# SR 78 Pine Island Road PD&E Study
# From CR 765 Veterans Parkway to US 41

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

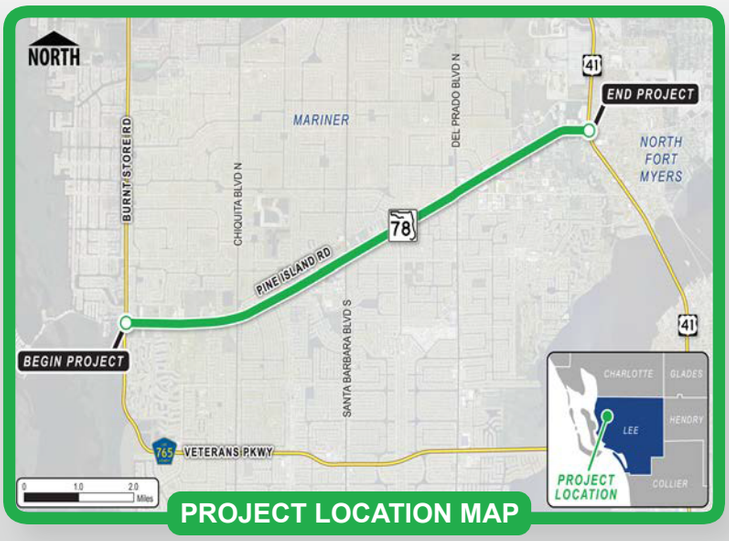
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the proposed improvements to State Road (SR) 78 (Pine Island Road) extending from CR 765 (Veterans Parkway) to the west of US 41, through the City of Cape Coral, in Lee County, a distance of approximately 9.2 miles. The project aims to enhance safety conditions, add capacity, and accommodate future traffic demands.

During the PD&E process, FDOT will develop alternatives and provide opportunities for your input. Alternatives under consideration include widening SR 78 (Pine Island Road) from a four-lane divided roadway to a six-lane-divided roadway and other improvements such as intersection, drainage, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes. Each alternative will be evaluated for potential effects on the social, cultural, natural, and physical environment.

Throughout this process, FDOT will consider a "no-build" option which assumes no improvements to SR 78 (Pine Island Road) other than routine maintenance. If the study results in the selection of a "build" alternative, the project can proceed to the design phase, during which construction plans are prepared.

## WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process developed by FDOT to determine social, economic, natural, and physical environmental effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. The process follows procedures set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and federal and state laws and regulations. It 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.




PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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**PROJECT WEBPAGE:**

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

You are encouraged to participate in the SR 78 (Pine Island Road) PD&E Study Survey available on the project website and during the Kick-Off Meeting. We will use the comments and input we receive from the community to develop and refine alternatives, as the study progresses.

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by 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.*

## PLEASE JOIN US AT THE KICK-OFF MEETING

**Everyone who lives, works, and travels in this area is a very important part of this project. FDOT encourages public involvement during the study.**

### IN-PERSON OPTION

**Thursday, January 16, 2025 | 5 – 7 p.m.**

**Cape Coral Technical College (Flex Room)**
**360 Santa Barbara Blvd N**
**Cape Coral, FL 33993**

*The project team will be available for discussion.*

### ONLINE OPTION

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025 | 6 – 7 p.m.**

**Register in advance:**
**https://bit.ly/SR78PDEKick-Off**

*This will include a viewing of the meeting materials and a question-and-answer component with the project team.*

The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and online meetings and will be posted on the project website by January 16, 2025.

*FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People 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.*