



SR 70 PD&E Study - CR 29 to Lonesome Island Road
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SR 70 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY

CR 29 TO LONESOME ISLAND ROAD (FPID: 414506-5-22-01)

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INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is kicking off this Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study to preserve and improve mobility on SR 70 in Highlands County. Extending approximately 148 miles across the Florida peninsula, SR 70 is a major east-west roadway that spans five Florida counties. SR 70 serves as a link for commerce between Florida's east and west coast, and as a vital evacuation route during hurricanes and other major emergencies.

The project study area extends from County Road (CR) 29 to Lonesome Island Road, and is located just east of US 27, within the Placid Lakes/Lake Placid region (see Figure 1). FDOT will evaluate options for realigning SR 70 within the project limits by reconstructing the two existing travel lanes on adjacent alignment. The widening of this segment from two to four lanes is also being evaluated. The overall project length is approximately 4.3 miles. The existing roadway consists of two paved, 11-foot travel lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders (8-foot total shoulder width) and guardrail. This project is adjacent to the ongoing SR 70 PD&E study from Jefferson Avenue to CR 29 (FPID: 414506-1-22-01). The adjacent study, which is evaluating a proposed four-lane typical section, is expected to be completed in Spring 2020.

El Departamento de Transporte de Florida (FDOT) está dando inicio a este Estudio de Desarrollo de Proyectos y Medio Ambiente (PD&E) para preservar y mejorar la movilidad en la SR 70 en el condado de Highlands. Extendiéndose aproximadamente 148 millas a través de la península de Florida, la SR 70 es una carretera mayor de este a oeste que se extiende por cinco condados de Florida. SR 70 sirve como un enlace para el comercio entre la costa este y oeste de Florida y como una ruta vital para evacuaciones durante huracanes y otras emergencias mayores.

El área de estudio del proyecto se extiende desde County Road (CR) 29 hasta Lonesome Island Road, y se encuentra justo al este de US 27, dentro de la región de Placid Lakes / Lake Placid (Figura 1). FDOT evaluará opciones para realinear SR 70 dentro de los límites del proyecto por medio de una reconstrucción de los dos existentes carriles en una alineación adyacente. La ampliación de este segmento de dos a cuatro carriles también está siendo evaluado. La longitud total del proyecto es de aproximadamente 4.3 millas. La carretera existente consiste de dos carriles pavimentados de 11 pies con hombros pavimentados de 4 pies (total de 8 pies ancho de los hombros) y barandilla. Este proyecto es adyacente al estudio en curso de SR 70 desde Jefferson Avenue hasta CR 29 (FPID: 414506-1-22-01). El estudio adyacente, que está evaluando una sección típica propuesta de cuatro carriles, se espera que se complete en la primavera del 2020.

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PROJECT CONTACTS

FDOT encourages you to participate in the SR 70 PD&E Study and we welcome your questions and comments. Project representatives are available to meet with your group or neighborhood association. If you have questions regarding this project or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact FDOT's Project Manager, Patrick Bateman, E.I. at (863) 519-2792 or by e-mail at patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us. Written comments and questions can be mailed to:

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FDOT lo anima a participar en el SR 70 Estudio de Desarrollo de Proyectos y Medio Ambiente (PD&E) y agradecemos sus preguntas y comentarios. Los representantes del proyecto están disponibles para reunirse con su grupo o Asociación de Vecinos. Si tiene preguntas respecto a este proyecto o le gustaría programar una reunión, por favor contacte el Sr. Marlon Bizerra, Administrador Ambiental del Proyecto en la Oficina del Departamento de Transporte de la Florida (FDOT), por teléfono al (863) 519-2250, o por correo electrónico a marlon.bizerra@dot.state.fl.us.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or people who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287 or email at cynthia.sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

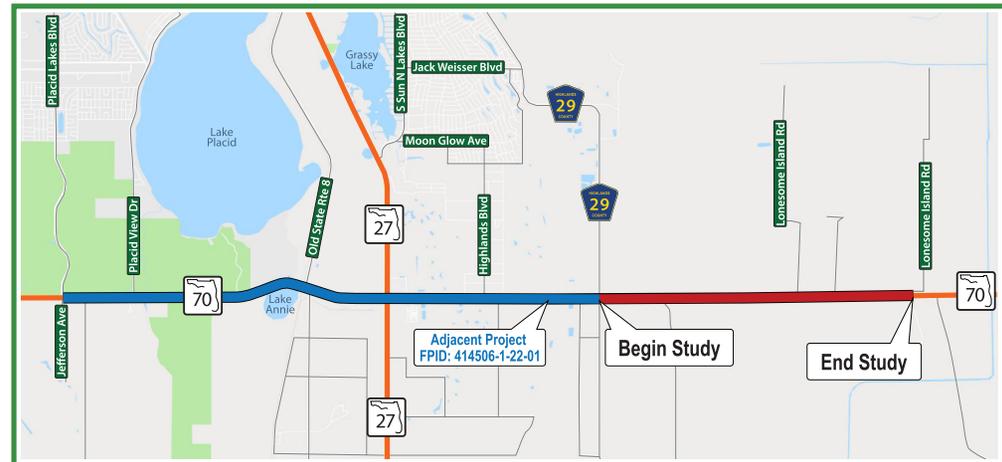


Figure 1: Project Location Map

