

# SR 35 (US 98) PD&E Study from North of West Socrum Loop Road to South of CR 54 Polk County, Florida



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## PD&E Study Begins

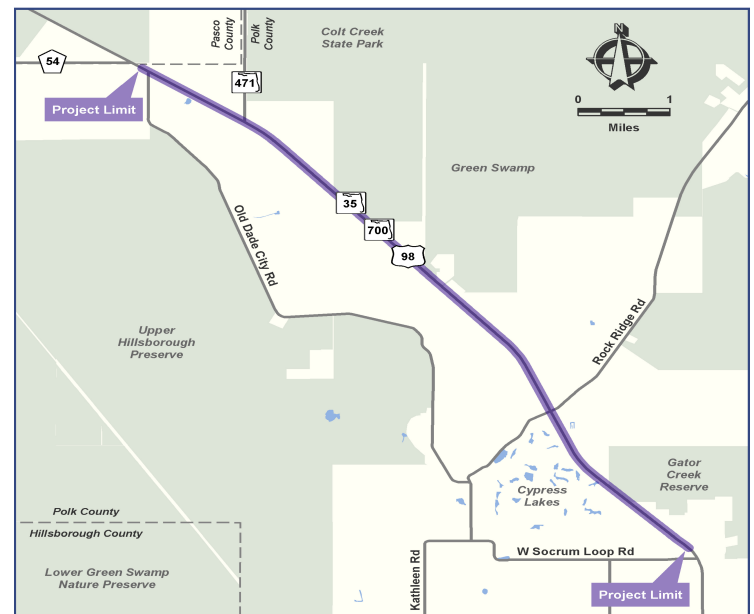
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study to evaluate capacity and safety improvements on US 98 from north of West Socrum Loop Road to south of CR 54 in Polk County, as shown on the project location map on the right. This roadway is an urban principal arterial that runs north-south, located partially within the Lakeland Urbanized area. The study includes an 8.7-mile segment that is currently an undivided, two-lane facility that transitions from four lanes south of West Socrum Loop Road, creating a traffic bottleneck.

The purpose and goals of the project are to provide increased roadway capacity to accommodate the projected future population growth and increased passenger vehicle and freight traffic, enhance regional transportation network connectivity, and improve emergency evacuation and safety for all roadway users.



Public involvement is an integral part of the PD&E study. FDOT will use several activities to engage interested parties in the study process, including small group meetings and a formal public hearing. FDOT will hold meetings with agencies and stakeholders throughout the study. You are encouraged to participate in the PD&E study, and we invite your questions and comments. We are also available to meet with your group or neighborhood association. If you have comments or questions, or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact FDOT project manager, David C. Turley, P.E. (contact information is shown on the back of this newsletter).



## 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 David C. Turley, P.E., FDOT Project Manager at (863) 519-2255 or by email to: [David.Turley@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:David.Turley@dot.state.fl.us).