

SR 31 from SR 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard) to SR 78 (Bayshore Rd) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Lee County, FL

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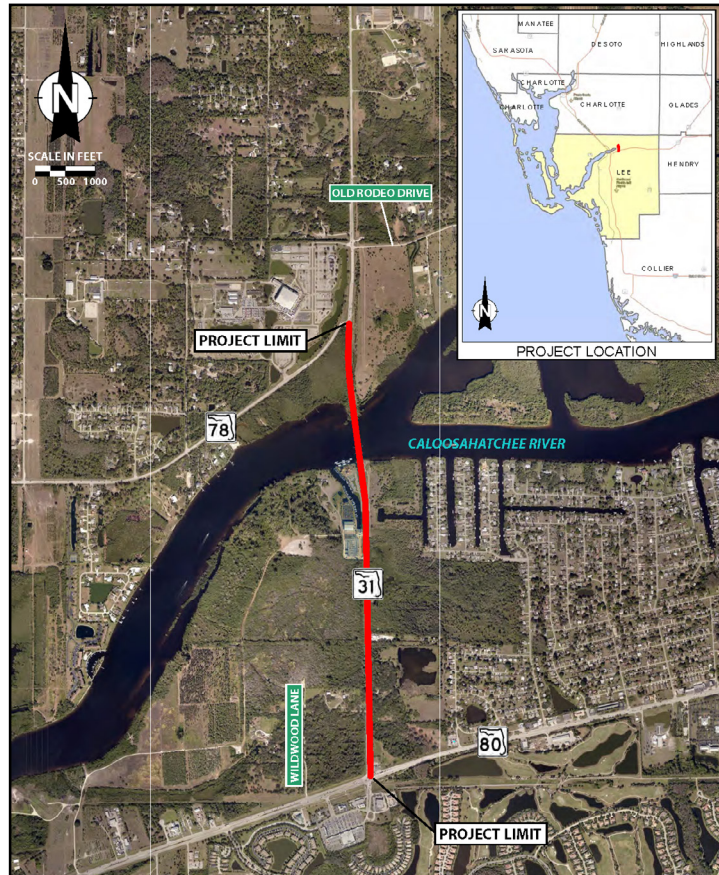
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PD&E STUDY UNDERWAY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One has initiated a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate alternatives for SR 31 from SR 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard) to SR 78 (Bayshore Road), including the Wilson Pigott Bridge, in northeastern Lee County. This segment was originally part of a larger PD&E study from SR 80 to north of CR 78 (North River Road); however, the project was divided and only the segment north of SR 78 (Bayshore Road) is being advanced as part of that study.

This project will evaluate the potential widening from its current two lane configuration to four lanes from SR 80 to SR 78, which may include paved shoulders, sidewalks, bike lanes, and/or a multi-use pathway, to meet future travel demand. The project will evaluate repair/rehabilitation and replacement options for the Wilson Pigott Bridge. The Wilson Pigott Bridge is a bascule bridge built in 1960 with a 50-year design life. It has undergone major rehabilitations in 1994 and 2009, with an additional rehabilitation planned for 2020, prior to the completion of this study.



PROJECT MAP

The project team will analyze and assess the Project's impact on the social, economic, cultural, natural, and physical environment. In addition, the project team will use input from the public, agencies and other interested parties to gather information for FDOT and aid in decision making. This will be done in order to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), associated laws and regulations, and to develop the Location and Design Concept of the project in accordance with federal laws and regulations, and FDOT policy, procedures, and requirements.

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 FHWA and FDOT.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.