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Florida Department of Transportation  
DISTRICT ONE

**S.R. 70 from  
West of S.R. 31  
to SE Highlands  
County Line Road**

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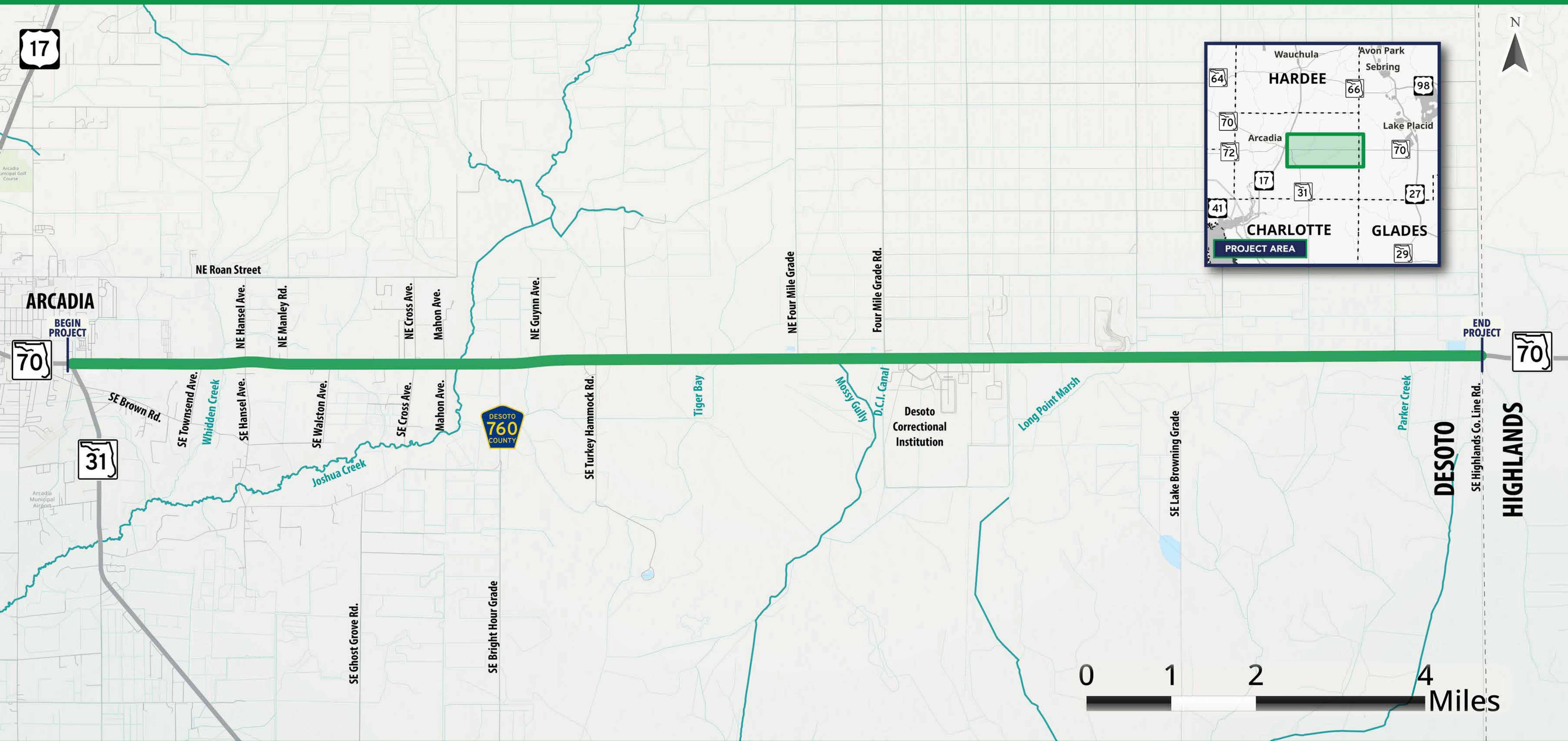
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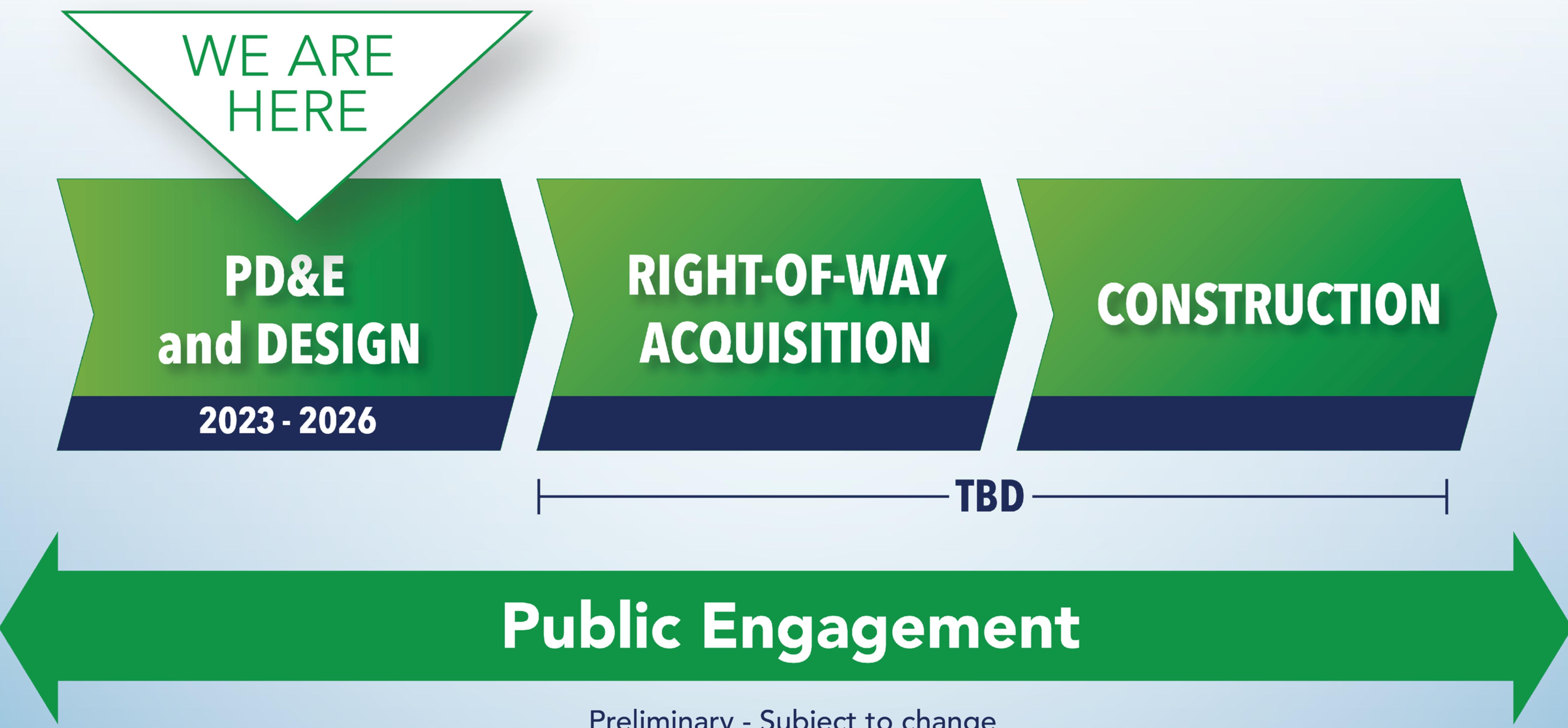
DeSoto County, Florida  
Financial Project ID: 451942-1

