



State Road 31 PD&E Study

North of North River Road (County Road (CR) 78) in Lee County to
North of Cook Brown Road in Charlotte County

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INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is assisting in the development of a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study to evaluate the potential widening of State Road (SR) 31 from north of North River Road (County Road (CR) 78) in Lee County to north of Cook Brown Road in Charlotte County, Florida. The total project length is approximately 4 miles.

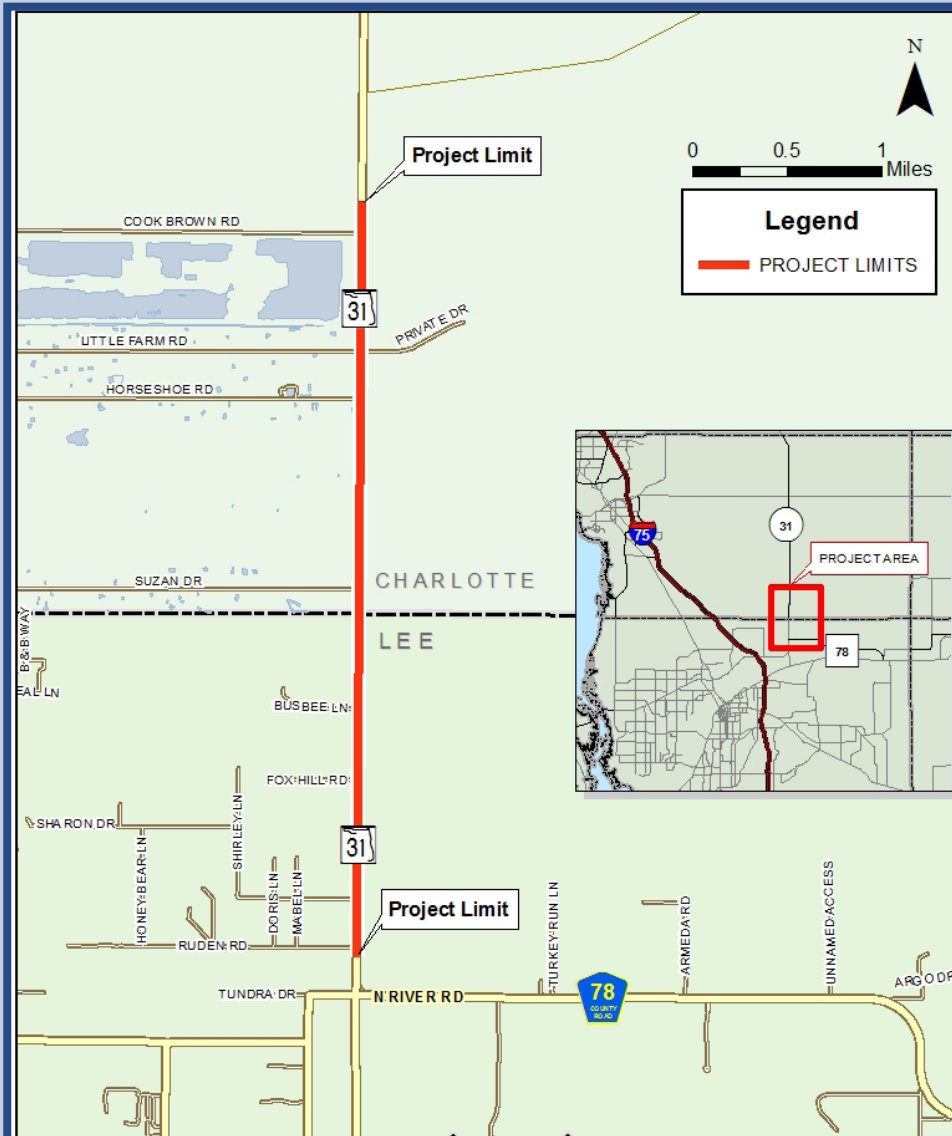
STUDY OVERVIEW

FDOT, District One, is assisting in the development of a PD&E study to determine the location and conceptual design of the preferred roadway improvements and the associated social, cultural, economic, natural and physical effects of the improvements. The alternatives considered involve the potential widening of the existing two-lane undivided roadway and the addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The expansion of SR 31 is anticipated to improve overall safety, emergency access and truck access, and accommodate future growth in the area. The no-build alternative will remain an option throughout the study.

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E study is an environmental and engineering process developed by FDOT to determine social, cultural, economic, natural and physical effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. The process requires the combined efforts of professional engineers, planners, and scientists who collect and analyze project-related information to develop the best solution for transportation needs. An important part of the study is public involvement and coordination with agencies. The process used in the development of the project is made up of several components. These include:

- Data Collection
- Alternatives Analysis (including the no-build alternative)
- Selection of preferred alternative(s)
- Public and agency involvement



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GET INVOLVED

It is very important for you to be able to provide your comments related to the proposed improvements to the study team. If you would like more information about the project, please contact Mr. Patrick Bateman at 863-519-2792 or by e-mail at patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us. You may also visit the study website at www.swflroads.com/sr31/cr78tocookbrown.

WHATS NEXT?

Over the next several months, the project activities will involve the development of roadway alternatives and study documentation. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for late 2017. The Department will not make a final decision on the recommendations until after the public hearing, when the public has an opportunity to review and comment on the recommended alternative.

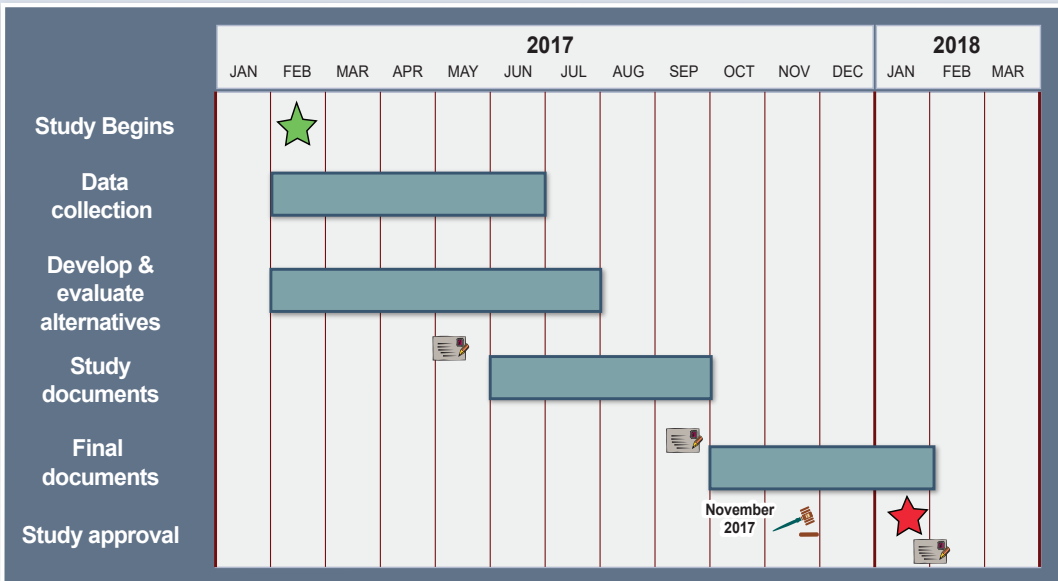


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Project Schedule

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from North of N. River Rd (CR78) to North of Cook Brown Rd



★ All dates shown on schedule are tentative and subject to change.

