

I-95 AT NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

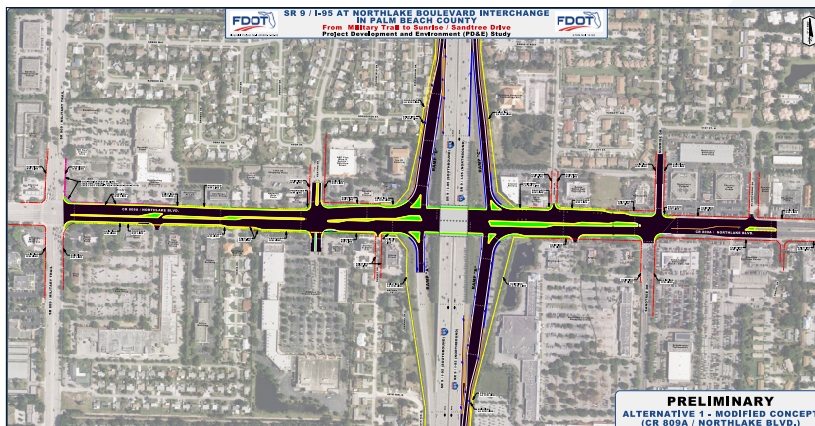
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four, is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study along I-95/SR 9 at the Northlake Boulevard interchange in Palm Beach County. The purpose of the study is to evaluate interchange ramp options to improve traffic flow at the interchange taking into consideration traffic demands through the year 2040. The goal is to reduce congestion and avoid traffic backing up onto I-95 at the exits. The study originally considered a "No Build" Alternative and three "Build" alternatives, which included the interchange and portions of Northlake Boulevard.

The alternatives were presented at a public workshop on December 8, 2016. Project representatives met with members of the Northlake Boulevard Task Force, City of Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works, PGA Corridor Association, Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, Town of Lake Park, Village of North Palm Beach and the businesses in the project area to discuss the alternatives. Based on public feedback, as well as the findings of the engineering and environmental analyses, Alternative 1 - Modified Concept became the recommended alternative.

Alternative 1 improvements include:

- Additional through lanes along Northlake Boulevard from Military Trail to Sunrise Drive/Sandtree Drive.
- I-95 on-ramps will have three lanes to receive one dedicated right turn lane and dual left turn lanes from Northlake Boulevard.
- I-95 off-ramps will be widened and have triple left turn lanes and triple right turn lanes.
- Sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements are included.

Alternative 1 provides access management improvements along Northlake Boulevard by closing the directional median and removing the eastbound left turn and traffic signal at Roan Lane. At Dania Drive the median opening will be closed and at Silverthorne Drive the median opening will be modified to a directional opening.



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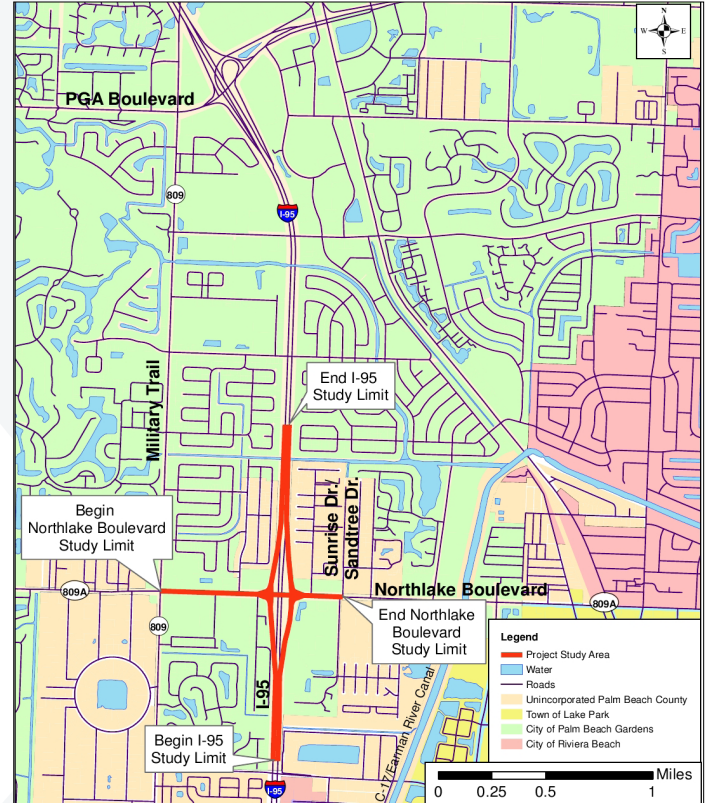
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Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

