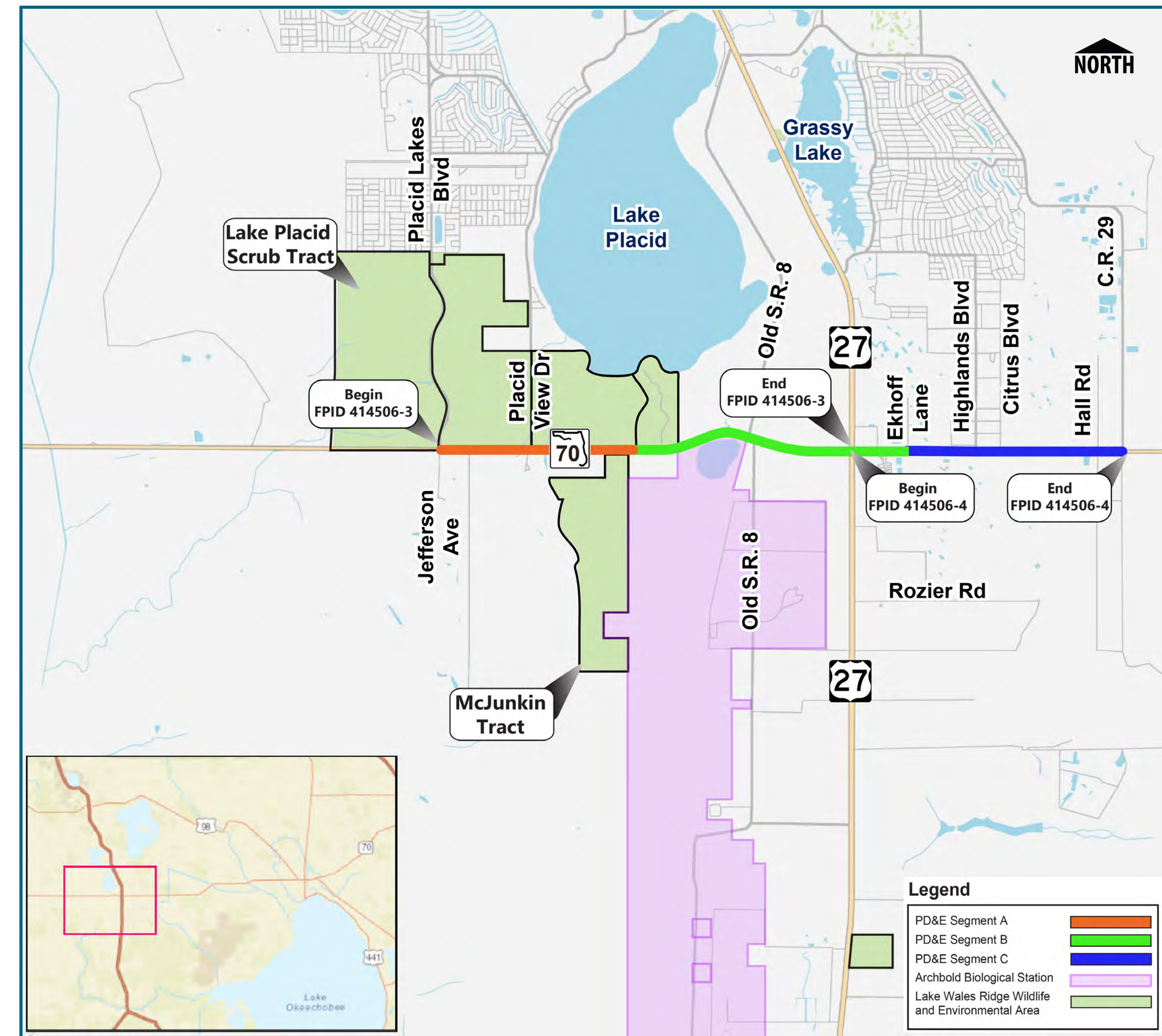




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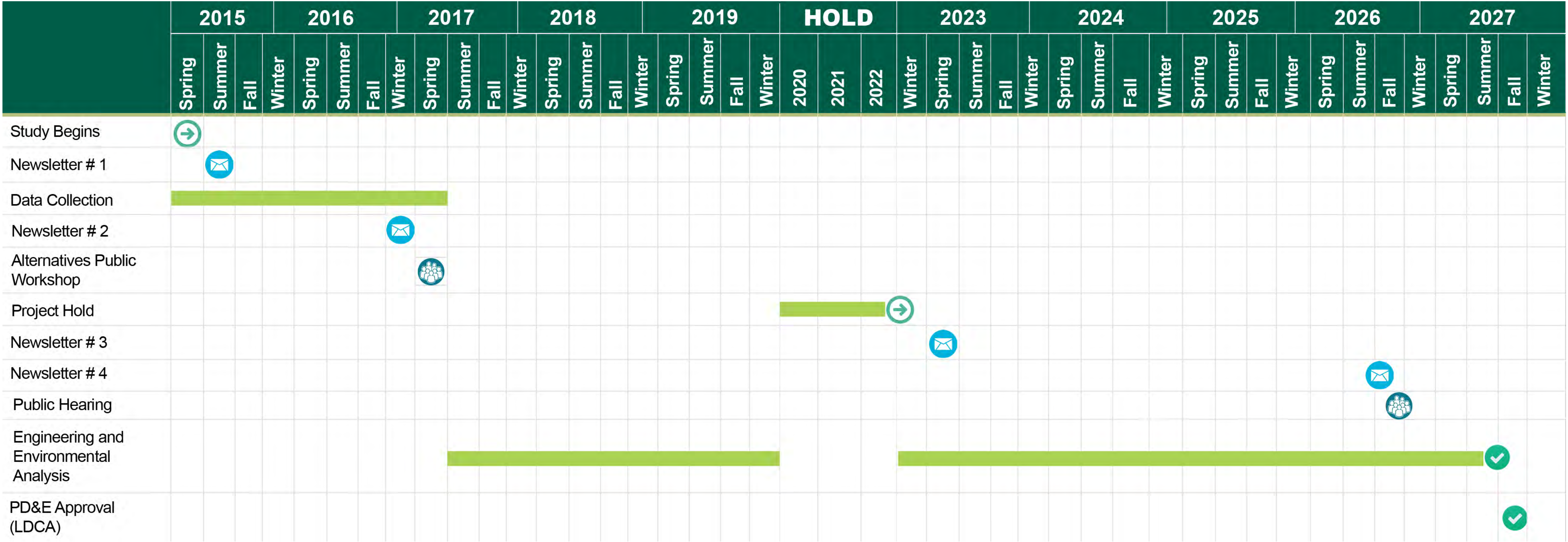
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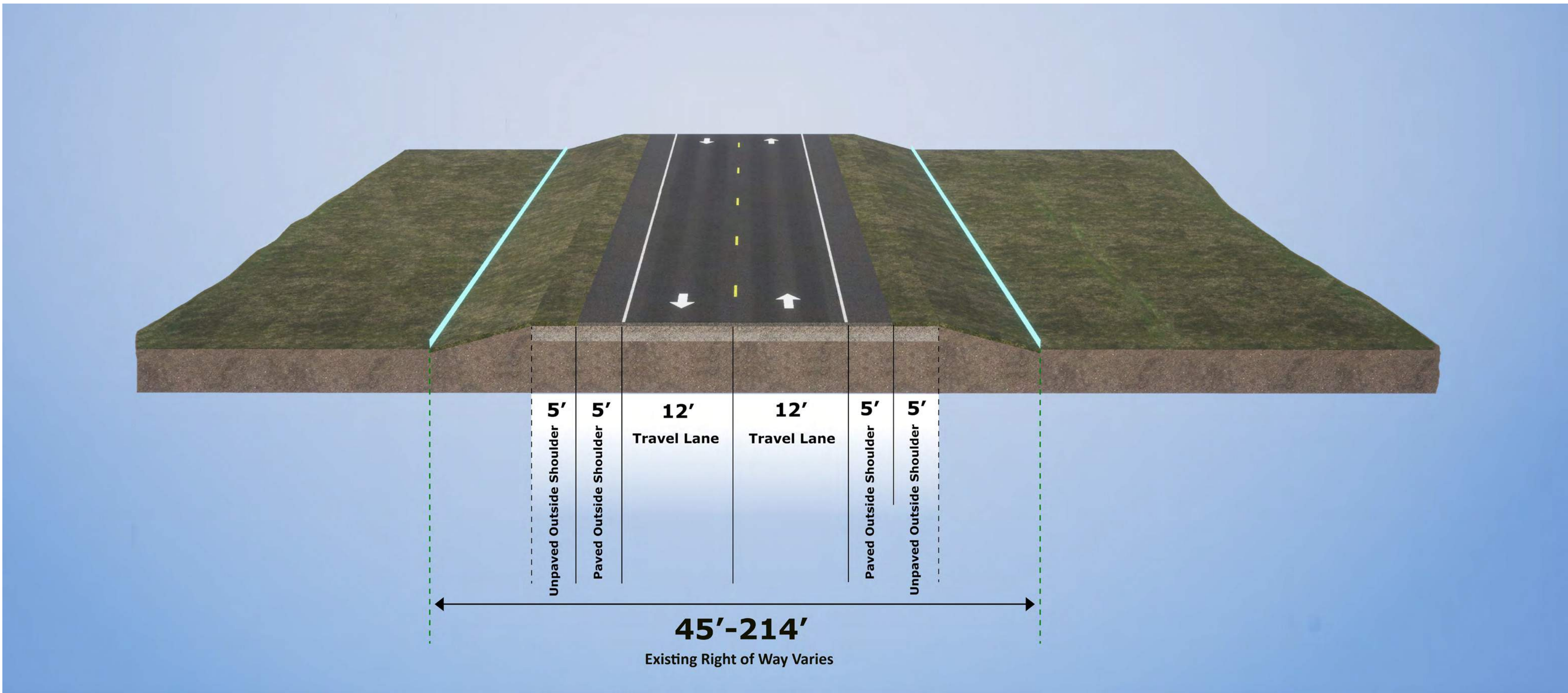
Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative	Preferred Alternative
Ability To Meet Purpose & Need		
Improve Operational Capacity for Emergency Evacuations	No	Yes
