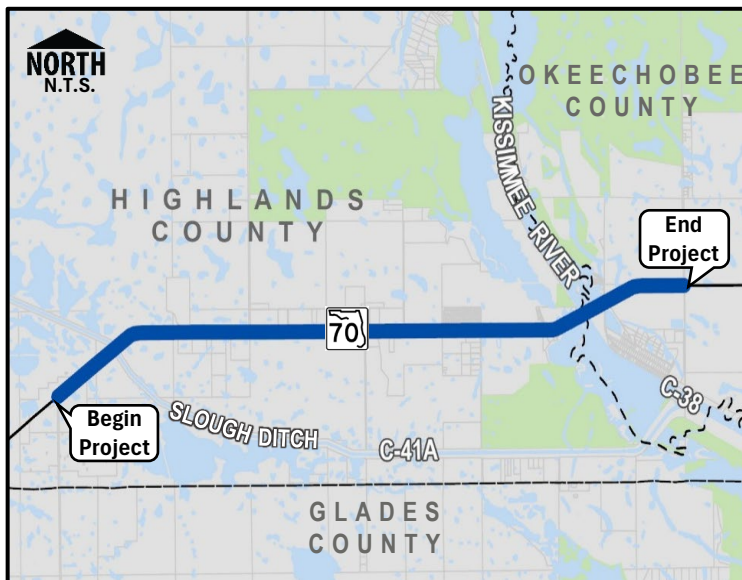




S.R. 70 PD&E Study
From C.R. 721 South to C.R. 599/128th Avenue in Highlands and Okeechobee Counties
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FDOT is sending notices to property owners, elected and appointed officials, interested persons and organizations to announce Location and Design Concept Acceptance for the S.R. 70 PD&E Study.



The PD&E Study Phase of this project is now complete. Federal funding for subsequent project phases including design, right-of-way and construction is being pursued.

For more information on the completed PD&E Study, please visit the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/project/450334-1> or contact the FDOT Project Manager, Kathryn Cothern, at:

