

HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

I-295 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study from Heckscher Drive (SR 105) to Pulaski Road

Financial Management Number 209658-6 | Efficient Transportation Decision Making Number 13208

Welcome to the Hybrid Public Hearing

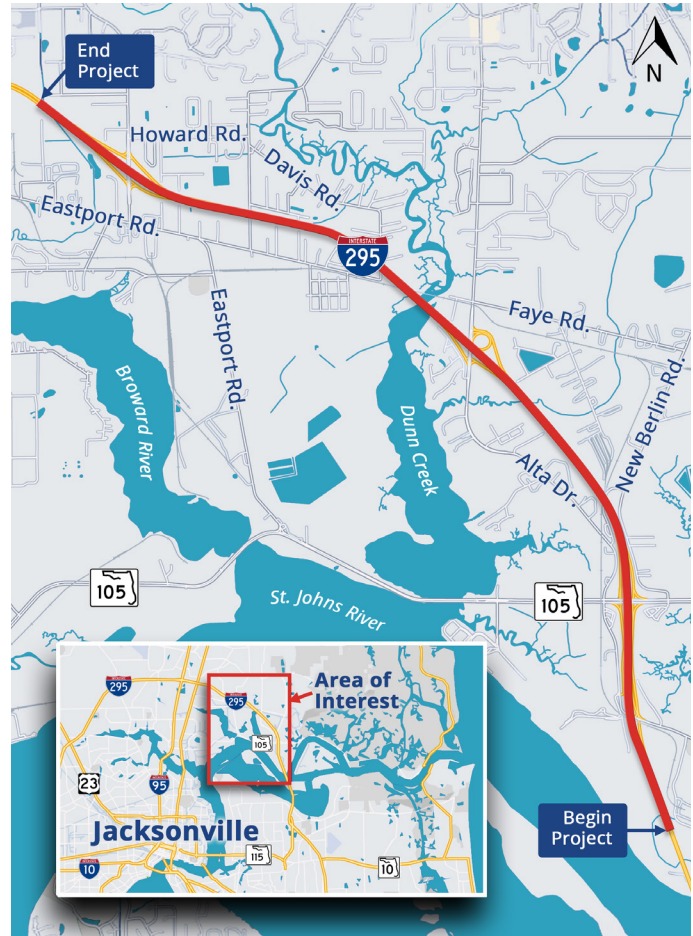
WHAT: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 invites you to the I-295 Hybrid Public Hearing to discuss proposed improvements to I-295 from south of Heckscher Drive (SR 105) to north of Pulaski Road in Duval County, Florida.

VIRTUAL/ONLINE OPTION: Interested persons may join the hearing from **6:00-7:30 pm** on **September 20, 2022**, from a computer, tablet or mobile device. Advanced registration is required at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2488430533499792141>

IN-PERSON OPTION: Attend in person on **September 22, 2022**, at Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Doors will open to the public at **4:30 pm**. Presentation and public comments at **6:30 pm**.

PURPOSE: The hearing will give interested persons an opportunity to express their views about the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

MORE DETAILS: The FDOT is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate alternatives to enhance safety and provide additional capacity to meet existing and future travel demands on I-295.

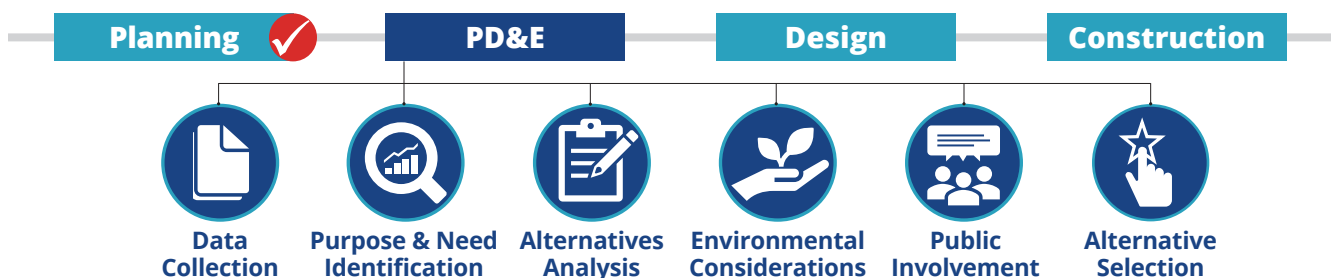


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What is a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study?