**S.R. 70 FROM WEST OF S.R. 31 TO SE HIGHLANDS COUNTY LINE ROAD PD&E STUDY**  
PUBLIC HEARING | JANUARY 2026

# PROJECT LOCATION



# TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



# PURPOSE AND NEED



## TRANSPORTATION DEMAND



## SYSTEM LINKAGE



## SAFETY

## PROJECT GOALS

To improve transportation network connectivity, support regional freight, and improve safety, including evacuation capabilities.



# TITLE VI

The Florida Department of Transportation is required to comply with various non-discrimination laws and regulations, including Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related amendments.

- › Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.
- › Persons wishing to express their concerns about Title VI may do so by contacting either:

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# TÍTULO VI

El Departamento de Transporte de la Florida requiere cumplir con varias leyes y regulaciones contra la discriminación, incluyendo el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y las enmiendas relacionadas.

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- › Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes, puede comunicarse con el Coordinador del Título VI

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# FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS

This meeting is being conducted in accordance with:

## General Public Involvement Policy

- Federal Highway Act of 1968, as amended
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended
- Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450 & 771
- Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500-1508
- 23 United States Code, Section 109(h)
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other Nondiscrimination laws
- Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice
- Executive Order 13166, Limited English Proficiency
- Executive Order 07-01, Section 2, Plain Language Initiative
- Section 286.29, Florida Statutes, Climate-Friendly Public Business (Green Lodging)

## Meeting Requirements

- Chapter 23, United States Code 128
- Florida Statutes: Sections 120.525, 286.011, 339.155
- Jessica Lunsford Act

## Project Specific

- Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended and Florida Statutes
- Rule 14-97, Florida Administrative Code
- Section 335.199, Florida Statutes
- Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management
- Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands
- Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 772, Noise Abatement
- Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24, Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act
- Title 36, Part 800, United States Code, Historic