Correct Existing Inadequate Cross-Section and Substandard Geometrics	No	Yes
Increase Vehicular Safety	No	Yes
Addresses Rural Area of Opportunity	No	Yes
Community Effects		
Number of Parcels Impacted	0	53
Number of Residential Relocations	0	4
Number of Business Relocations	0	1
Total Acres of Farmlands to be converted by project	0.00	154.16
Cultural Effects		
Archaeological/Historical Sites within APE	None	17
Public Parks, Recreation Areas, or Wildlife Refuges (acreages) (4f resources)	0	46.37 acres of the Lake Wales Ridge Wildlife and Environmental Area (LWRWEA)
Natural Effects		
Threatened and Endangered Species (potential - High, Medium, Low, or None)	None	High
Wildlife Crossings	0	3
Impacted Wetlands and Other Surface Waters (acres)	0.00	13.66
Floodplain Impacts (acre-ft)	0.00	23.20
Physical Effects		
Noise Sensitive Sites Impacted	0	31
Contamination Sites (High / Medium)	0	2 / 31
Right-of-Way Needs		
Right-of-Way to be Acquired for Roadway and Ponds (acres)	0.00	129.21
Project Costs		
Wetland Mitigation	\$0	\$1,700,000
Species Mitigation*	\$0	\$650,000
Right-of-Way Acquisition for Roadway	\$0	\$13,100,000
LWRWEA Mitigation	\$0	\$20,000,000
Roadway, Stormwater Management Facilities (Ponds), and Floodplain Compensation Construction	\$0	\$155,410,000
Reimbursable Utility Relocation	\$0	\$7,310,000
Railroad	\$0	\$1,250,000
Design**	\$0	\$10,540,000
