



STATUS UPDATE

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Bradenton-Palmetto Connector Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE)

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Introductions



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Bradenton-Palmetto Connector

Communities are at the center of everything we do.

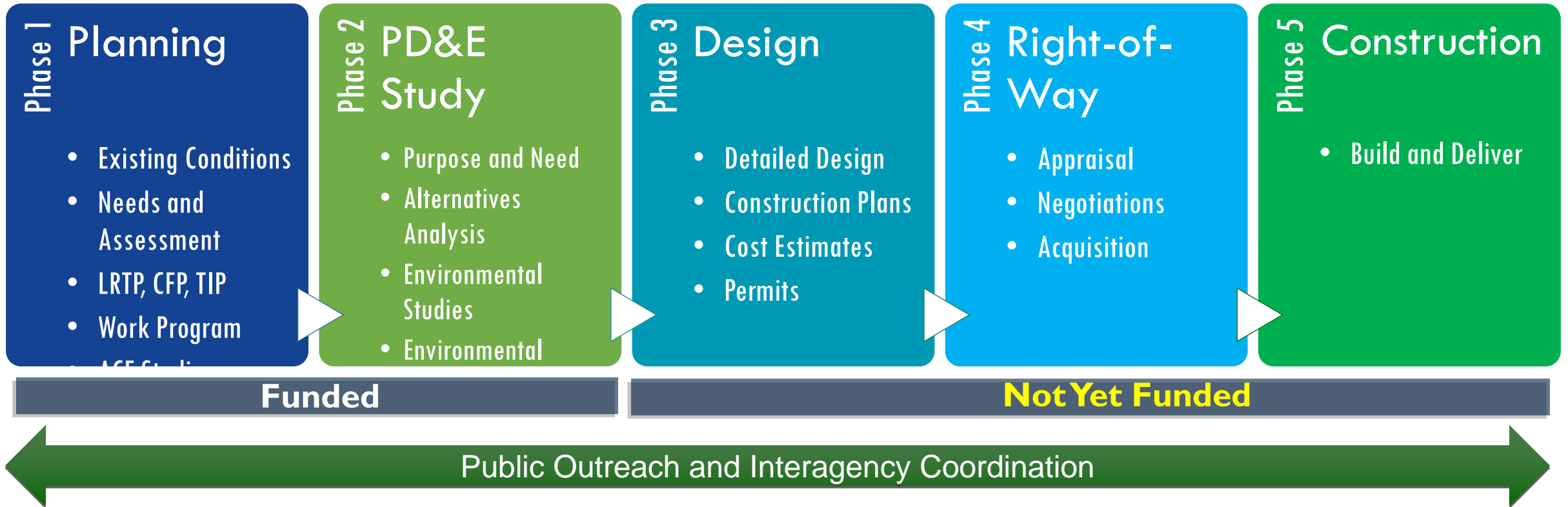
- Improve regional mobility
- Improve emergency evacuation
- Efficient movement of goods
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Integrate innovative solutions
- Strengthen the local economy
- Engage community, industry, and agencies.



Bradenton-Palmetto Connector Study

Project Development Process

WE ARE HERE



Outreach

Large businesses

Tropicana, Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bealls, Feld Entertainment

Groups

Pastors in Palmetto and Bradenton, NAACP, Manatee Sarasota Builders Association, Manatee Chamber, St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church, Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance, Manasota Black Chamber

Events

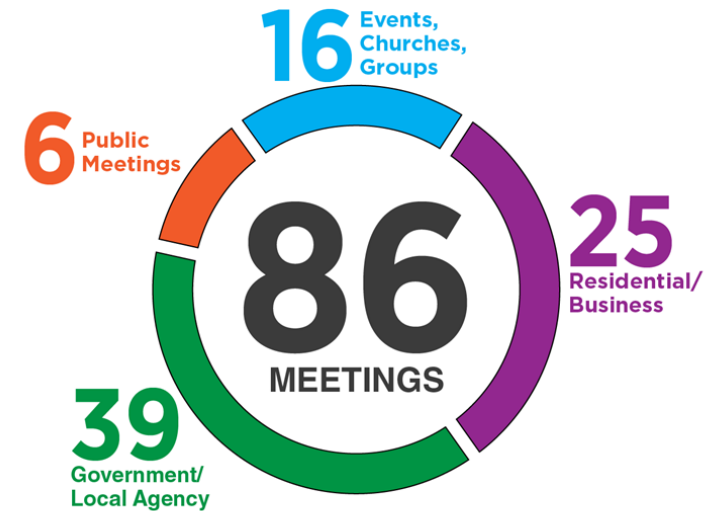
Downtown Bradenton Market, Red Barn Flea Market, Lakewood Ranch Market, Skyway 10K Expo, Caddy's Run, Manatee County Fair, St. Petersburg Market, Manatee County Neighborhood Summit, Coquina Market

