

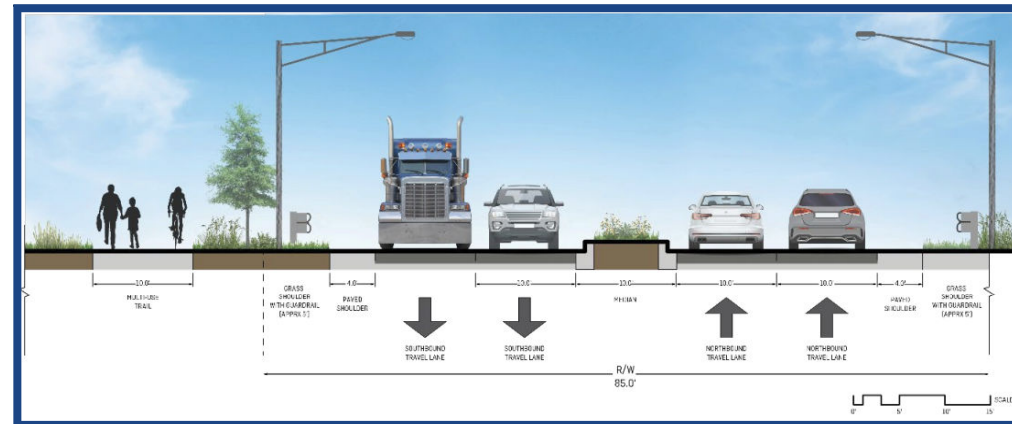


SR 70 Corridor Study Factsheet

SR 70 is a major corridor and a critical transportation link, connecting employees, businesses, freight networks, and residential neighborhoods. The purpose of this study is to support FDOT District One with the development of a Corridor Vision and Action Plan for SR 70 which will be used to identify and prioritize short-term and long-term improvements based upon safety, operational, and capacity needs. The study will aid FDOT in identifying deficiencies along the corridor, prioritizing projects, developing preliminary purpose and need statements and scopes of services for future projects. The vision for enhancing road safety and capacity along the corridor includes upgrading the corridor to include well defined spaces for travel lanes, buffers, shoulders, landscaping, a multiuse trail, and appropriate lighting.

Expand Travel Lanes

SR 70 is predominantly a two-lane road with varying lane widths, and varying road elements throughout the corridor. The corridor has been characterized as “dangerous” because of the congestion, speeds, freight traffic, and lack of essential road elements, such as shoulders. The SR 70 Corridor Vision includes additional travel lanes to provide safe traffic flow through the area and carrying capacity.



Roadway Safety and Capacity

Expand Travel Lanes
Context
Supportive Street Lighting
Add Truck Parking Facilities
Add Alternative Fuels Facilities
Wildlife Crossings

SR 70 Corridor Vision Themes & Elements

Branding & Placemaking


Gateways
Native Landscaping
Multi-Use Trails
Scenic View Sheds



Street Lighting

Better lighting conditions can contribute to driver comfort and safety. Aside from the lighting within stretches along the corridor that pass through a community, SR 70 is dark – creating challenging conditions for motorists at night. There are critical areas along SR 70 where lighting is needed, such as intersections with high number of crashes or at the junction of main roads.

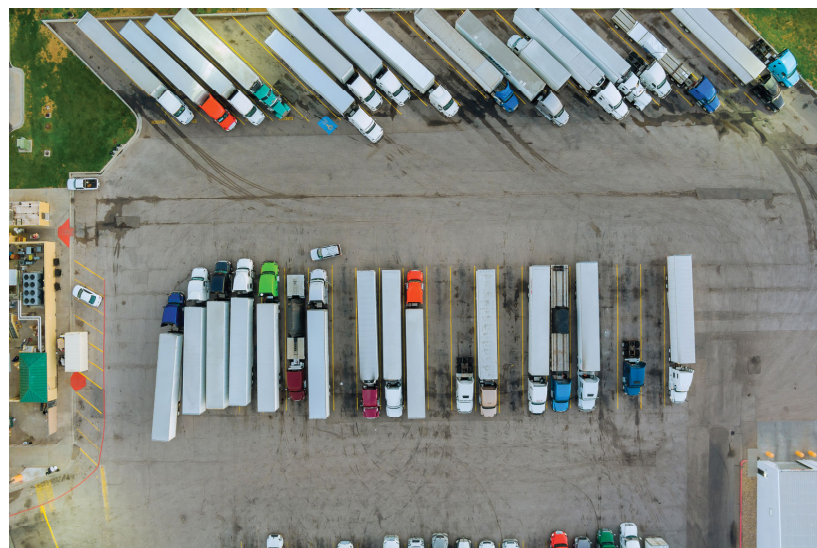


Wildlife Crossings

SR 70 extends through a predominantly rural part of southern Florida, home to a wide variety of native wildlife. Wildlife crossings are under- or over-passes giving animals and other wildlife a safe option for crossing man-made barriers like roadways. As the vision for the SR 70 corridor remains rural into the future, these features will remain an important element of a safe, sustainable corridor.

Truck Parking

SR 70 is a designated Strategic Intermodal System facility and serves an important role in transporting freight within and across Florida’s peninsula. While truck volumes on SR 70 continue to grow in response to consumer demand for goods, the corridor lacks secured truck parking facilities. The SR 70 vision includes safe, accessible truck parking facilities that can be collocated with public rest areas with scenic views of the corridor’s natural landscape.