Construction Engineering & Inspection (10% of the Construction Cost)	\$0	\$15,540,000
Preliminary Estimate of Total Project Cost	\$0	\$225,500,000
*Please see 7.1.22 Project Costs in the Preliminary Engineering Report regarding the total species mitigation costs		
**Design cost based on the programmed amounts in the Work Program		



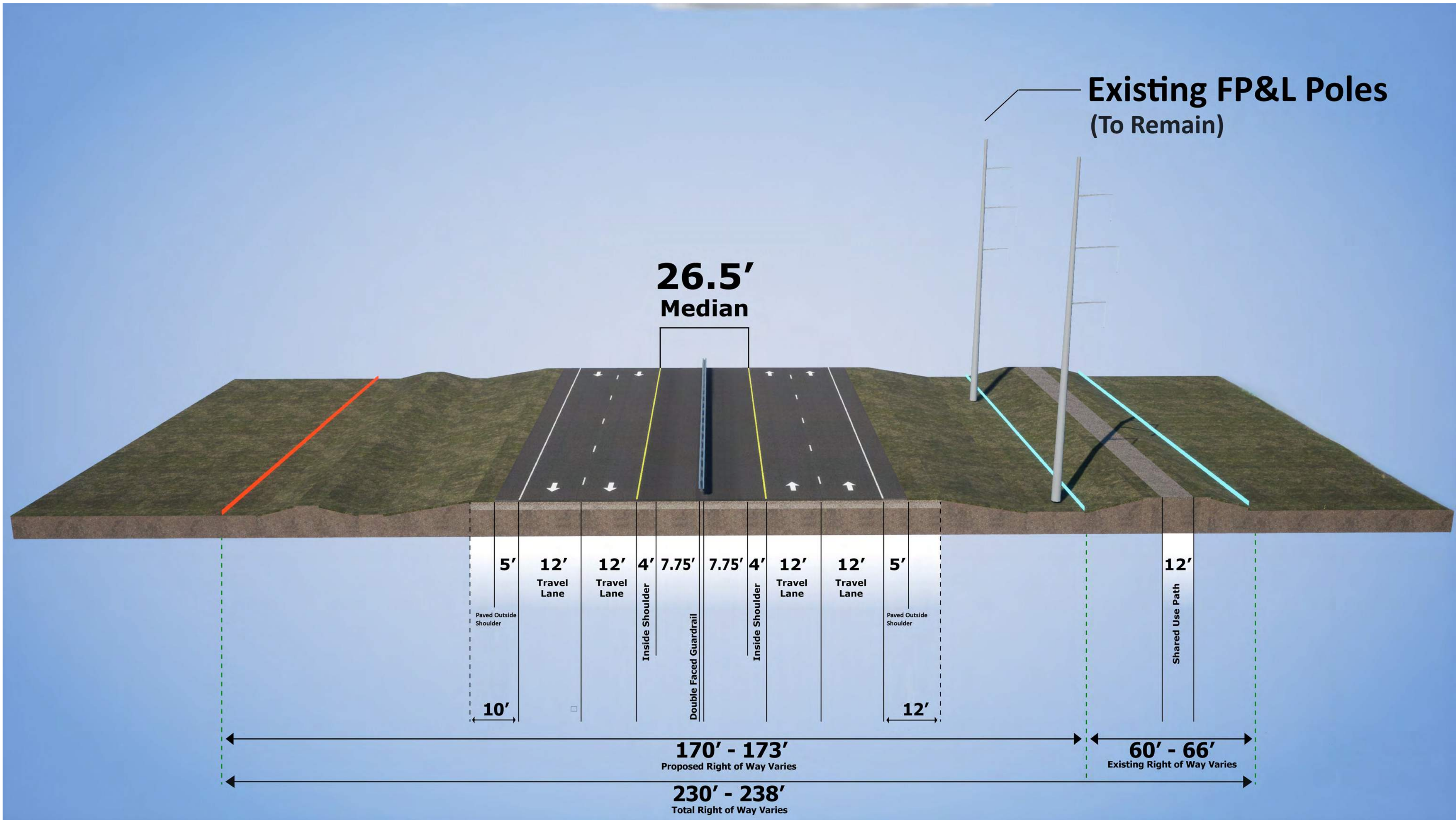
Phase	Fiscal Year Funded
PD&E	Ongoing
Design	To be Determined