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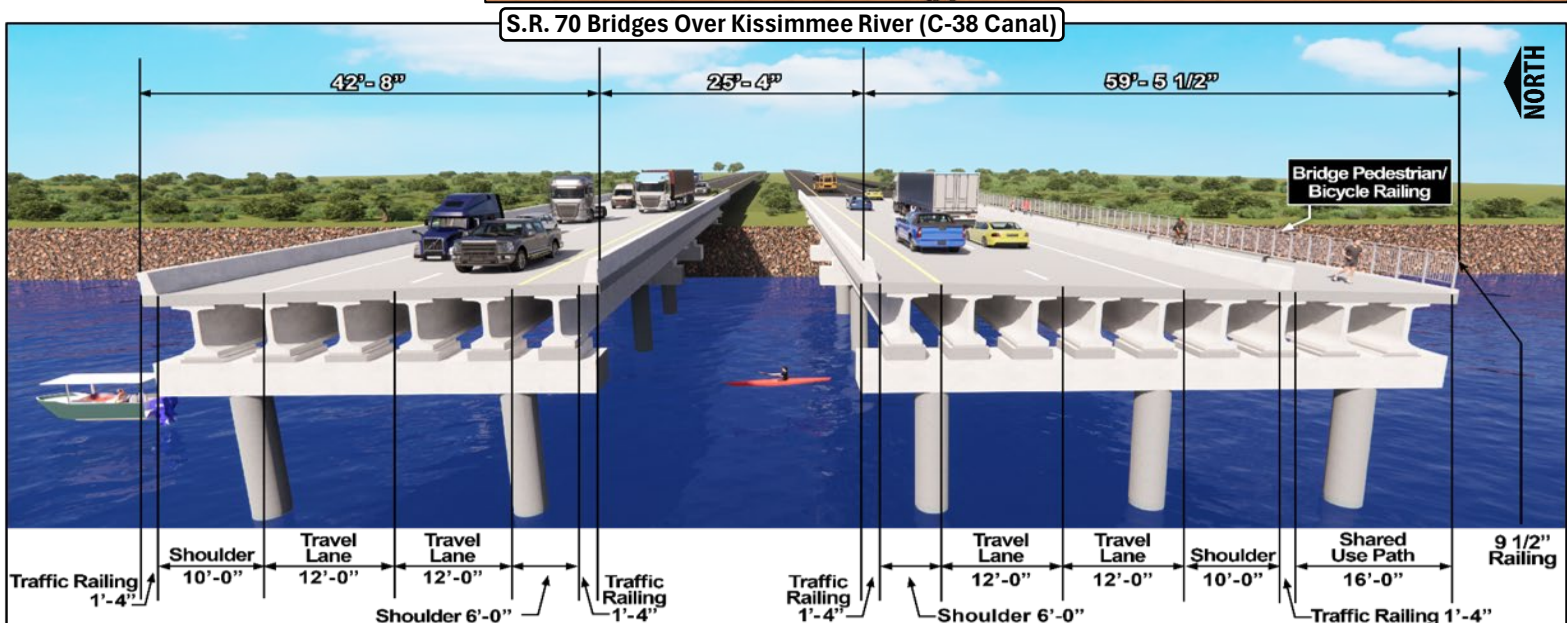
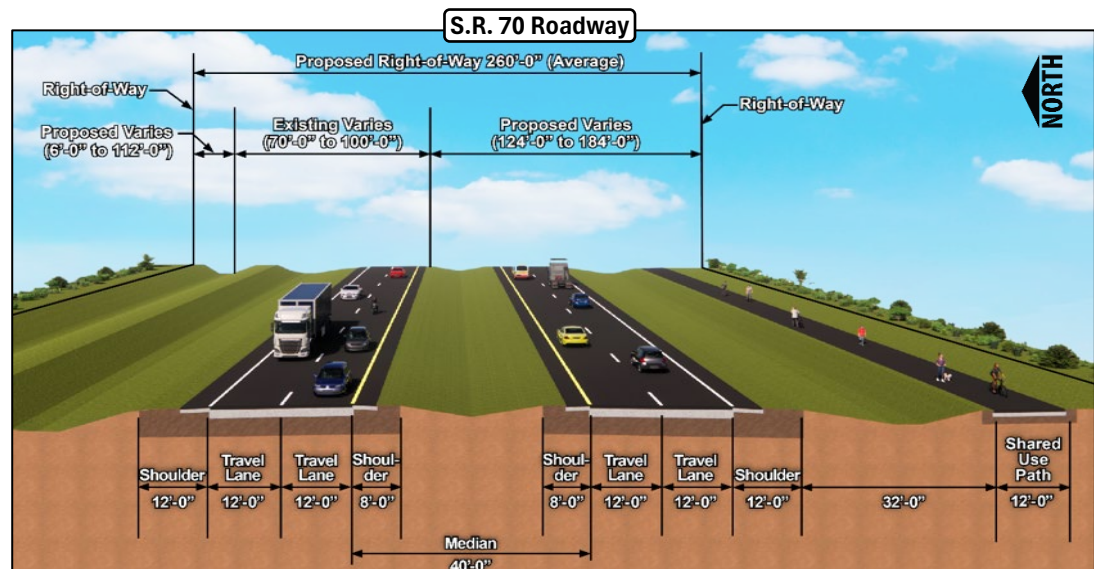
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Announcement of Project Acceptance

On June 15, 2026, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), pursuant to 23 U.S.C § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT, granted Location and Design Concept Acceptance for the S.R. 70 PD&E Study from C.R. 721 South to C.R. 599/128th Avenue. The PD&E Study Phase of this project is now complete and the project will move to the next phase of development.

Improvements will consist of widening S.R. 70 from the existing two-lane, undivided roadway to a four-lane, divided roadway with paved shoulders, turn lanes, and a shared-use path. The roadway typical section includes two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a 40-foot grassed median and 12-foot shared-use path on the eastbound side of the roadway.

The existing two-lane Kissimmee River bridge is functionally obsolete and will be demolished. Two new bridge structures, one in each direction, will be constructed in its place. The new bridge typical sections will include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with shoulders; the eastbound bridge will include a 16-foot shared-use path. Additionally, the existing bridge over Slough Ditch (C-41A) Canal that currently carries two lanes of traffic will be maintained and will carry westbound traffic in the future condition. A new two-lane bridge with 12-foot travel lanes and a 16-foot shared-use path will be constructed on the south side of the existing bridge to carry eastbound traffic.



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 May 26, 2022, and executed by FHWA and FDOT.