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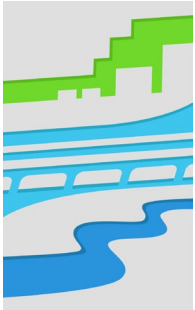
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Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, April 1, 2024, 1:30 pm

County Center, 18th Floor – Plan Hillsborough Committee Room

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Introductions**
- II. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum (Gail Reese, TPO staff)**
- III. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please**
- IV. [Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2024](#)**
- V. Action Items**
 - A. [Annual Certification of Metropolitan Planning Process](#)**
(Sarah Caper, TPO Staff)
- VI. Status Reports**
 - A. [HART Tampa Arterial Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\) and Circular Project Update](#)**
(Justin Willits /Jesus Peraza Garcia, HART)
 - B. [Preliminary Draft of FY25 & 26 Unified Planning Work Program](#)**
(Amber Simmons, TPO Staff)
 - C. [Community Air Monitoring Network](#)** (Lizzie Baker, TPO Staff)
- VII. Old Business & New Business**
- VIII. Adjournment**

IX. Addendum

- A. [TPO Summary and Committee Reports](#)
- B. [FDOT Widening Suncoast Parkway from South of Van Dyke Rd to SR52](#)
- C. [FDOT Project Factsheet: US301 from Balm to Whitt Rd](#)
- D. [FDOT Project Factsheet: US301 and Symmes Rd. Intersection Improvement](#)

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HYBRID MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2024**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Sims, called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM

Members Present: Jeff Sims, Mike Williams, Brian McCarthy, Jonathan Scott, Michael English, Robert Frey, Laura Lenhart, Gina Dew, Bob Campbell, Jesus Peraza Garcia, Jay Collins, Jennifer Malone, Marcela Jimenez Ramirez, Lama Alfaseeh

Members Absent/ Excused: Rob Wassum

Others Present: Wade Reynolds, Lionel Fuentes, Connor Trejos-MacDonald, Ben Gordon, Amber Simmons, Sarah Caper, Vishaka Shiva Raman, Lisa Silva, Harmoni McGee, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Siasoi Fine, Karina Karouklis, Suzanne Ziegler (FDOT)

An in-person quorum has been met.

II. Public Comment (*Timestamp 0:01:56*) – None

III. Approval of Minutes (*Timestamp 0:02:22*)– February 5, 2024

Jay Collins moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024, seconded by Marcela Jimenez Ramirez. The voice vote passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items

A. TIP Amendment: I-4 Truck Parking Facility (Connor Trejos-Macdonald, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:02:48*)

- Went over the project need and overview – will start with 120 truck parking spaces that can be expanded to 250 in future phases
- Will be near the Hillsborough-Polk County Line and will be connected to the FDOT Truck Parking Availability System
- Will add \$5.3 million in state funds for construction for improvements to adjacent roadways
- Went over the project timeline
- Review of the outreach efforts for this amendment

Recommended Action: Approve the TIP amendment to add construction funding to the I-4 Truck Parking Facility project, and recommend approval to the TPO Board.

Discussion:

It was asked if there is any way to get the design easy on / easy off instead of using the interchanges. It was asked which exit. The southwest quadrant of County Line and I-4. It was noted that additional spaces have been added at the weigh stations by Plant City. It was asked that if, in disaster scenarios, if FDOT can dictate what trucks could be given preference such as fuel, water, etc., for staging. It is speculated that once the emergency order is given, Emergency Management takes over. There was concern expressed about all the trucks crossing County Line. It was asked if there will be any additional charging stations for general public use, particularly near the services provided at this interchange. The stations were taken out of the project. There was a request for the chargers to be included.

Bob Frey moved to approve the TIP Amendment to add construction funding to the I-4 Truck Parking Facility project and recommend approval to the TPO Board; seconded by Bob Campbell. The voice vote passed unanimously.

B. Multimodal Counts Report (Ben Gordon, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:11:59)*

- Went over traditional counts vs. multimodal counts
- Looked at the High Injury Network corridors
- Showed the count locations, cameras used, and how they were mounted
- Reviewed the post-collection processing
- Went over the initial results – most users on foot and most users on bikes
- Went over analysis recommendations and the questions that came out of the data collection

Recommended Action: Receive the report and recommend approval to the TPO Board.