Right-of-Way	To be Determined
Construction	To be Determined



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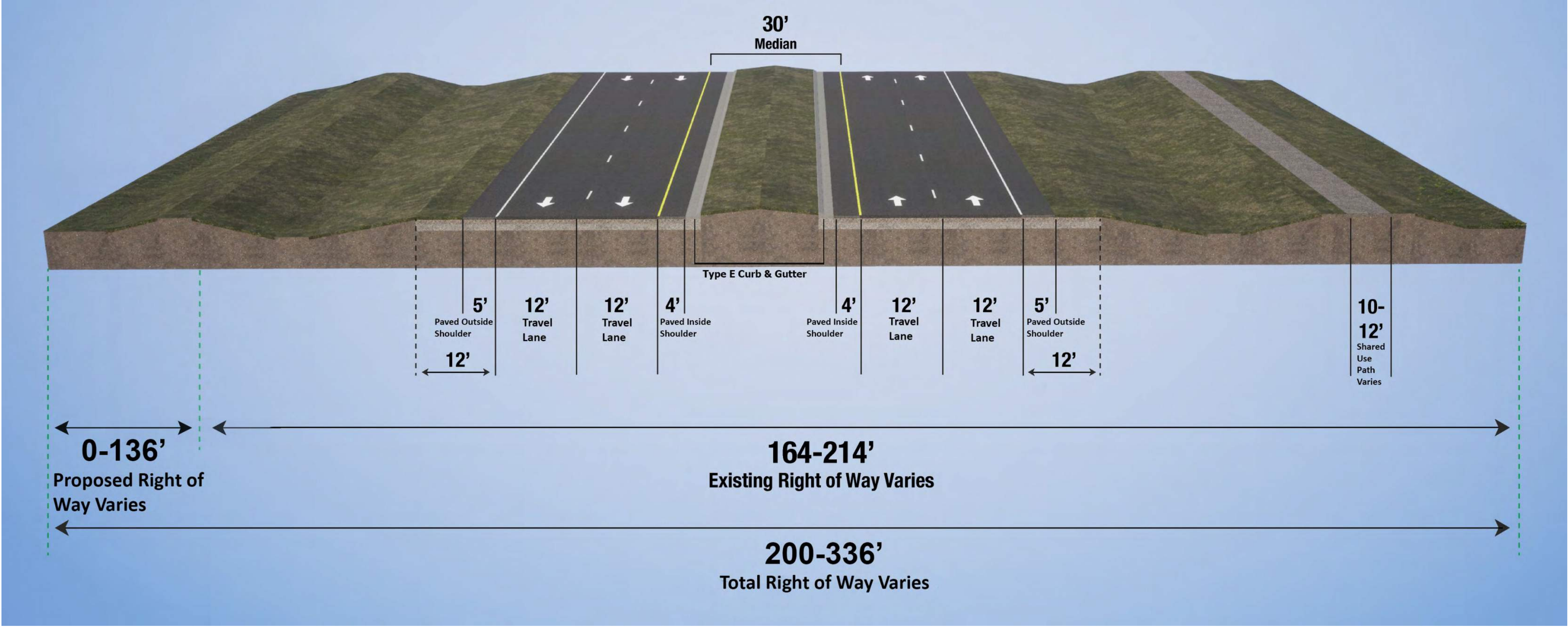


Segment A- Jefferson Avenue/Placid Lakes
Boulevard to East of Placid View Drive

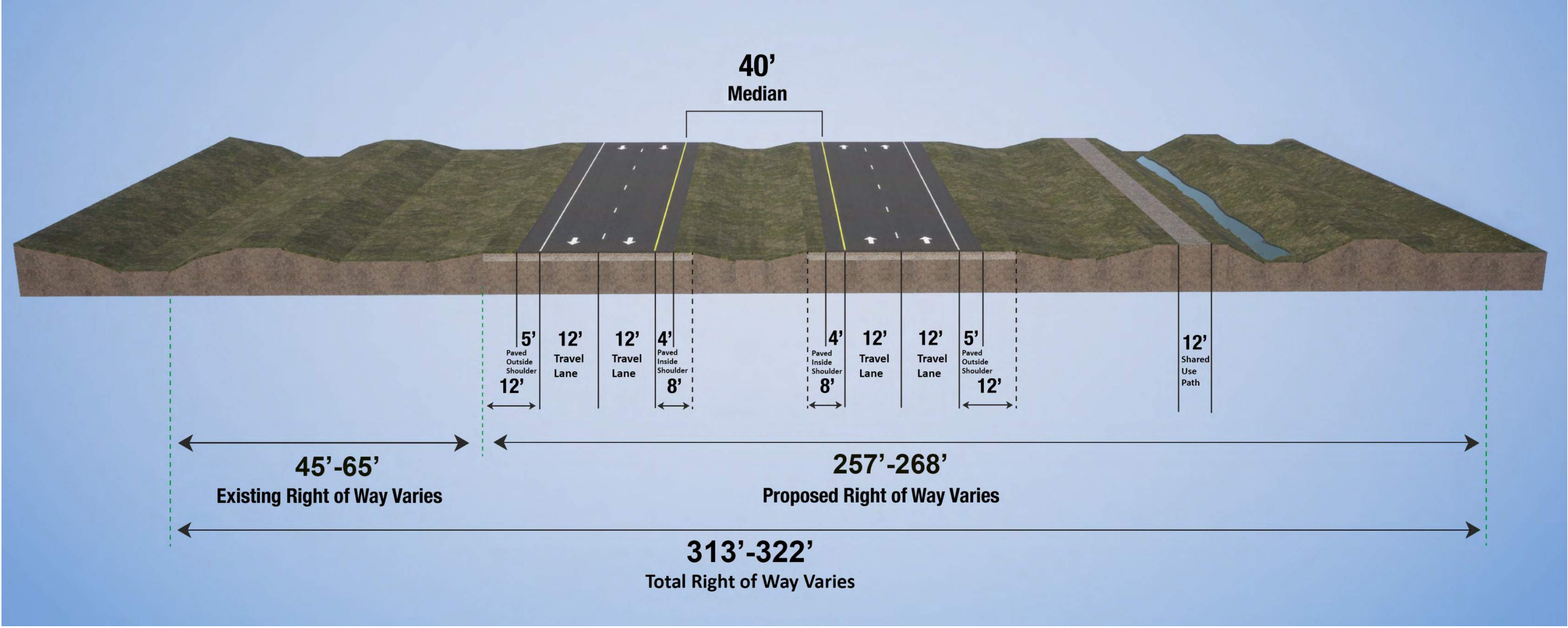




Segment B - East of Placid
View Drive to Ekhoﬀ Lane



Segment C - Ekhoﬀ Lane to C.R. 29





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