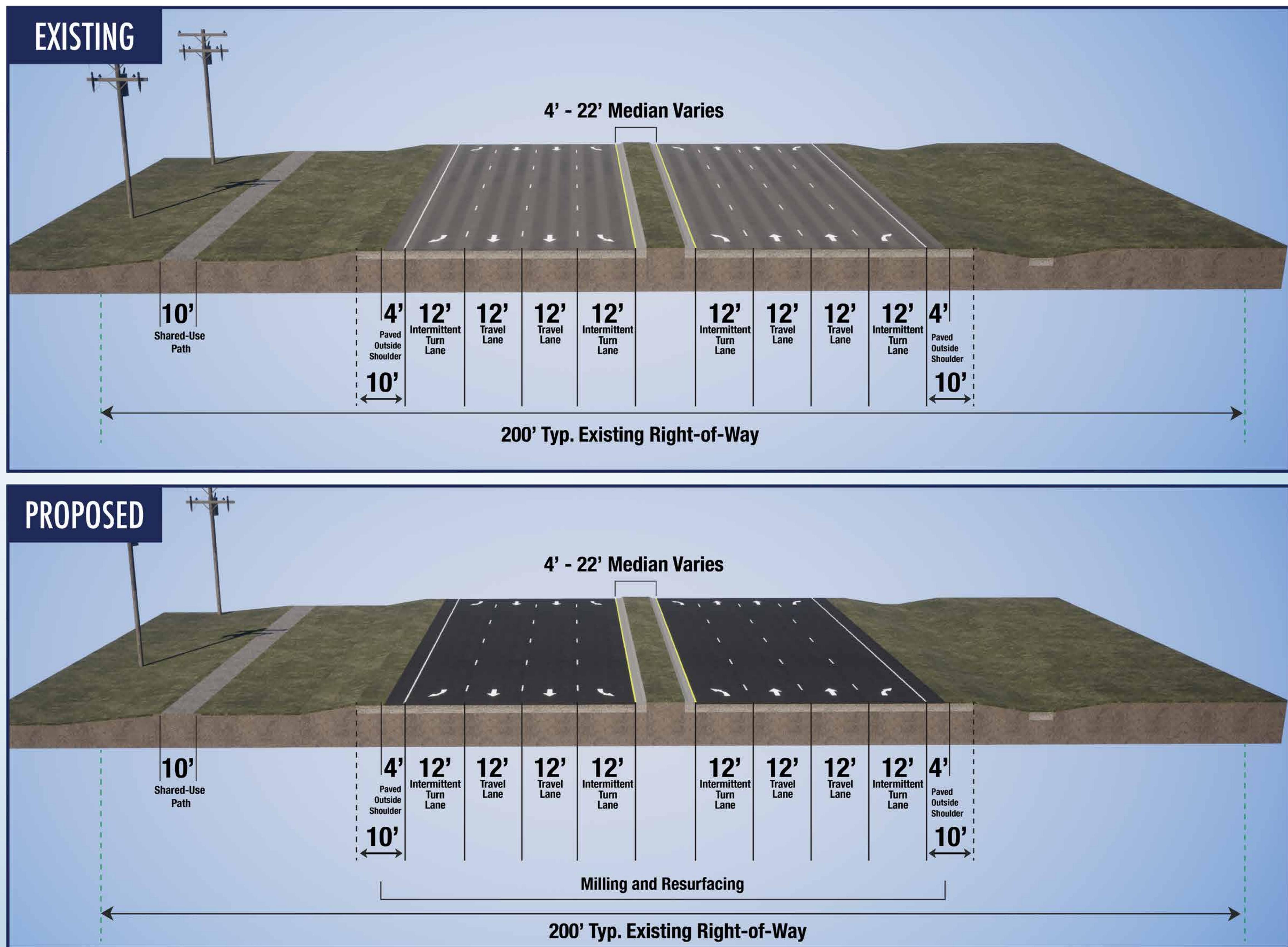
# EVALUATION MATRIX

Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative <sup>1</sup>	Build Alternative
Centerline Length of Improvement		
Length of Improvement (miles)	0	16.7
Purpose and Need Elements		
Improve Traffic Safety Conditions? (Yes / No)	No	Yes
Improve Emergency Evacuation? (Yes / No)	No	Yes
Improve Emergency Response Times? (Yes / No)	No	Yes
Maintain Regional East-West Connectivity? (Yes / No)	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Accommodate Freight Activity? (Yes / No)	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Social and Economic Effects		
Roadway Right-of-Way (ROW) / Easement Impacts (acres)	0 / 0	0 / 0
Stormwater Management Facility (SMF) ROW / Easement Impacts (acres)	0 / 0	49.51 / 1.97
Floodplain Compensation (FPC) Site ROW / Easement Impacts (acres)	0 / 0	168.67 / 6.69
# of Parcels Impacted (#)	0	38
Residential Relocations (#)	0	0
Business Relocations (#)	0	0
Result in Land Use Changes? (Yes / No)	No	Yes
Impacts to Prime Farmlands Soils (acres)	0	139.64
Cultural Resource Effects		
Historically Significant Sites Involvement (#)	0	4
Archaeological Sites Impacted (#)	0	2
National Register of Historic Places-Eligible Resources Directly Impacted (#)	0	1
Recreation Features Impacted (#)	0	1