Discussion:

It was noted that it would be good to look and see if bike/ped are crossing the streets in these areas. It was brought up that looking at individuals not using the proper facilities where provided such as people on the street versus on the more crowded sidewalks. It was asked what the expectation is on this. To accept the report. It was asked what the next steps are going to be by the TPO. This is the first time this count has been done; possibly using the before and after numbers after improvements are made. It was asked if right-of-way permits were obtained for the devices installed on this project. The devices were reported as being installed in some areas by residents. That type of compliance issue would have been handled by the consultants; will follow up with them to see. It was asked if there were any incidents of vandalism on the cameras. None that are known at this time.

Jonathan Scott moved to receive the report and recommend approval to the TPO Board, seconded by Jay Collins. The voice vote passed unanimously.

V. Status Reports

A. Development of the FY25 & 26 UPWP (Amber Simmons and Sarah Caper, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:26:48)*

- Review of what the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is – complies with federal and state rules; effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026
- Went over the content tasks
- Looked at the budget for FY2025 and FY2026

- Went over the schedule and milestones
- Reviewed the critical path projects and other projects being considered (partner agency requests)

VI. Old Business & New Business *(Timestamp 0:32:19)*

A. The next meeting is April 1, 2024

- B. Jeff Sims:** Talked about the poor condition of Causeway Blvd between 301 and Faulkenburg. Expressed thanks to whoever got the repaving done. It was likely on the plan already, but it is a definite improvement.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM

A recording of this meeting may be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/featured



Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item

Annual Certification of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Presenter

Sarah Caper, TPO Staff

Summary

Metropolitan Planning Organizations are established and funded by federal and state laws and rules. Therefore, many federal and state requirements apply. The federal government evaluates our compliance every four years, and a public meeting is held at that time. The last such meeting was held in January 2021.

In between these major review events, the TPO's planning process must be certified annually following federal and state rules through a cooperative review conducted by the FDOT District 7 office and the TPO staff and Board. This concludes with a Joint TPO/FDOT Certification statement and summary of notable achievements, recommendations, and corrective actions.

Attached is a summary of the certification results and the draft statement to be signed upon authorization from the Board. TPO staff will briefly review the notable achievements and recommendations.

Recommended Action

Support recertification of the TPO and authorize the TPO Chair to sign the Joint Certification Statement

Prepared By

Sarah Caper, AICP, TPO Staff

Attachments

1. Joint Certification Summary
2. Joint Certification Statement (to be signed by TPO Chair)





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SECRETARY

JOINT MPO/FDOT CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization

The Annual Joint FDOT/MPO Certification for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, review was conducted on February 21, 2024, as required by federal guidelines to assess the MPO's compliance with the federal transportation planning process and applicable state laws. **The Hillsborough County TPO was found to be in compliance with federal and state guidelines for metropolitan transportation planning.**

The following is a summary of the Department's findings:

Notable Achievements

The Hillsborough TPO is proud to showcase its recently completed work products, many of which we believe can be regarded as noteworthy.

- **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 2023 State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Grant**
- **US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2023 Community Air Pollution Monitoring Grant**
- **Citizens Advisory Committee's revised bylaws to gain more geographical and demographical representation**
- **Significant successful results from 2022 Pilot Program to increase public involvement in TIP Amendments**
- **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan Study**
- **Freight Supply Chain Resiliency Study**
- **Health Impact Assessment of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Complete Streets projects**
- **2050 LRTP Needs Assessment for Equity**
- **Implementation of the Tampa School Safety Study**
- **Participated in Automated Speed Cameras in a School Zone Pilot study**
- **Continued collaboration with Forward Pinellas and Pasco MPO to produce legislatively required merged MPO report**

Recommended Actions

- The TPO should keep FDOT updated on organizational roles and responsibilities of key staff.
- The TPO should continue to communicate challenges, questions, and concerns to FDOT Liaison staff directly to facilitate appropriate resolution. FDOT acts as the Liaison between MPO, FDOT, and FHWA.
- When the TPO is conducting planning studies, the TPO should ensure local government concurs with recommendations.
- The TPO should continue to regularly review and evaluate public inclusion and outreach techniques to ensure a broad range of residents participate.
- The TPO should continue to educate the TPO Board and Committees on the TPO's roles and responsibilities as they relate to transportation planning and project prioritization processes.