Residential

Neighborhood Associations, Riviera Dunes, Jet Park, Tropic Isles, Palms of Terra Ceia, Aria Bradenton Apartments, Palmetto Mobile Home Club, Riviera Dunes Neighborhood Leadership

Agencies

Cities of Bradenton and Palmetto, Manatee County, SeaPort Manatee, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization Board and Committees, Palmetto CRA, Manatee County EMS



Continued Outreach

Manatee County School Board
Palmetto CRA – Hispanic Outreach
Downtown Bradenton Market
Palmetto Market
Manatee Chamber Young Professionals
Manatee Chamber Leadership
Pastors update
Public Meeting/Open House

Purpose and Need

- **Purpose:** The purpose of the project is to evaluate additional capacity and transportation demand across the Manatee River as part of the regional transportation system. Secondary needs of the project are to enhance safety and multi-modal interrelationships.
- **Primary Need:** Capacity, Transportation Demand
- **Secondary Need:** Safety, Multi-modal interrelationships

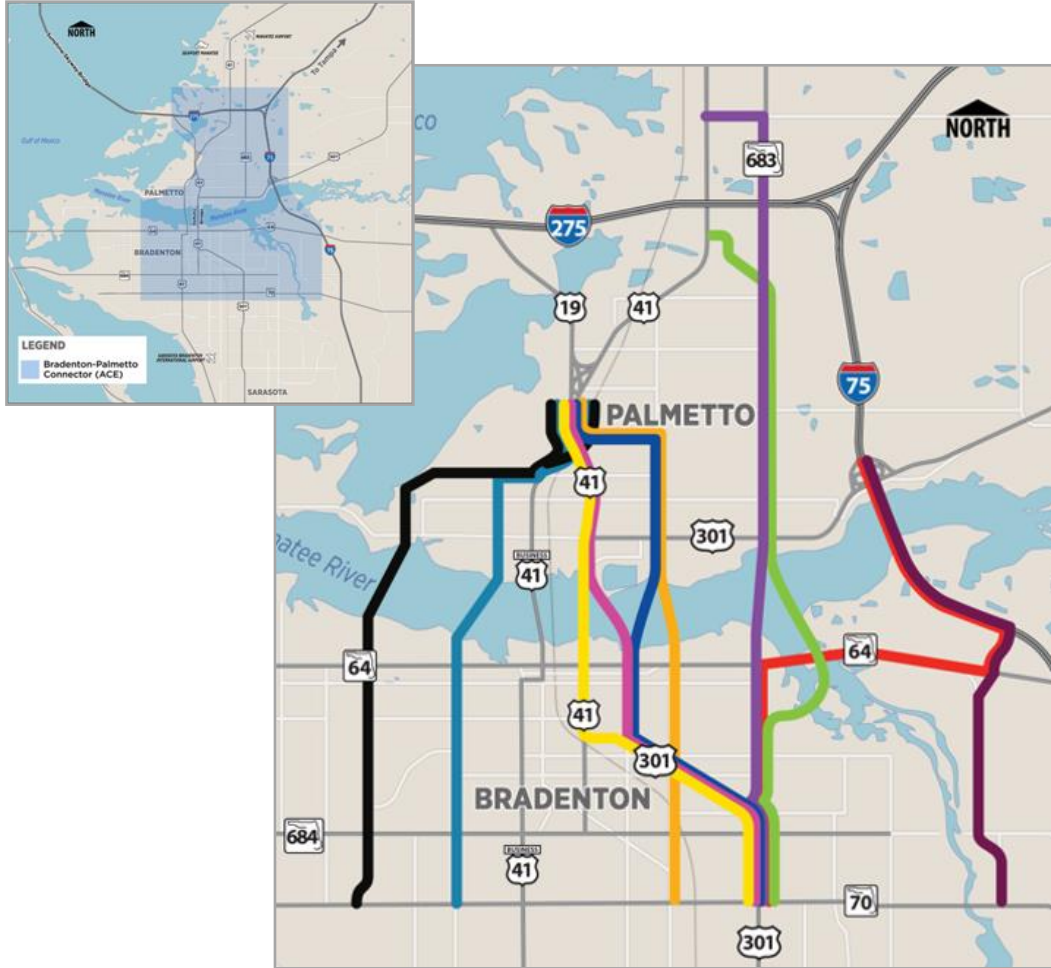
Process

Methodology Memorandum

- Documents the goals of the evaluation, the methodology to compare alternatives, how coordination with stakeholders will occur, and the basis for decision-making.

Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER)

- Final report - Identify, evaluate, eliminate, and recommend corridor alternatives to be further studied as a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.



