US 41 (SR 45) at Six Mile Cypress Parkway

Project Development & Environment Study Public Kickoff Meeting



Lee County, Florida

Financial Project ID: 444328-1

February 2025

You are invited!

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One invites you to attend the Public Kickoff Meeting for US 41 (State Road [SR] 45) at Six Mile Cypress Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study in Lee County, Florida. The Public Kickoff Meeting is being conducted to present information about the proposed project and provide an opportunity for the public to express their views about the project.

You can participate in the Public Kickoff Meeting either in-person or online. The same materials will be displayed at both the in-person and online events, and are available for review beginning February 19, 2025 at www.swflroads.com/project/444328-1.



Attending the Public Kickoff Meeting

In-Person Option Wednesday, February 26, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m Lake Regional Library, Meeting Room A 15290 Bass Road Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Online Option

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Via smartphone, tablet, computer To register, please visit <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/</u> register/5173824977046667095

Or scan the QR code

About the Project

FDOT is conducting the PD&E Study to address future traffic demands, enhance safety, and improve the roadway's design to accommodate all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. The study will evaluate potential capacity improvements for the intersection, considering both at-grade and grade-separated options, while prioritizing safety enhancements for both motorized and non-motorized users.

Project Schedule

A continuous community outreach process will occur throughout the study to ensure that the residents, businesses, traveling public and other stakeholders have meaningful participation during the process.

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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 FHWA and FDOT.

What is a PD&E Study?

A PD&E Study is a formal process used to develop and evaluate potential alternatives that meet project needs while minimizing impacts on the social, natural, cultural, and physical environments. Engineers, planners, and scientists collaborate to create solutions that balance functionality with environmental stewardship.

Public involvement is a critical component of the PD&E process, ensuring that community input shapes the outcomes and priorities of the project.



Why is the Project Needed?

This project was initiated to address the high traffic volumes at the intersection of US 41 (SR 45) and Six Mile Cypress Parkway. The intersection serves multiple major commercial plazas and has a high volume of pedestrians crossing. Over the past five years, there have been four pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities at this location, and crash rates have risen above those of comparable facilities.

Additionally, US 41 (SR 45), Six Mile Cypress Parkway, and Gladiolus Drive are evacuation routes, which experience increased traffic during hurricane and other emergency evacuations. These factors have contributed to capacity and safety challenges that the proposed improvements aim to resolve.



Engage with Us!

Please visit the project website at <u>www.swflroads.com/project/444328-1</u> for more information about the project. After reviewing the project materials, and/or participating, you may submit your comments in the following ways:

- 1. During the in-person or online meeting
- 2. Via the project website at www.swflroads.com/project/444328-1
- 3. Email the FDOT Project Manager David C. Turley, PE at David.Turley@dot.state.fl.us.

4. Mail comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received by March 14, 2025 to be included in the formal record.

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 <u>Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us</u>, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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