Corrective Actions

- None

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MPO JOINT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

525-010-05c
POLICY PLANNING
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Pursuant to the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134(k)(5) and 23 CFR 450.334(a), the Department and the MPO have performed a review of the certification status of the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Hillsborough County MPO with respect to the requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 C.F.R. Part 21
3. 49 U.S.C. 5332 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
4. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act and 49 C.F.R. Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
5. 23 C.F.R. Part 230 regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and the regulations found in 49 C.F.R. Parts 27, 37, and 38;
7. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
8. Section 324 of 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender; and
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 C.F.R. Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Included in this certification package is a summary of noteworthy achievements by the MPO, attachments associated with these achievements, and (if applicable) a list of any recommendations and/or corrective actions. The contents of this Joint Certification Package have been reviewed by the MPO and accurately reflect the results of the joint certification review meeting held on February 26, 2024.

Based on a joint review and evaluation, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Hillsborough County MPO recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Process for the Hillsborough County MPO be certified.

Name: David Gywnn, P.E.
Title: District Secretary (or designee)

Date

Name: Gwen Myers
Title: MPO Chairman (or designee)

Date



Hillsborough TPO

Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item

HART Tampa Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Circulator Project Update

Presenter

Justin Willits /Jesús Peraza García, HART

Summary

This presentation will provide an update on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project connecting the University of South Florida area to downtown Tampa. The BRT Project aims to operate at an improved frequency with marginal increases to operating costs, while also providing reliable and reduced travel times for users. The presentation will also include a conversation on the Rubber Tire Circulator as an interim transit solution preceding the City of Tampa's Streetcar Extension.

Recommended Action

None, for information only.

Prepared By

Wally Gallart, TPO Staff

Attachments

[Presentation](#)



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Agenda Item:

Preliminary Draft of FY 25-26 UPWP

Presenter:

Amber Simmons, TPO Staff

Summary:

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a federal and state mandated document that defines the transportation planning activities, products and budget to be developed by the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and other transportation planning agencies. It is the basis for allocating federal, state, and local funds for transportation planning activities within Hillsborough County and describes how the TPO will use its federal and state planning funds. This UPWP covers a two-year period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

The UPWP is required by federal law under Title 23 CFR 450.314 and Title 49 CFR 613.100 when federal funds are used for transportation planning. The UPWP and associated processes are also required by state law under Chapter 339.175 governing TPOs. The UPWP is reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Staff will provide an overview of the draft document on the [TPO website](#). The final document will be presented at the TPO Board meeting on May 8, 2024 for adoption following state timeline requirements, and will incorporate the comments received from review agencies. Additional information can be found at [Unified Planning Work Program | Plan Hillsborough](#).

Recommended Action:

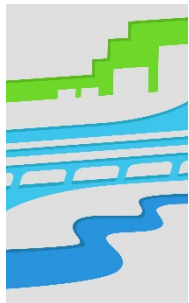
None; for information and comment

Prepared By:

Amber Simmons, TPO Staff

Attachments:

[Presentation Slides](#)



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Community Air Monitoring Network

Presenter:

Lizzie Baker

Summary:

The Community Air Monitoring Network is a partnership between the TPO, University of South Florida's College of Public Health, the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, and numerous community-based entities, building on efforts from the Low-Coast Air Quality Monitoring Pilot Study (2021-2023). The current work is funded by Federal Highway Administration and Environmental Protection Agency grants, which will provide funding through March 2026. As part of this effort, air quality in underserved communities along I-275, I-4, and I-75 is being studied using low-cost air quality monitors and community capacity building efforts. Building on seven Community Air Monitoring Sites established during the pilot study, an additional 20-25 Community Air Monitoring Sites will be established in a phased effort from now through March 2026. The TPO is currently leading the site selection process to identify the next phase of future Community Air Monitoring Sites and is working on early community-building activities. TPO staff will provide an update on the project, its current status, and upcoming steps.