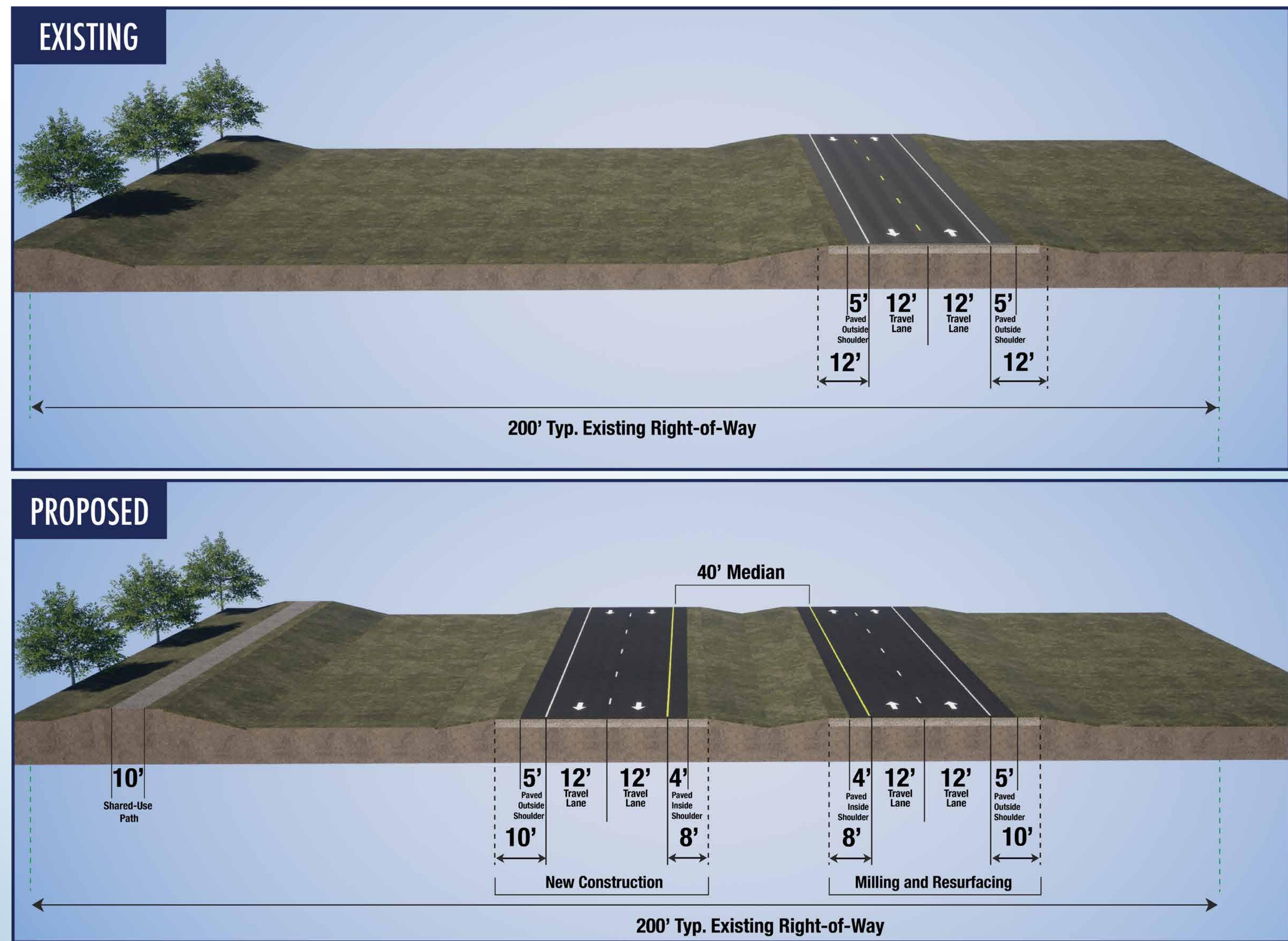
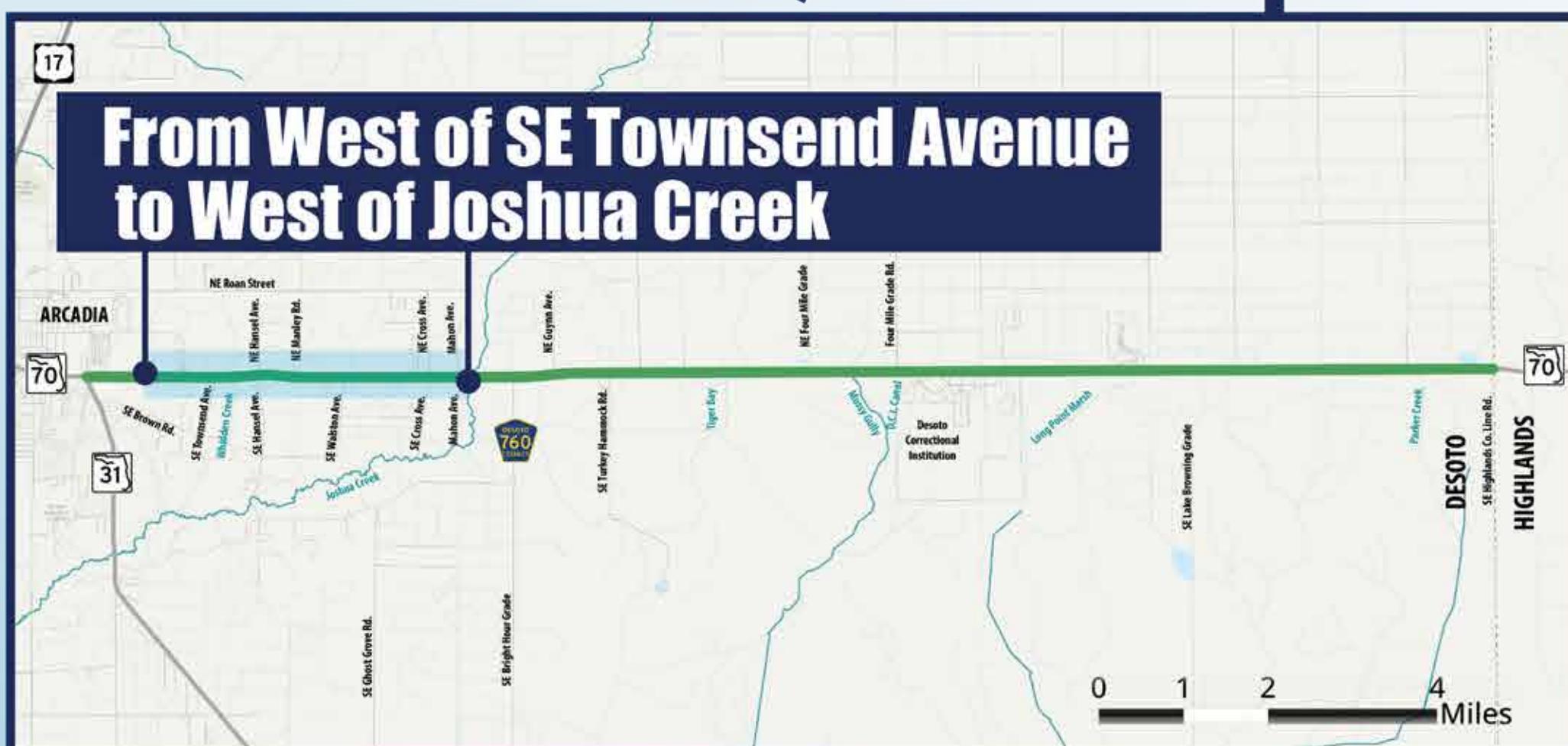
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Natural Resource Effects		
Wetlands Impacted (Direct / Secondary acres)	N/A	9.73 / 5.95
Floodplains Impacted (Yes / No)	No	Yes
Regulatory Floodway Involvement (#)	0	2
Impacts to Threatened or Endangered Species (Low / Medium / High)	N/A	High
Physical Resource Effects		
Noise Sensitive Sites Potentially Impacted	0	12
Contaminated Sites Potentially Impacted (High / Medium Risk)	0 / 0	0 / 14
Air Quality Impacts (Low / Medium / High)	None	Low
Water Quality Impacts (Low / Medium / High)	N/A	Low
Impacts to Existing Utilities (Low / Medium / High)	None	Medium
Cost Estimate (\$ Million)		
Final Design Costs <sup>4</sup>	0	\$28.4M
Estimated Right-of-Way Acquisition Costs	0	\$8.7M
Estimated Wetland Mitigation Costs <sup>3</sup>	0	\$1.7M
Estimated Listed/Protected Species Mitigation Costs	0	\$0.2M
Estimated Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Costs <sup>5</sup>	0	\$14.2M
Estimated Construction Costs	0	\$284.1M
Estimated Total Costs	0	\$337.3M

1 - Assumes no improvements  
 2 - Provided at a reduced capacity relative to the Build Alternative  
 3 - Estimated as \$157,114/acre for FY 2027/2028 per FDOT's Work Program Instructions for direct impacts, assume 25% of this cost for secondary impacts  
 4 - Design estimated as 10% of Estimated Construction Costs  
 5 - CEI Estimated as 5% of Estimated Construction Costs

