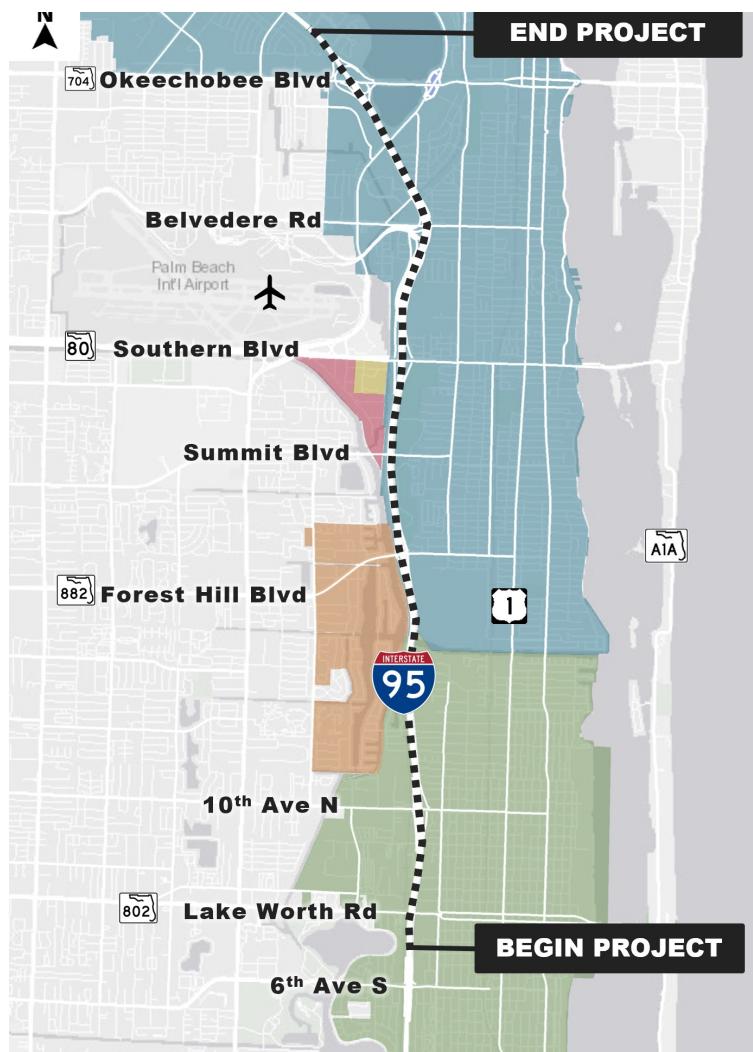


# Florida Department of Transportation NEWSLETTER #1

I-95 Managed Lanes Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study  
State Road (SR) 9/I-95 from 6th Avenue South to SR 704/Okeechobee Boulevard  
Palm Beach County, Florida  
Financial Project ID: 444202-2-22-02 | Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM): 14509  
December 2024

Stay Informed and Stay Involved: [www.i95ML-6Ave-Okeechobee.com](http://www.i95ML-6Ave-Okeechobee.com)



## MUNICIPALITIES

- Lake Worth Beach ■ Glen Ridge ■ West Palm Beach
- Lake Clark Shores ■ Cloud Lake

## WHY MANAGED LANES?

Managed lanes are highway facilities or a set of lanes where operational strategies are proactively implemented and managed in response to changing traffic conditions. Also, managed lanes:

- Provide travel choices
- Manage time congestion
- Reduce fuel consumption
- Offer predictable travel times
- Support transit usage

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four completed an I-95 Managed Lanes Master Plan in March 2019 for the I-95 Corridor from south of Linton Boulevard/CR 782 to the Palm Beach/Martin County Line, a total distance of approximately 37.5 miles. The primary purpose of the Master Plan was to identify long-term transportation needs along I-95. The Master Plan conceptual improvements are then further evaluated in a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. FDOT District Four has initiated a PD&E Study for the I-95 Managed Lanes along SR 9/I-95 from 6th Avenue South to SR 704/Okeechobee Boulevard, a distance of approximately 6.6 miles. For more information on the Master Plan, please visit the project website.

## WHY IS THIS STUDY NEEDED?

The primary purpose of this Study is to evaluate project improvements that will maintain the roadway level of service within the project limits for both current and future travel conditions. The Study will also evaluate safety, system linkages, and modal interrelationships. The following goals and objectives align with the FDOT's vision to *improve safety, enhance resiliency, support the supply chain, and promote economic development*.



