



ANNOUNCEMENT OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ACCEPTANCE

State Road 31 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from State Road 78 to Cook Brown Road Lee and Charlotte Counties, Florida

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Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) #9651 and 9791

On May 26, 2021, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) granted Acceptance of the State Environmental Impact Report for State Road (SR) 31 from SR 78 to Cook Brown Road in Lee and Charlotte Counties. The Selected Interim Improvements include construction of a new four-lane divided roadway east of the existing SR 31 from SR 78 to Horseshoe Road. From Cypress Parkway to Horseshoe Road, the roadway shifts back to the west and involves widening SR 31 to the east of its existing alignment and will use a combination of the existing SR 31 roadway right-of-way and new right-of-way. The existing two-lane undivided section of SR 31 will remain in place from north of SR 78 to the Lee/Charlotte County line, and will serve as a frontage road for local access. The selected interim typical section from SR 78 to Cypress Parkway includes two, 11-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 44-foot median that will accommodate future inside widening. A 12-foot wide shared-use path is proposed along both sides of the roadway. From the Lee/Charlotte County line northward, a 12-foot wide shared use path will be provided along the west side of the road and the shared-use path on the east side will be 10 feet wide and located within Babcock Ranch. From Cypress Parkway to Horseshoe Road, the selected typical section includes two, 11-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 22-foot median. This typical section includes dual ditches and a 12-foot shared-use path along the west side of the road. A 10-foot shared-use path will also be provided along the east side of the road within Babcock Ranch.

The Selected Ultimate Improvements include providing six lanes for SR 31 from SR 78 to Cypress Parkway and four lanes from Cypress Parkway to Cook Brown Road. The design speed is 45 mph. The ultimate six-lane selected alternative includes widening the interim four-lane divided SR 31 roadway to a six-lane divided roadway from SR 78 to Cypress Parkway. This will involve adding one through lane in each direction to the median. From Cypress Parkway to Horseshoe Road, the interim four-lane divided roadway will remain. From Horseshoe Road to Cook Brown Road, the existing two-lane SR 31 roadway will be widened to a four-lane divided roadway to the west. The selected ultimate six-lane typical section from SR 78 to Cypress Parkway includes three, 11-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 22-foot median. From Cypress Parkway to Horseshoe Road, the selected four-lane interim improvement will remain as the ultimate improvement. Between Horseshoe Road and Cook Brown Road, the existing SR 31 roadway will be reconstructed as a four-lane divided roadway with widening to the west. The selected ultimate four-lane typical section includes two, 11-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a 22-foot median. Additional information is available on the project websites at www.swflroads.com/sr31/bayshorerdtoriverrd (FPID 428917-1) or www.swflroads.com/sr31/cr78tocookbrownrd (FPID 428917-2).

This project will now proceed to the next phase of development. For more information please contact:

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