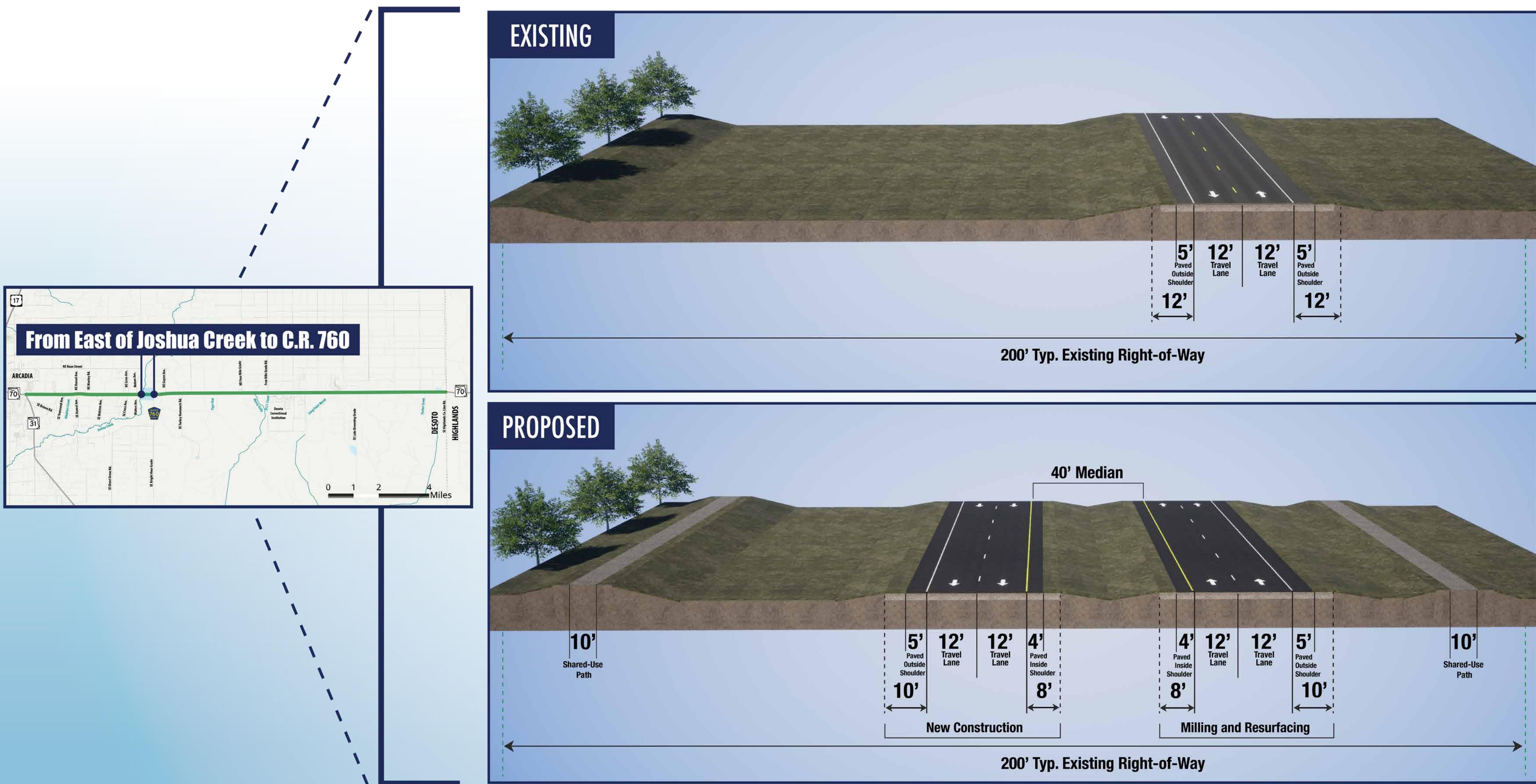
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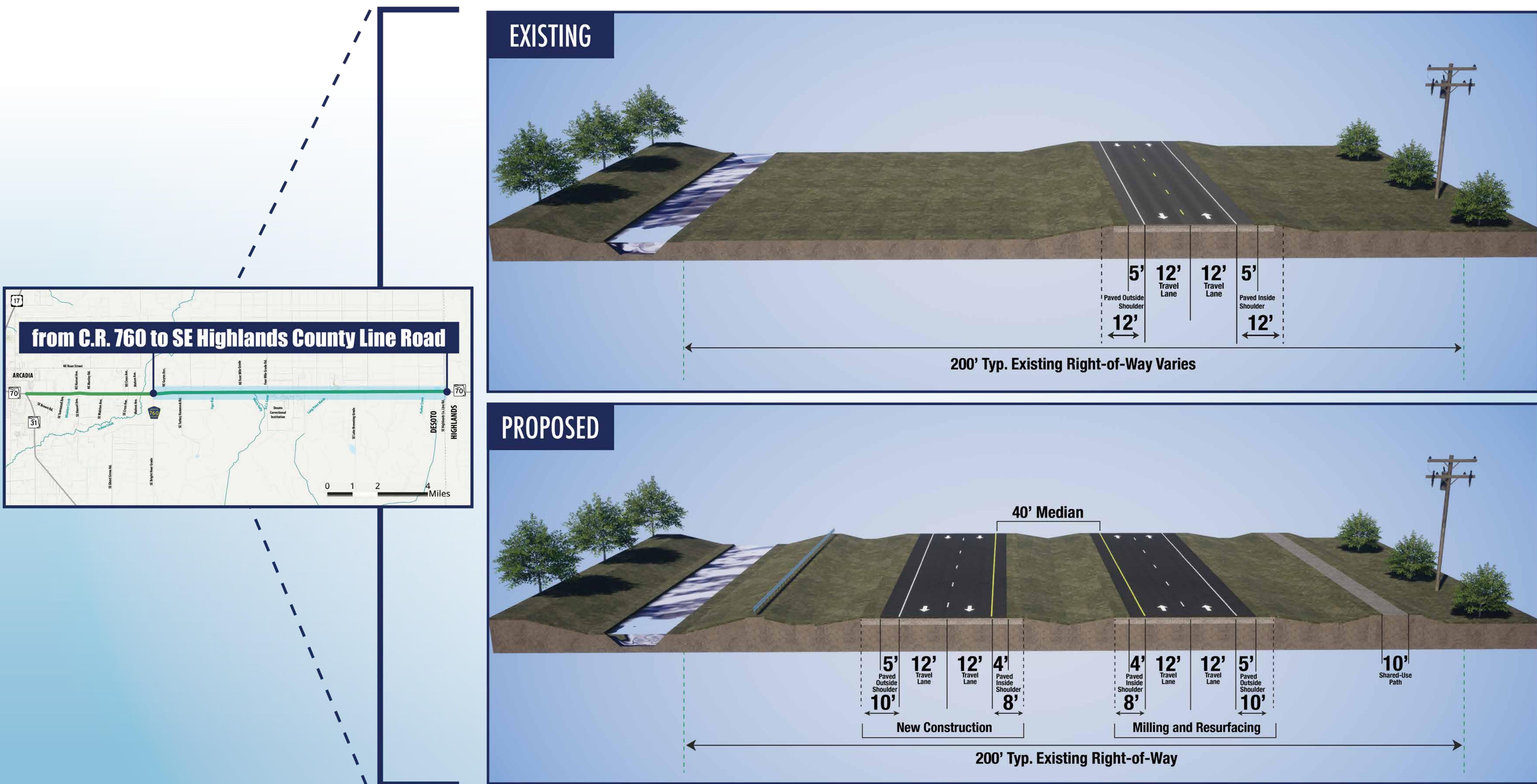
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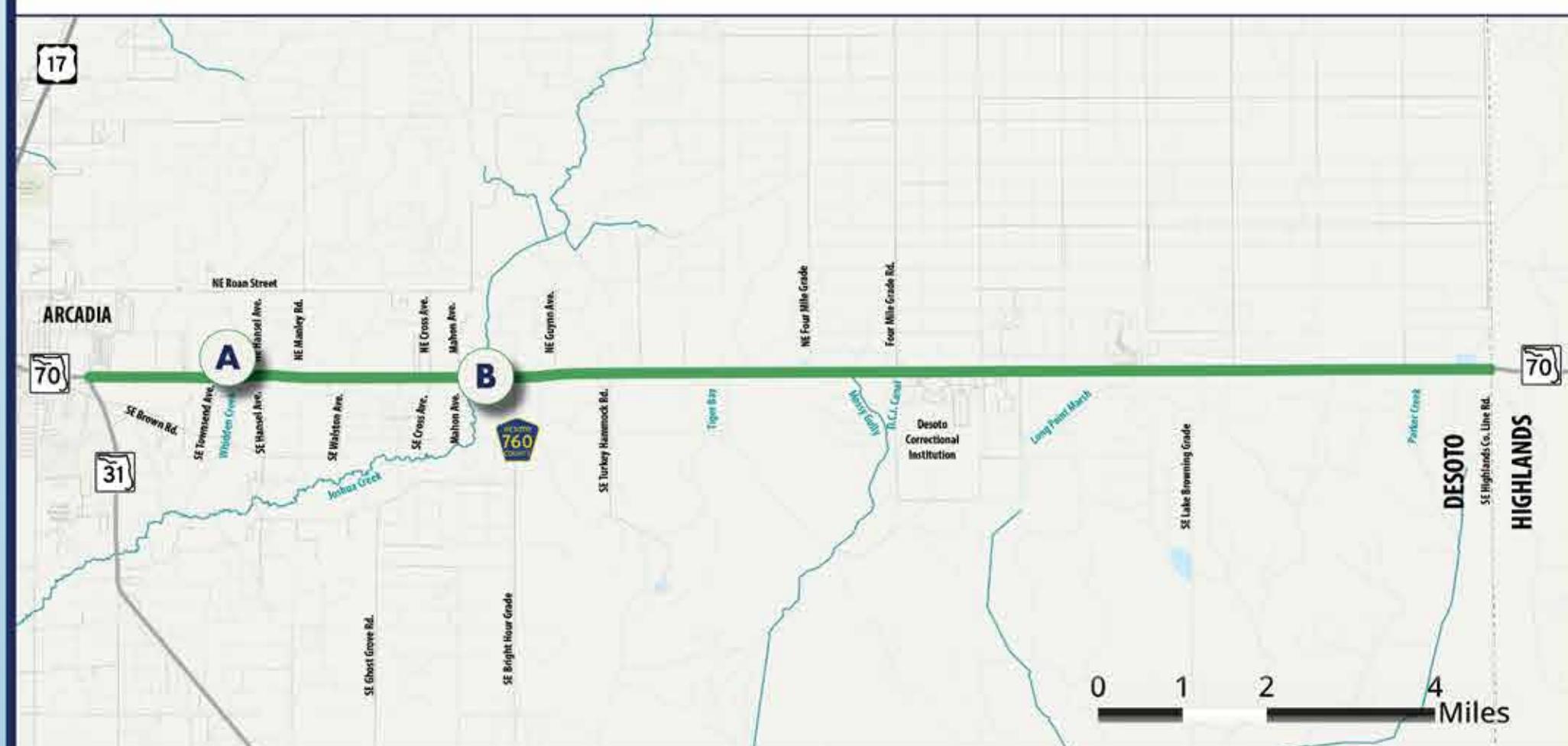