Project Limits: I-95/SR 9 from approximately 0.5 miles north and south of Northlake Boulevard & Northlake Boulevard from Military Trail to Sunrise Drive/Sandtree Drive in Palm Beach County, Florida

Financial Project ID Number: 435803-1-22-02

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Number: 14182



PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled to give interested persons the opportunity to express their opinions on the location, conceptual design and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed improvements to the Northlake I-95 Interchange. Public Hearings are required for all federal and state funded major transportation improvements prior to a final decision being made on a project. This Public Hearing allows the public, interested stakeholders, and agencies to comment on the project for the official public record.

The Hearing will begin with an informal open house. A formal presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period. FDOT staff and consultant staff will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

DATE:

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

TIME:

5:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Marriott Hotel
4000 RCA Boulevard
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410



In the event the hearing is not able to be held due to severe weather conditions, it will be held at the same time and place on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

PROJECT NEED

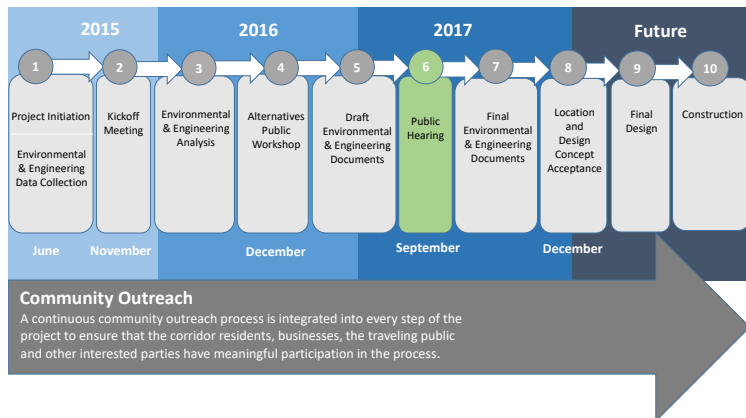
The I-95 exit ramps at Northlake Boulevard are experiencing traffic congestion, causing vehicles to slow or stop within the freeway portion of I-95. The traffic conditions in the year 2040 are projected to become more congested with the average vehicle waiting at the stoplights for two to three minutes if no improvements are built. This represents an unacceptable Level of Service "F" (LOS). LOS is a function of the average time vehicles will be delayed at intersections. The interchange will have insufficient capacity to accommodate the projected traffic demand. The proposed enhancements improve traffic flow at the interchange and along Northlake Boulevard by providing additional travel lanes, turn lanes and interchange ramp improvements to reduce conflict points, improve safety and enhance emergency evacuation.

This interchange is one of 17 being studied in Palm Beach County as part of the I-95 Interchange Master Plan. Overall, this plan will recommend new short-term and long-term improvements to I-95 interchanges.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The project documents will be available for public review prior to the Public Hearing. They will be available from Tuesday, September 5, 2017, to Friday, October 6, 2017, at the following locations:

- City Hall for Palm Beach Gardens, 10500 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, 33410, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Florida Department of Transportation, District 4, 3400 W. Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33309, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



STUDY WEBSITE:

Please visit the study website at www.95northlake.com. It will be updated on a regular basis to provide the latest study information. You can also request to be added to the email list.



I-95 mainline - Adding an auxiliary lane on each side



I-95 northbound exit ramp - Widening from 4 existing lanes to 6 proposed lanes



I-95 southbound exit ramp - Widening from 4 existing lanes to 6 proposed lanes



Northlake Boulevard - Adding one lane in each direction

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Scott Thurman, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, 3400 W. Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. All exhibits, comments or written statements postmarked on or before Friday, October 6, 2017, will become part of the Public Hearing record.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23U.S.C§327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.