



S.R. 45 (U.S. 41) Improvements

From the Caloosahatchee River Bridge to Diplomat Parkway

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Lee County - FPID Nos.: 452622-1, 450726-1, & 453106-1

DESIGN PROJECTS BEGIN

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is beginning three roadway design projects for proposed improvements along State Road (S.R.) 45 (U.S. 41/N Cleveland Avenue) in North Fort Myers. The purpose of these projects is to extend the service life of the roadway and improve safety, enhance traffic flow, and reduce crashes along the corridor.

S.R. 45 (U.S. 41) from Caloosahatchee River Bridge (#120002) to North of Pondella Road (452622-1): This project consists of repaving all lanes from the Caloosahatchee River Bridge (#120002) to north of Pondella Road. FDOT is also proposing safety modifications to the continuous right turn lanes along the corridor as well as evaluating existing curb ramps and sidewalks to ensure compliance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Additional improvements include upgrades to existing traffic signals within the project limits and updates to signing and pavement markings.

S.R. 45 (U.S. 41) from North of Pondella Road to North of S.R. 78 (450726-1): This project consists of repaving the roadway from north of Pondella Road to north of S.R. 78. FDOT is also proposing the construction of a bi-directional median opening with lighting at Evergreen Road, a bi-directional median opening at Judd Road, and a median closure on the east side of Betmar Boulevard. Additional improvements include constructing high emphasis crosswalks at four (4) non-signalized intersections and lighting enhancements at the traffic signal at S.R. 78 (Pine Island Road).

S.R. 45 (U.S. 41) from North of S.R. 78 to Diplomat Parkway (453106-1): This project consists of providing improvements at several intersections including modifying the directional median opening into the Merchant's Crossing shopping plaza, modifying the intersection at Stockton Street to restrict eastbound and westbound through movements, and providing a full signalized intersection at Diplomat Parkway. Additional improvements include installing lighting along the corridor from S.R. 78 (Pine Island Road) to Stockton Street.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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We invite your questions and comments!

Your feedback and participation will play an important role in the design process. Please share your comments and suggestions with us throughout the duration of the project either by mail or online. There will be upcoming opportunities to participate in-person or online, including a public meeting. For additional information and updates, visit us online at:

- swflroads.com/project/452622-1
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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Cynthia Sykes, Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287 or by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.



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