

Southwest Connect I-75 Central Corridor Managed Lanes Study 448864-1

Project Details	
Work Type	Master Plan
Phase	Planning
Limits	I-75 from north of Bayshore Road (SR 78) to south of River Road (SR 777)
Length	45 miles
City	North Port Port Charlotte Punta Gorda
County	Charlotte DeSoto Sarasota
Road	I-75 SR 777 SR 78

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About

The Southwest Connect™ Central Corridor limits extend north along I-75 from north of Bayshore Road (SR 78) in Lee County to south of the River Road (SR 777) interchange in Sarasota County, approximately 45 miles in length.

In Charlotte County, I-75 crosses the navigable Peace River between US 17 and Harbor View Road. Roadway classification within the Central Corridor limits is primarily Rural Principal Arterial – Interstate. Segments designated as Urban Principal Arterial – Interstate are within the urbanized Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte areas in Charlotte County and an area between N Toledo Blade Boulevard and Sumter Boulevard in Sarasota County. This segment of I-75 is a six-lane divided facility with a minimum right-of-way (ROW) width of 324 feet. Typically, the ROW is wider at interchanges or locations where northbound and southbound travel lanes follow separate alignments.

The Department is conducting a **Planning and Feasibility** study from *north of Bayshore Road (SR 78) in Lee County, through Charlotte and Desoto Counties, to south of River Road (SR 777) in Sarasota County* that makes up and will evaluate the future needs of the I-75 Central Corridor in District One. This study will evaluate strategies for the mainline and interchanges, including managed lanes, that will improve accessibility, mobility, and safety. Results of this study will be documented in this corridors **Master Plan**.