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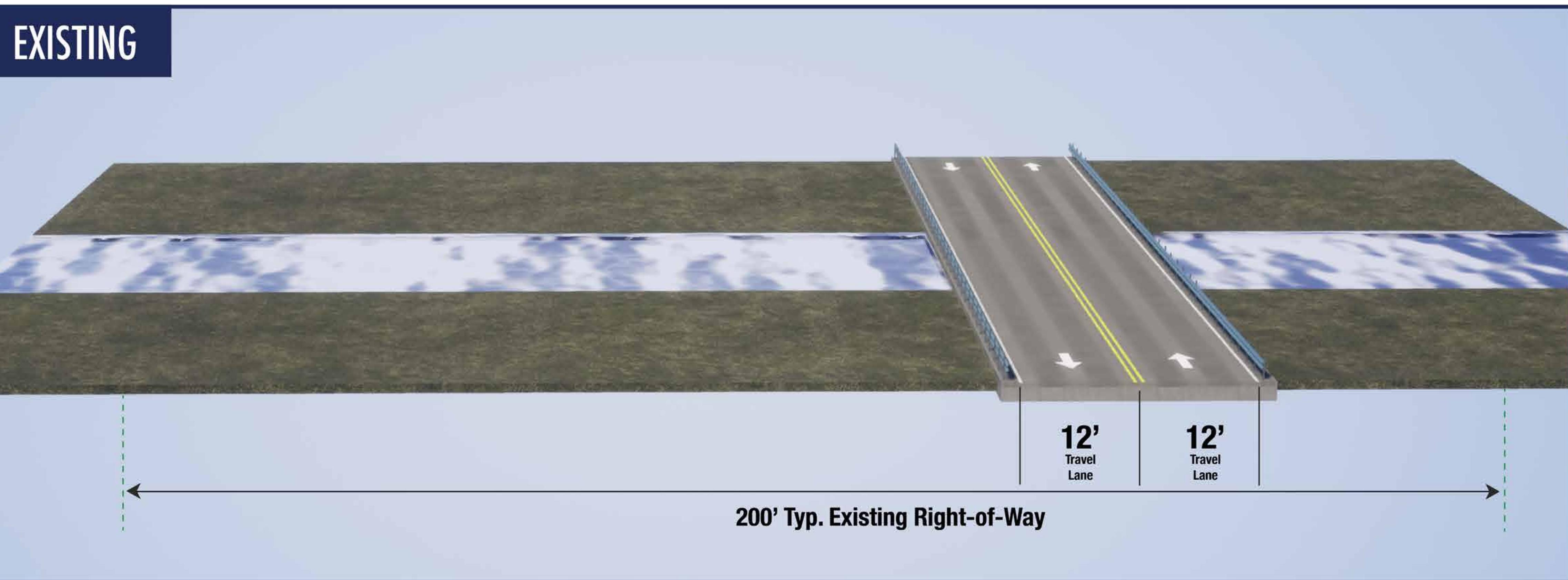
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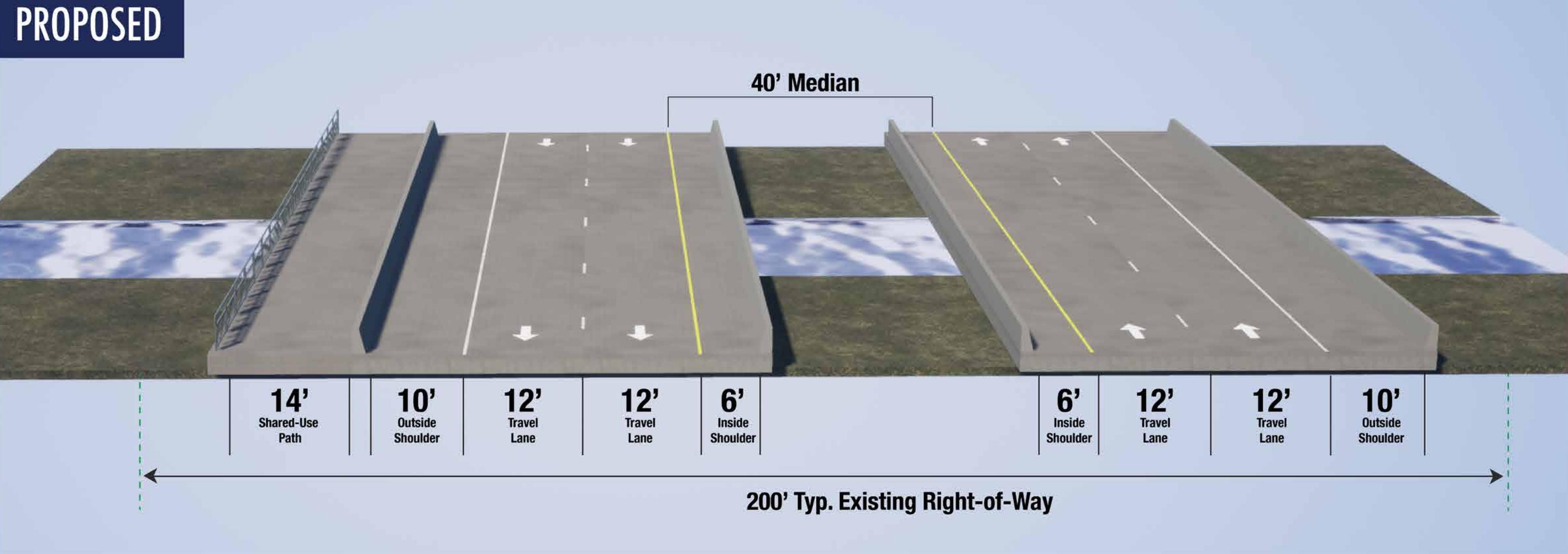
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<b>B</b>	040027	S.R. 70 over JOSHUA CREEK