Recommended Action:

No action required

Prepared By:

Lizzie Baker, TPO

Attachments:

None



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Widen Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) From South of Van Dyke Road to SR 52 Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, Florida

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

FPID Number: 448068-1-22-01 ETDM Number: 14503



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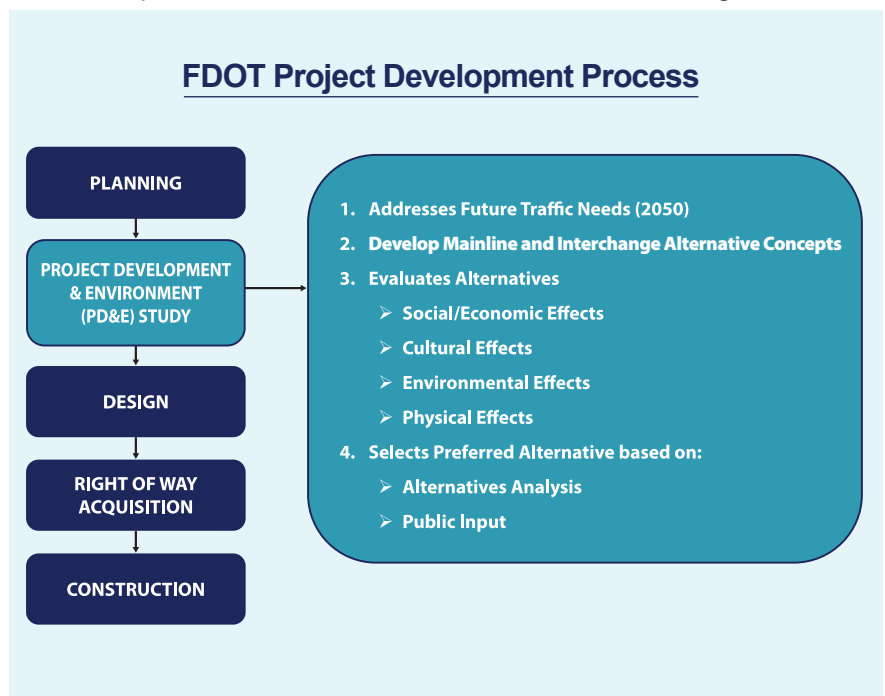
About this Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Enterprise), is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study along Suncoast Parkway (State Road (SR) 589) from south of Van Dyke Road to SR 52, Mile Post (MP) 13 to 29 in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. The study will evaluate alternatives for the widening of the Suncoast Parkway, from four lanes to eight lanes between south of Van Dyke Road and SR 54 and from four lanes to six lanes between SR 54 and SR 52. Improvements to the existing interchanges and a potential new interchange within the study corridor will be evaluated. The Suncoast Parkway study area extends approximately sixteen (16) miles as shown in the project location map on the next page. For more information on this project, please visit the project website at www.SuncoastParkwayPDE.com.

What is a PD&E Study?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process conducted to determine social, economic, cultural, physical, and environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. An important component of the process is public and agency involvement. The process follows 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 optimal solution for a community's transportation needs while minimizing impacts. The key components of the PD&E process are existing conditions, future traffic needs, alternatives development, environmental and engineering evaluations, public and agency input, documentation, and study recommendations.

The project development process begins with planning studies and ends with a constructed project. The FDOT project development process is a comprehensive process involving Planning, Project Development and Environment (PD&E), Design, Right of Way (ROW), and Construction phases. It is important to understand the sequence and interrelation between these phases to successfully deliver a project.



