

I-95 AT NORTHLAKE BOULEVARD



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

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four, is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study along SR 9 (I-95) from approximately 0.5 miles north and south of Northlake Boulevard and Northlake Boulevard from Military Trail to Sunrise Drive/Sandtree Drive in Palm Beach County, Florida. This study is being conducted to evaluate proposed interchange improvements at I-95 and Northlake Boulevard and to provide information necessary for FDOT to reach a decision on the type, design and location of the improvements. This interchange improvement is one of 17 being studied as part of the I-95 Interchange Master Plan. This plan will reexamine 1) the 2003 I-95 Interchange Master Plan Study and 2) the SR 9 (I-95) mainline project, which added a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and auxiliary lanes from south of Linton Boulevard to north of PGA Boulevard in Palm Beach County and included minor improvements to eight interchanges. Overall, the I-95 Interchange Master Plan will recommend new short-term and long-term improvements to interchanges based on changes in traffic volumes and updated design standards.



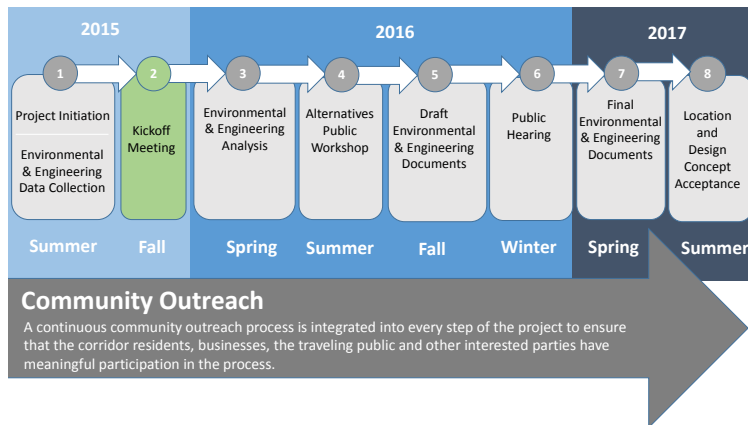
PROJECT NEED

The purpose of the project is to enhance overall traffic operations at the existing interchange of SR 9 (I-95) and Northlake Boulevard by providing improvements to achieve acceptable Levels of Service (LOS) at the interchange in the future condition (2040 Design Year). Level of Service (LOS) is a function of the average time vehicles will be delayed at intersections. Conditions along Northlake Boulevard are anticipated to deteriorate below acceptable LOS standards if no improvements occur by 2040; the interchange will have insufficient capacity to accommodate the projected travel demand.

Enhancements include improving safety conditions by providing additional through and turn lanes, as well as interchange ramp improvements, to help reduce conflict points and the potential occurrence of collisions at the interchange; accommodating future growth and development in the area; and enhancing the emergency evacuation and response times by enhancing connectivity and accessibility to SR-9/I-95 and other major arterials designated on the state evacuation route network from the west and east, increasing the operational capacity of traffic that can be evacuated during an emergency event.

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is a process conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to determine the environmental, social and economic impacts that are associated with proposed transportation improvements. The process, mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is a combined effort by professional engineers, planners, environmental scientists and others who analyze the project-related information to develop the best alternative for a community's transportation needs.

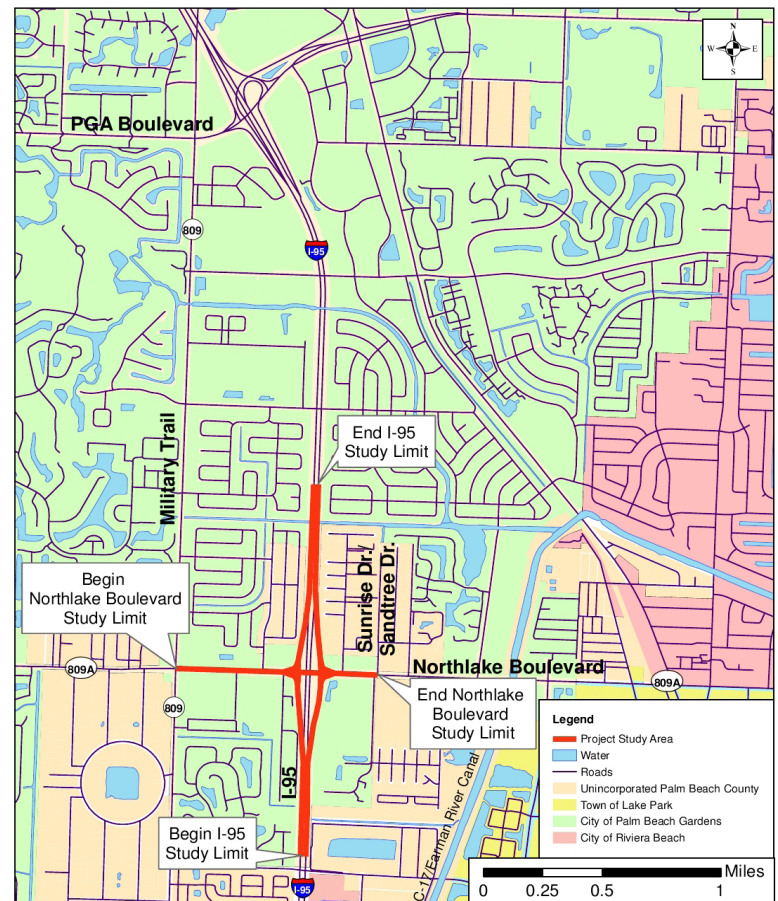


HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

There is no need to wait until a public meeting to provide your input. Public comments and questions are welcomed at any time throughout the study. We are available for small group meetings with your neighborhood or special interest group. Please see our contact information column to view the different ways you may contact the project team.

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.



UPCOMING KICK-OFF MEETING:

You are invited to a Pubic Kick-off Meeting hosted by the Florida Department of Transportation. This meeting will provide you with an opportunity to learn about the project, become familiar with the study process and provide initial feedback. FDOT staff and consultant staff members will be available at the kick-off meeting to discuss the project and answer questions.

Participants may review study information and discuss the study with FDOT staff during the meeting. These meetings provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the social, natural, cultural and physical impacts of the proposed improvements.

DATE:

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

TIME:

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Formal Presentation at 6 p.m.

LOCATION:

Marriott Hotel
4000 RCA Boulevard
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410



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 Mr. Scott Thurman, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at (954) 777-4135, or by email at Scott.Thurman@dot.state.fl.us, at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Services, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).