to select a preferred alternative that will be advanced to the design phase. Throughout this process, FDOT will consider a “no-build” option which assumes no improvements to Burnt Store Road other than routine maintenance. If the study results in the selection of a “build” alternative, the project can proceed to the design phase, during which construction plans are prepared.

You are encouraged to participate in the Burnt Store Road PD&E Study. As the study progresses, we will use the comments and input we receive from the community to develop and refine alternatives. We invite your questions and comments which can be submitted through the project website below or by contacting the FDOT Project Manager.

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## Project Schedule

Over the next several months, project activities will include collecting data, developing alignment alternatives, and evaluating potential social and environmental effects of the alternatives. The project team will present these alternatives at a public information workshop, tentatively scheduled for early 2021. A formal public hearing is tentatively scheduled for early 2022. You will receive notifications through the mail prior to each meeting. After the public hearing, FDOT District One will submit project documents to the FDOT Office of Environmental Management for Location and Design Concept Acceptance.

Study Activities	2020				2021				2022	
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Study Begins	●									
Data Collection	■									
Project Newsletters		▲				▲			▲	
Develop Alternatives and Coordinate with Local Agencies			■							
Alternatives Public Meeting					★					
Refine and Evaluate Alternatives					■					
Finalize Draft Study Documents							■			
Public Hearing									★	
Finalize Study Documents for FDOT									■	
OEM Approval (Location and Design Concept Acceptance, or LDCA)										●

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by 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.