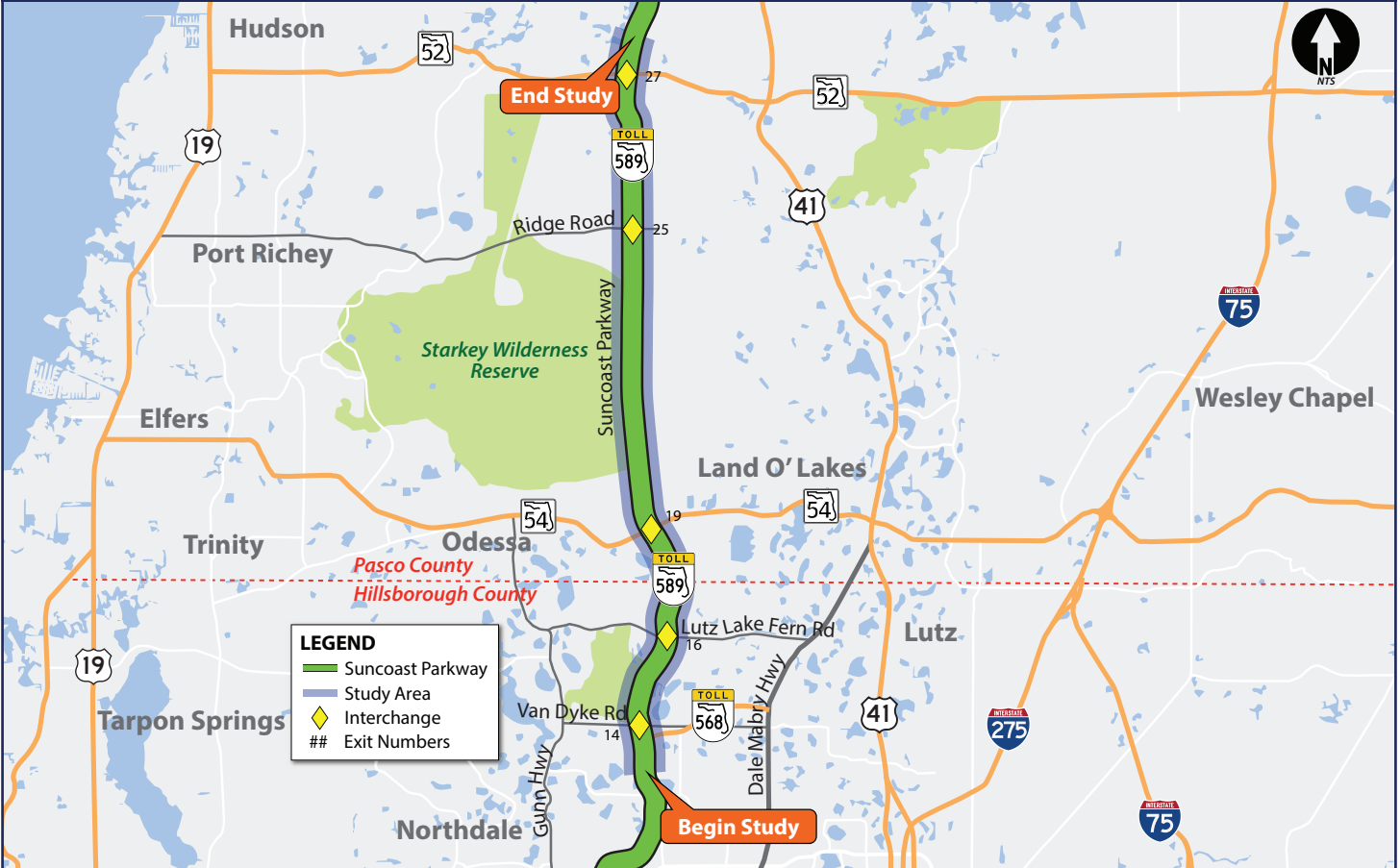
Purpose and Need

Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) is a four (4) lane (two (2) lanes in each direction) limited access facility within the study limits. By 2050, the population within Hillsborough County is expected to grow by 30%. Within the same time period, the population within Pasco County is expected to grow by 38%. In response, the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has identified the need to widen (increase capacity) this portion of Suncoast Parkway to accommodate increasing traffic volumes generated from the anticipated growth, while enhancing safety and improving emergency and evacuation response times.

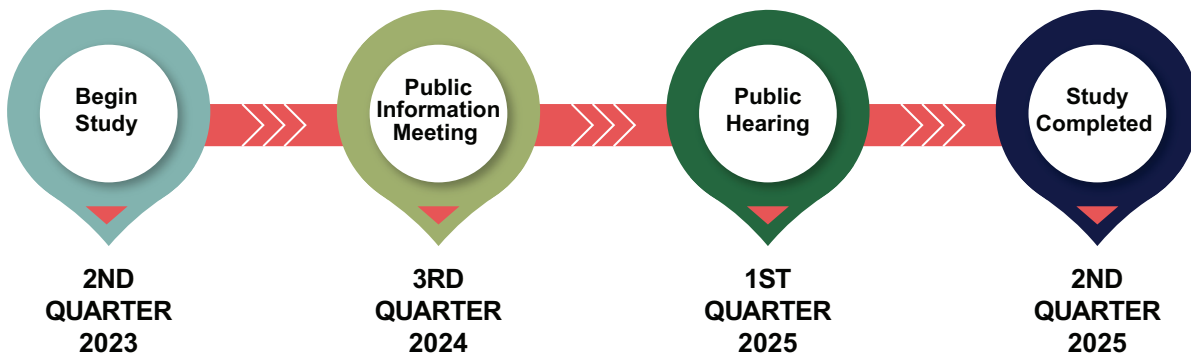
Public Participation

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise encourages the public to get involved by providing comments, questions, and suggestions to the study team. Project information will be available through newsletters, the project website, public inquiries, public meetings, and a public hearing. Please contact the Project Manager, Anil Sharma, P.E., using the contact information provided on the next page to request more information or to be added to the mailing list.