Roadway Safety and Improve Traffic Operations



Increase Capacity to Meet Travel Demand



Enhance Connections Between Different Modes of Transportation and Support Supply Chain

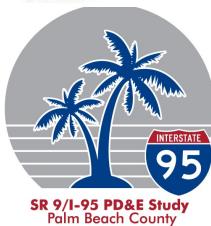
## \*MANAGED LANES FACTS

- South Florida has over 300 miles of managed lanes in operation along I-95, I-595, I-75 and the Florida's Turnpike.
- Managed lanes AM Peak speeds between 6–9 am are up to 21.5% faster than the general use lanes.\*
- Managed lanes PM Peak speeds between 4–7 pm are up to 18% faster than the general use lanes.\*
- Average nonpeak speed greater than 45 mph is 5.6% greater for express lanes versus general use lanes.\*

\*[www.fdotd4traffic.com/#/app/metrics](http://www.fdotd4traffic.com/#/app/metrics)

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe statewide transportation system that promotes the efficient movement of people and goods, supports the state's economic competitiveness, prioritizes Florida's environment and natural resources, and preserves the quality of life and connectedness of the state's communities.



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## WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is FDOT's procedure for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and associated federal and state laws and regulations. The objective of a PD&E Study is to support decisions concerning if, where, and what project improvements should be made to address identified transportation needs.

### 1 Planning

### 2 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

### 3 Design

### 4 Right of Way Acquisition (if needed)

### 5 Construction

### 6 Maintenance

#### Why it's done:

- Evaluate project feasibility and potential environmental impacts (natural, physical, social, cultural)
- Comply with federal and state environmental laws
- Meet federal funding requirements

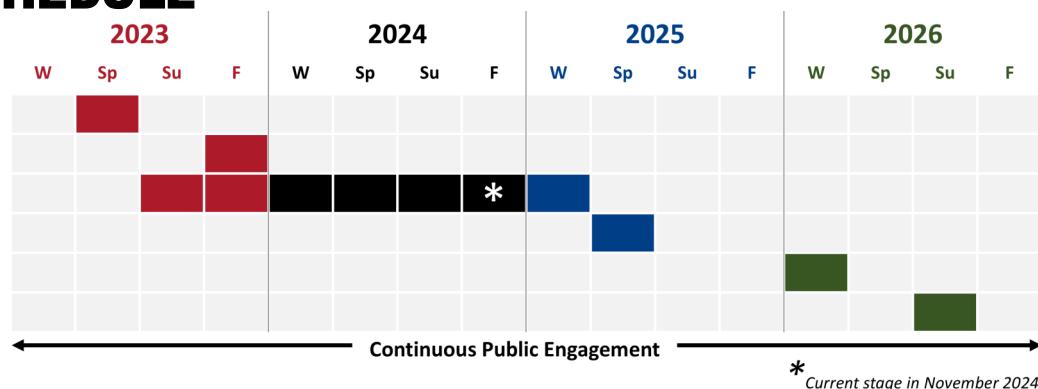
#### What it involves:

- Conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies
- Developing Build Alternatives that meet the project purpose and need
- Evaluating options to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential environmental impacts
- Coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies
- Engaging the community and soliciting input in project development
- Selecting a preferred alternative for Final Design

## PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE

W: Winter, Sp: Spring, Su: Summer, F: Fall

- Begin Study
- Project Kick-off \*\*
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Alternatives Public Workshop
- Public Hearing
- Study Complete



Project Funding: PD&E: Funded | Design: Unfunded | Construction: Unfunded

*Schedule is Subject to Change*

\*\* A presentation to kick-off this project was given to the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) on Thursday, December 14, 2023. A recording of the meeting is available for your viewing at <https://palmbeachtpa.org/meetings-events/tpa-governing-board-meeting-12-14-2023/>.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public engagement is a critical component of the PD&E Study process, and we encourage you to become and stay involved throughout the entire project. Please visit the project website often to get the most up-to-date information. The proposed project is being developed in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.



**STAY INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED:** Community feedback is at the core of all we do. FDOT works with the public to balance their community vision with the community's transportation needs. This is routine on all our projects to ensure Florida's infrastructure is safe, resilient, and efficient for many years into the future. If you would like to obtain additional project information, to be added to the mailing list, to request information, to arrange a meeting, or to submit a written comment, please visit the project website at: [www.i95ML-6ave-Okeechobee.com](http://www.i95ML-6ave-Okeechobee.com) or scan the QR code provided.

\*If you would like to receive more information about the project in creole or translation, please contact the project manager utilizing the information below.

**Creole:** \*Si w ta renmen resevwa enfòmasyon sou pwojè a an kreyòl oswa tradiksyon, tanpri kontakte Manadè Pwojè a lè w itilize enfòmasyon ki anba.

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