THE STUDY: A PD&E Study is the formal process that develops and compares alternatives to determine a preferred action that meets the project need while minimizing impacts to the social, natural, cultural, and physical environment. For this project, no additional right-of-way acquisition is required.

THE PROCESS: FDOT's process for delivering a transportation project consists of a series of steps. The Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is the second step in the process.





Purpose and Need

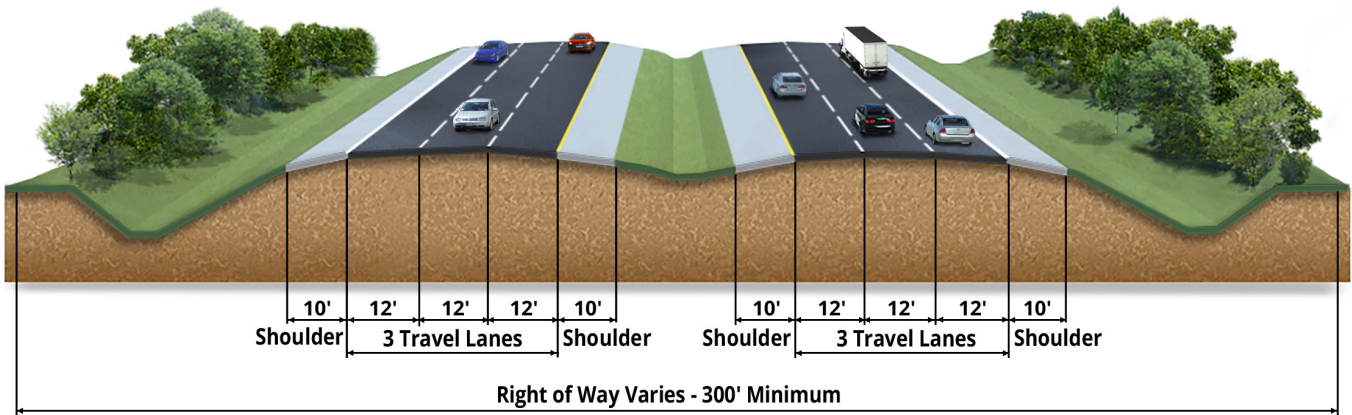
The purpose of this project is to add general-purpose capacity along an approximately 6.1-mile section of I-295 from Heckscher Drive (SR-105) to North of Pulaski Road. The project aims to improve capacity, provide long-term mobility options, improve operations, and accommodate projected growth.

What are the Proposed Improvements?

- Widen I-295 from four, 12-foot-wide travel lanes to six, 12-foot-wide travel lanes by adding one travel lane in each direction to the inside of the existing travel lanes within FDOT right-of-way
- Increase available capacity on I-295 (within the study area) to improve traffic operations and accommodate projected population growth
- Construct new stormwater ponds to collect and treat runoff from the proposed roadway
- Construct ground-mounted noise barrier walls at qualified locations