Project Location Map



Project Schedule & Opportunities to Participate



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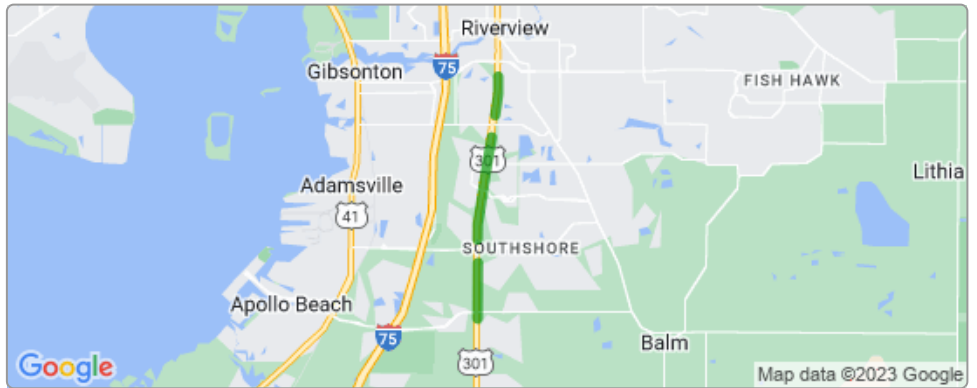
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US 301/SR 43 from S. of Balm Rd./Paseo Al Mar Blvd. to S. of Whitt Rd. 445936-1-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Resurfacing, Traffic Signals, and Signing/Pavement Markings. Also included are associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
Phase	Design
Limits	From south of Balm Rd./Paseo Al Mar Blvd. to south of Whitt Rd.
Length	4.771 Miles
City	Riverview
County	Hillsborough
Road	US 301
Design Cost	\$1.48M



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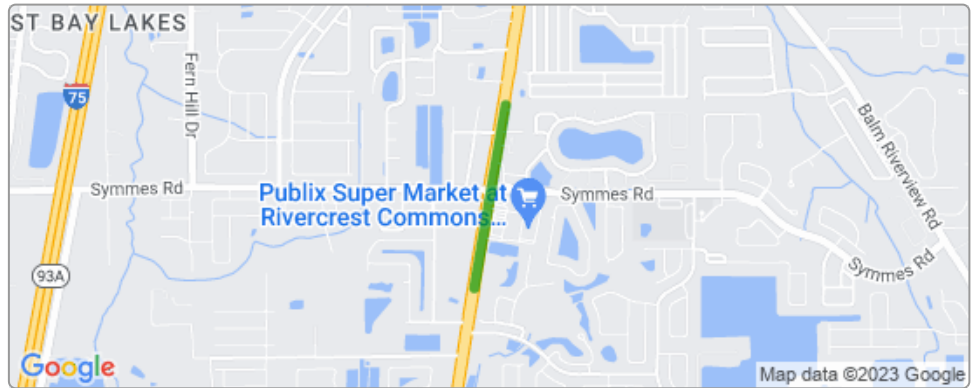
The purpose of this RRR project is to preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement through milling and resurfacing. The work also includes minor drainage improvements, bringing ADA features into conformance with current standards, and perform general safety modification work.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Summer 2024.

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Media Contact	Kris Carson (813) 975-6060 Kristen.Carson@dot.state.fl.us

US 301/SR 43 Intersection Improvements at Symmes Road 445392-1-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Rigid Pavement Reconstruction, Traffic Signals, and Signing/Pavement Markings. Associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
Phase	Design
Limits	Intersection of US 301/Symmes Rd, extending along US 301 from one quarter-mile south of Symmes Rd to one quarter-mile north of Symmes Rd
Length	.530 Miles
City	Riverview
County	Hillsborough
Road	US 301
Design Cost	\$482000



About

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the intersection of US301 at Symmes Rd. with rigid pavement to provide a sustainable pavement with a longer service life. The work also includes minor drainage improvements, bringing ADA features into conformance with current standards, and perform general safety modification work.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Summer 2024.

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