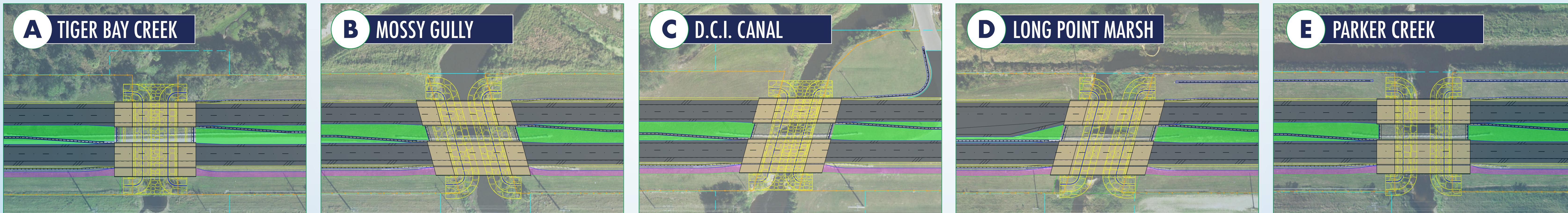
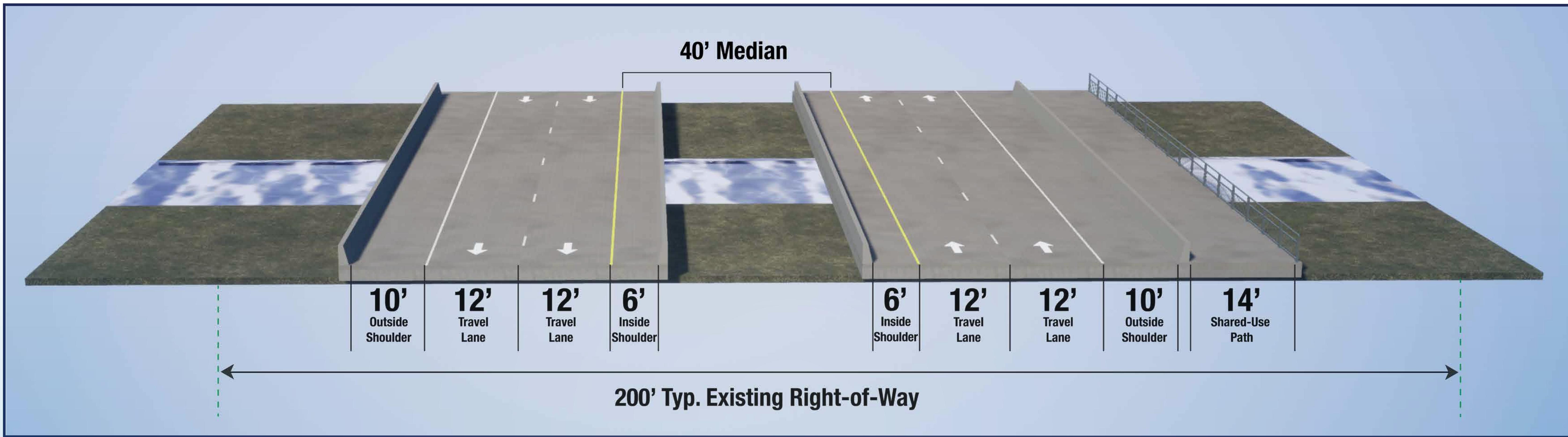
## EXISTING