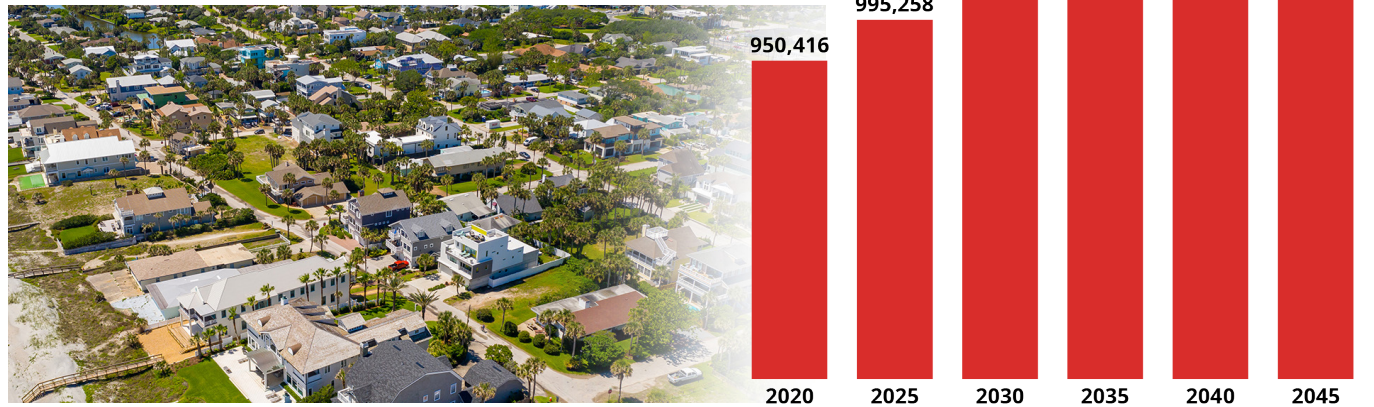
Typical Section: I-295 from Heckscher Drive (SR 105) to Pulaski Road



The proposed project will widen I-295 by one lane in each direction to the inside of the center lanes, increasing the existing four-lane typical section to six lanes. The project aims to improve traffic operations, enhance safety, and address congestion along an approximately 6.1-mile section from south of Heckscher Drive (SR 105) to north of Pulaski Road.

Population Growth: 2020 to 2045

The population in Duval County is expected to increase by approximately 29% over the next 25 years with a corresponding 43% increase in employment, adding to the already significant strain on I-295.



Roadway Capacity

FDOT uses a six-letter Level of Service (LOS) grading system to assess how well a roadway is operating in its existing configuration. LOS A is considered excellent performance, while LOS F is considered failing performance. The project corridor currently operates mostly at LOS C/D. It is expected to operate at LOS E/F in the future **with no** improvements and LOS B/C **with** improvements.



Noise Barrier Walls

A noise barrier wall is a structure specially designed and built to reduce noise levels created by nearby highway traffic. Noise barrier walls are built only after noise impact studies are conducted and certain conditions are met. A noise study, conducted as part of the PD&E Study, concluded noise barrier walls are feasible and reasonable for the locations shown above.

Safety, Arterial, and Other Improvements

- Add one travel lane in each direction along I-295, which is anticipated to provide an estimated overall crash reduction of approximately **9%** for the total mainline crashes
- Add more Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) locations along I-295 to improve corridor operations
- Add Pier Protection Barrier at specific I-295 bridge overpasses
- Add under-bridge lighting at all I-295 bridge overpasses
- Replace Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) within the project corridor



We Welcome Your Comments

FDOT encourages you to participate, whether you attend the hearing in-person or utilize the virtual option. There are multiple ways to provide comments to FDOT. These include:



Provide comments in person by talking to the court reporter or filling out the comment form.



Email or write your comments to FDOT Project Manager Justin Garland at the contact information below.

All comments, received in person or electronically, will carry the same weight. All comments postmarked on or before **October 3, 2022**, will be included in the transcript of part of tonight's proceedings.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Justin Garland at the number provided below at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

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 (FHWA) and FDOT.

Next Steps

The next step is to consider your input from this hearing into our decision-making process. After the comment period closes and your input has been considered, a decision will be made and the final PD&E document will be sent to the FDOT Office of Environmental Management, which based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed with FHWA on May 26, 2022, has approval authority on this project granting location and design concept acceptance.

Schedule and Cost

| Phase | No-Build | Build |
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| PD&E - <i>ongoing</i> | \$0 | |
| Design - <i>ongoing</i> | \$0 | |
| Right-of-Way - <i>not required</i> | \$0 | \$0 |
| Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI) - <i>ongoing</i> | \$0 | \$19.9M |
| Construction - <i>not scheduled</i> | \$0 | \$216.6M |

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