



SR 789 (Longboat Key) from North Shore Road to Coquina Park Entrance Manatee County

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

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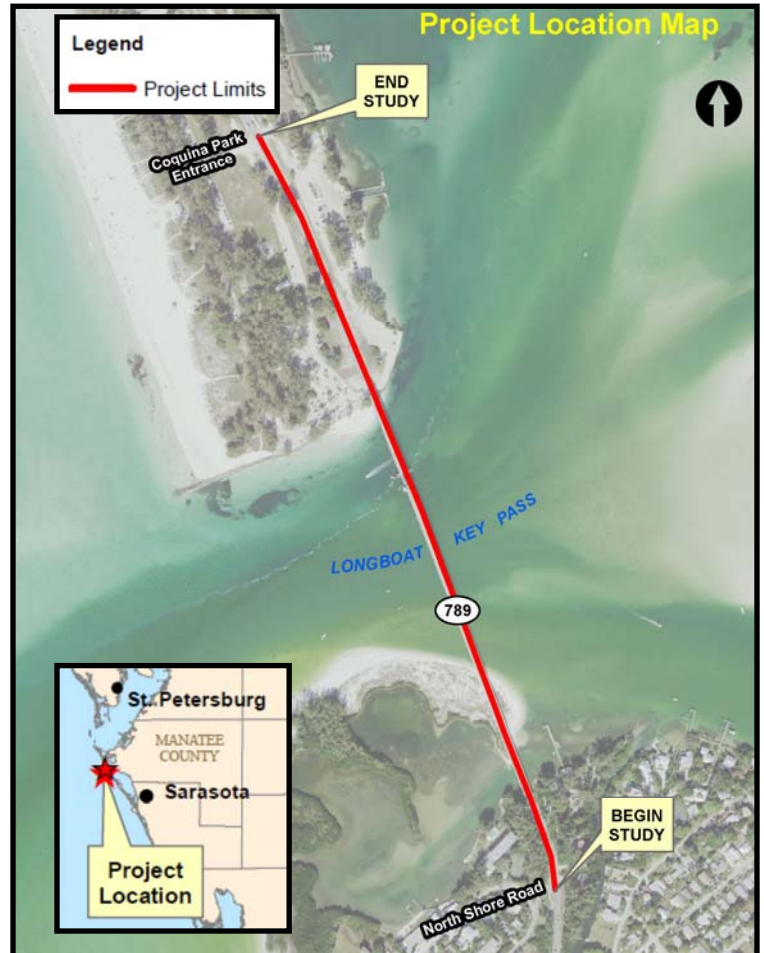
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for proposed improvements to SR 789 (Longboat Key) from North Shore Road to Coquina Park Entrance in Manatee County, a distance of approximately 3/4 of a mile. This study will evaluate replacement alternatives for the Longboat Key bridge.

The PD&E study is being conducted to evaluate and document potential engineering and environmental effects of the proposed alternatives. During the PD&E process, FDOT will develop alternatives and provide opportunities for your input. Alternatives to be evaluated will include rehabilitation of the existing bridge, a new high-level fixed bridge, and a moveable bridge. Each alternative will be evaluated to determine social and environmental impacts, safety needs, additional right-of-way, and traffic performance. Throughout this process, FDOT will consider a “no-build” option which assumes no improvements to SR 789 (Longboat Key) 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 SR 789 (Longboat Key) 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, www.swfroads.com/sr789/longboatkey or by contacting the FDOT Project Manager.



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PROJECT WEBSITE

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or e-mail at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us

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.

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Project Schedule

Over the coming months, project activities will include collecting data, developing bridge alignment alternatives, evaluating potential social and environmental effects of the alternatives and conducting a public kickoff meeting. The project team will present these alternatives at a public information workshop, tentatively scheduled for late 2021. A formal public hearing is tentatively scheduled for late 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.

Activities	2020				2021				2022				2023		
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Study Begins	X														
Data Collection		■													
Public Kick-off Meeting					X										
Develop Alternatives					■										
Public Alternatives Meeting									X						
Refine Alternatives										■					
Draft Study Documents										■					
Public Hearing													X		
Finalize Study Documents														■	
Study Complete															X