

US 98 (SR 35) from North of West Socrum Loop Road to South of CR 54 436673-1

Project Details	
Work Type	Widening
Phase	Construction
Limits	from North of West Socrum Loop Road to South of CR 54
Project Start	Early 2021
Length	8.7 miles
City	Lakeland
County	Polk
Road	SR 35 US 98
Estimated Completion	Late 2022

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About

This PD&E study will evaluate capacity and safety improvements on US 98 from north of West Socrum Loop Road to south of CR 54 in Polk County. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One is conducting this PD&E study in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal and state laws and regulations. The PD&E study corridor is approximately 8.7 miles in length and is located in northwest Polk County. A portion of the roadway is located within the Lakeland Urbanized area with the remaining portion located in unincorporated Polk County. US 98 is a north/south urban principal arterial that provides a critical regional connection between Polk and Pasco Counties. It is not a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) roadway but is a designated hurricane evacuation route. This roadway is included in the Polk Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO's) Regional Freight Network and is the most direct freight route between US 301 in Dade City and I-4 in Lakeland. North of West Socrum Loop Road, the existing roadway is a two-lane undivided roadway with 12-foot travel lanes, five-foot paved shoulders, and an open drainage system in 160 feet of right-of-way. Currently, there are no designated bike lanes or sidewalks within the study corridor and the posted speed limit is 60 miles per hour. The adjacent land uses are primarily low density rural residential development, conservation/public lands, recreational, agricultural and open space.