



PD&E Study from State Road (S.R.) 70 to S.R. 66

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PROJECT INFORMATION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements west of U.S. 27 and east of U.S. 17 between S.R. 70 and S.R. 66 in Hardee, DeSoto, and Highlands Counties. Building on the findings of the Highlands County Feasibility Study, the PD&E will assess a potential new alignment to better accommodate the evolving nature of U.S. 27 and address key needs such as network resilience, freight movement, and safe mobility. The PD&E process, which includes the option of a No-Build alternative, follows the procedures outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, along with federal and state regulations.

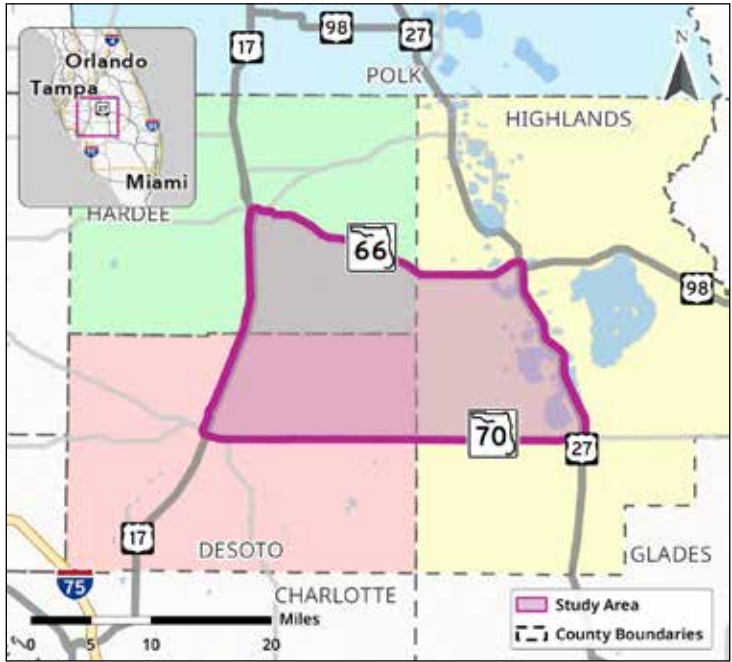
CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of this Corridor Alternatives Public Meeting is to provide you an opportunity to review the project alternatives being considered, ask questions, and provide feedback concerning the conceptual design and proposed improvements. You can choose the meeting format that is most convenient for you.

There will be three opportunities to attend the in-person Corridors Alternative Meeting, January 15, 2026, January 22, 2026, and January 29, 2026. In-person meetings will be an open house format without a formal presentation.

A self-guided Virtual Meeting Room will also be available from January 15 – February 12, 2026. Materials displayed for In-Person and Virtual meetings will be the same and also be available on the project website.

PROJECT STUDY AREA



DESOTO COUNTY
In-Person Public Meeting
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION:
Turner Agri-Civic Center
2250 NE Roan Street
Arcadia, FL 34266



HARDEE COUNTY
In-Person Public Meeting
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION:
Hardee County Agri-Civic Center
515 Civic Center Drive
Wauchula, FL 33873



HIGHLANDS COUNTY
In-Person Public Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2026
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION:
Town of Lake Placid Government Center
1069 U.S. 27 North
Lake Placid, FL 33852

VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM

ACCESS THE SELF-GUIDED VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE FROM JANUARY 15 – FEBRUARY 12, 2026.

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A Virtual Meeting Room is an online space that allows participants who are unable to attend the in-person meeting to provide their feedback and view project material at their leisure.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or 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 days prior to the public 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 May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.



PD&E STUDY S.R. 70 TO S.R. 66

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WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E study is a process developed to assess the social, economic, natural, and physical environmental impacts of a proposed transportation improvement project. This process follows federal and state laws and regulations. It involves collaboration among engineers, planners, and scientists who gather and analyze project related information to identify the best transportation solutions. An important component of the process is public and agency coordination.



CONTACT INFORMATION

FDOT encourages public participation during the PD&E Study from S.R. 70 to S.R. 66. If you have questions regarding the project, please contact the FDOT Project Representative.

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PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Si usted necesita más información o tiene preguntas acerca de este proyecto, por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Karina Della-Sera con el Departamento de Transporte de la Florida (FDOT), por teléfono al (863) 519-2750 o enviando un correo electrónico a Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us.

Muy pronto estaremos estrenando nuestra página web: www.swflroads.com/project/455782-1.