## PROPOSED



# S.R. 70 PROPOSED NEW BRIDGES



# COMMENTS

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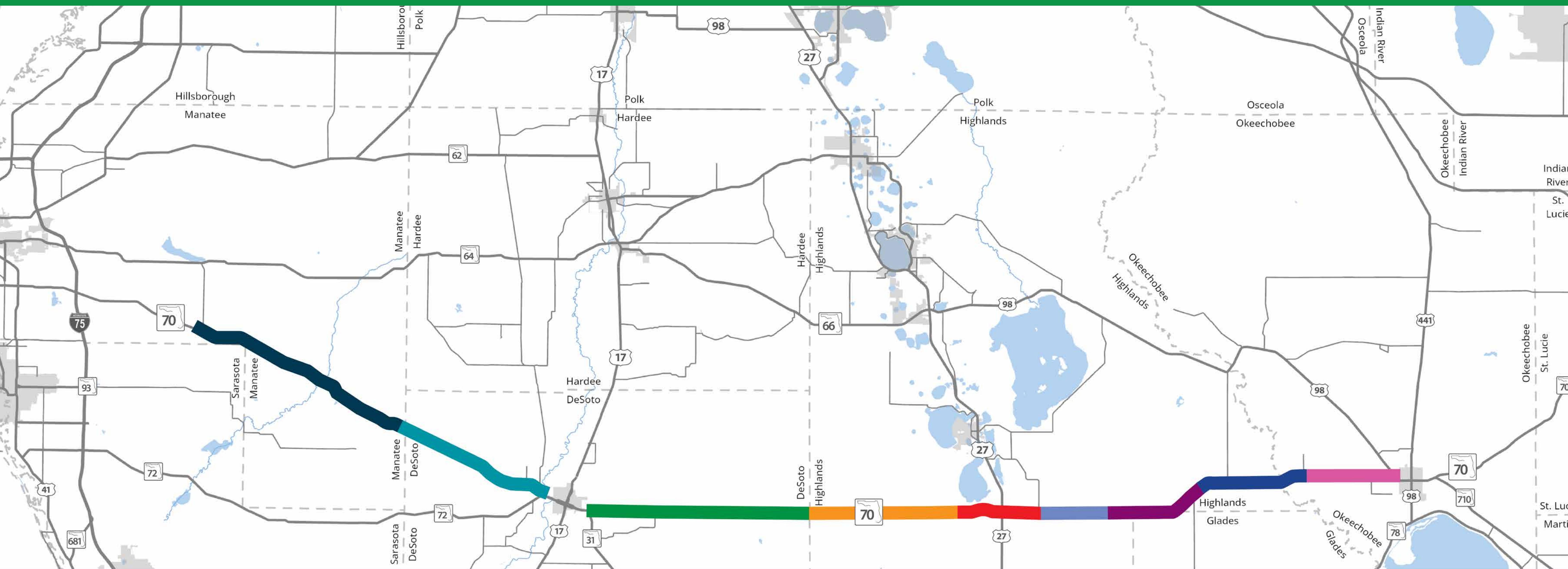
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**FPID 454769-1**  
S.R. 70 from Waterbury Road/C.R. 657  
to DeSoto County Line



**FPID 454588-1**  
S.R. 70 from Manatee County Line  
to Baldwin Avenue



**FPID 451942-1**  
S.R. 70 from West of S.R. 31  
to SE Highlands County Line Road



**FPID 451649-1**  
S.R. 70 from DeSoto County Line  
to Jefferson Avenue



**FPID 414506-1**  
S.R. 70 from  
Jefferson Avenue to C.R. 29



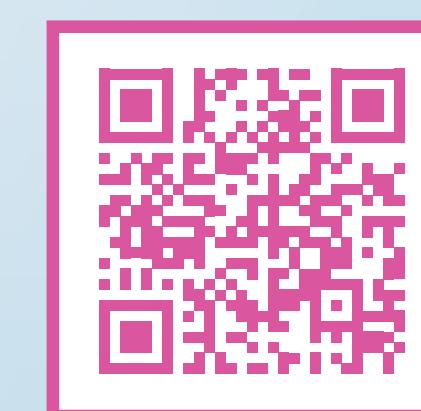
**FPID 414506-5**  
S.R. 70 from C.R. 29  
to Lonesome Island Road



**FPID 449851-1**  
S.R. 70 from Lonesome Island Road  
to Southern Leg of C.R. 721



**FPID 450334-1**  
S.R. 70 from  
C.R. 721 S to C.R. 599/128th Avenue



**FPID 445254-1**  
S.R. 70 from  
NW 128th Avenue to U.S. 98

# THANK YOU!

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