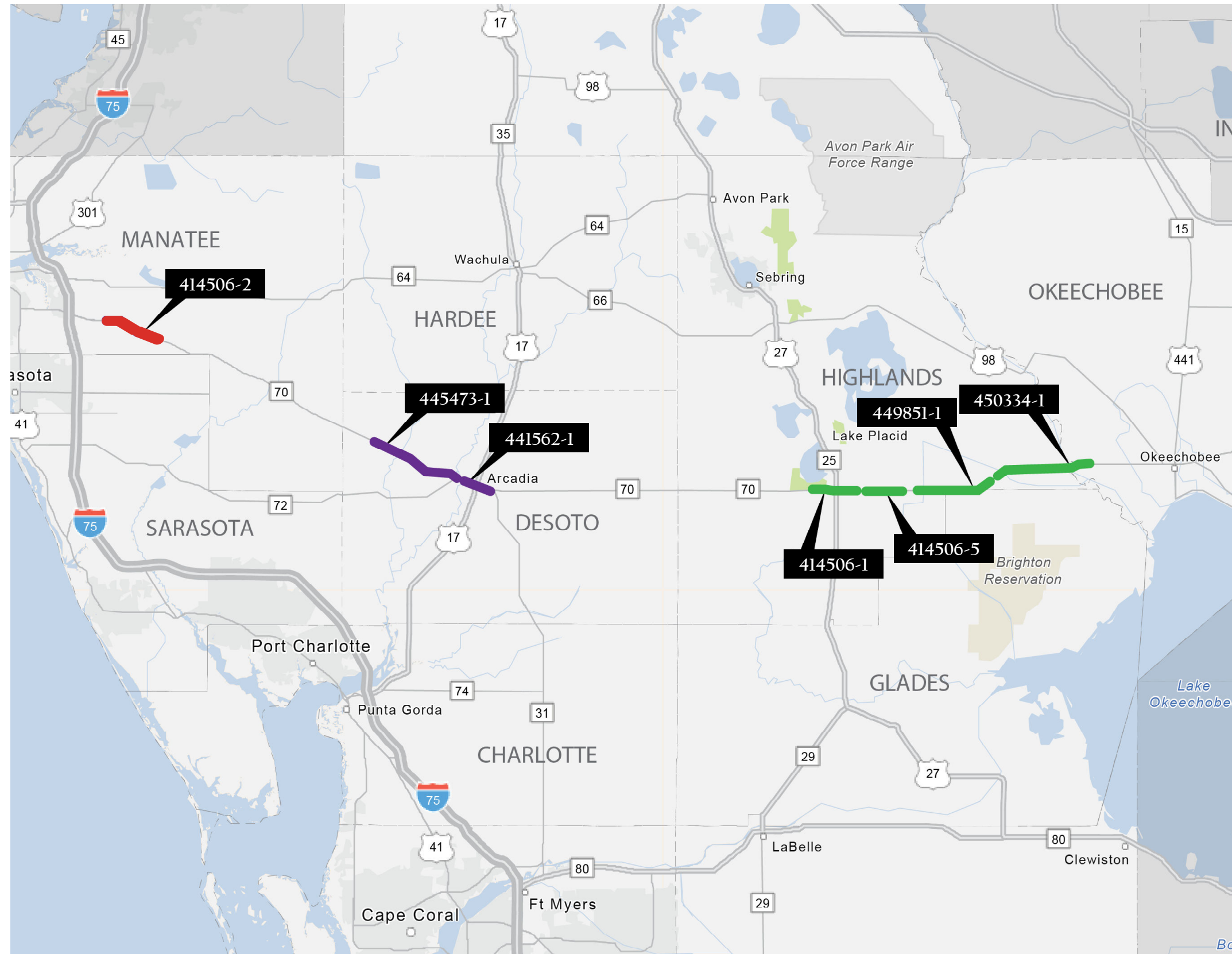


Alternative Fuels Facilities

Increasing numbers of alternative fueled vehicles travel Florida’s roadways and rely on available charging and fueling stations to make these trips. The SR 70 Corridor Vision includes alternative fuel and charging infrastructure supporting the use of cleaner, domestically produced, and energy efficient fuels for commercial and personal use, enhancing mobility for alternative fuel motorists.



SR 70 Corridor Projects of Interest



SR 70 from Peace River to SE Baker Street
FPID: 441562-1 | Construction
Resurfacing of SR 70 within project limits.



SR 70 from Manatee County Line to CR 661
FPID: 445473-1 | Construction
Various construction projects within project limits.



SR 70 from CR 721 S to CR 599/128th Avenue
FPID: 450334-1 | PD&E
Address traffic safety conditions on SR 70 maintain important east-west connectivity within the regional transportation network and accommodate freight activity within this area.



State Road 70 from Jefferson Avenue to County Road 29
FPID: 414506-1 | PD&E
Widening SR 70 within project limits from a tow-lane to a four-lane divided roadway to provide additional regional access to areas across the state.



SR 70 from Lonesome Island Road to Southern Leg of CR 721
FPID: 449851-1 | PD&E
Widing SR 70 within project limits from a two-lane to a four-lane divided roadway and the addition of some multimodal facilities.



SR 70 from CR 29 to Lonesome Island Road
FPID: 414506-5 | PD&E,
Widening SR 70 within project limits from a tow-lane to a four-lane divided roadway to provide additional regional access to areas across the state.



SR 70 from Lorraine Road to CR 675 (Waterbury Rd)
FPID: 414506-2 | Design
Widening SR 70 within the project limits from a two-lane to a four- or six-lane divided roadway to accommodate projected travel demand.