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Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Study

- ACE Study and outreach underway
- Planning-level analysis of potential corridors
- Identify **“WHERE”** potential improvements could be located, not **“WHAT”** the improvements will look like

Current Activities

- Evaluation and comparison of corridors
- In the process of eliminating corridors
- Continued stakeholder outreach

Next Steps

- Finalize and refine corridors
- Public Meeting/Open House
- Draft Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER)
- Approved ACER-Final decision of corridor(s) moving to a PD&E Study.

Preliminary Corridor Elimination

West

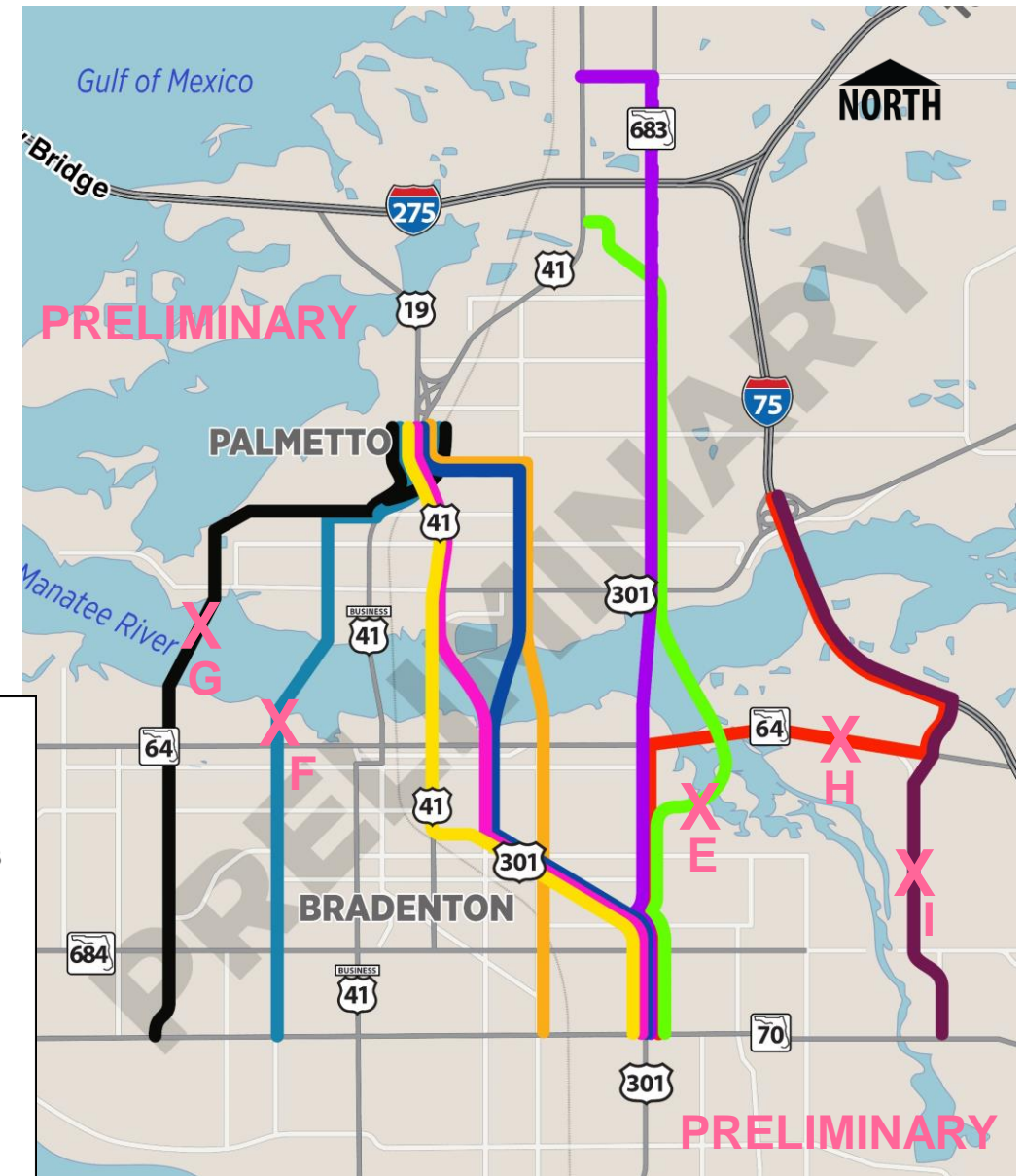
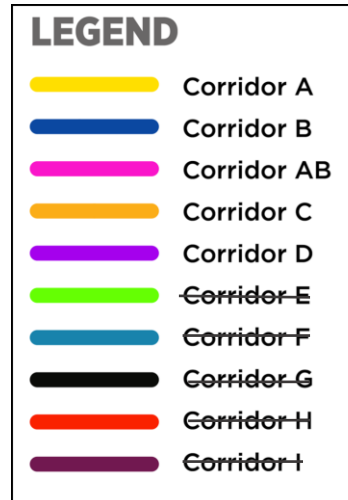
Corridors G and F

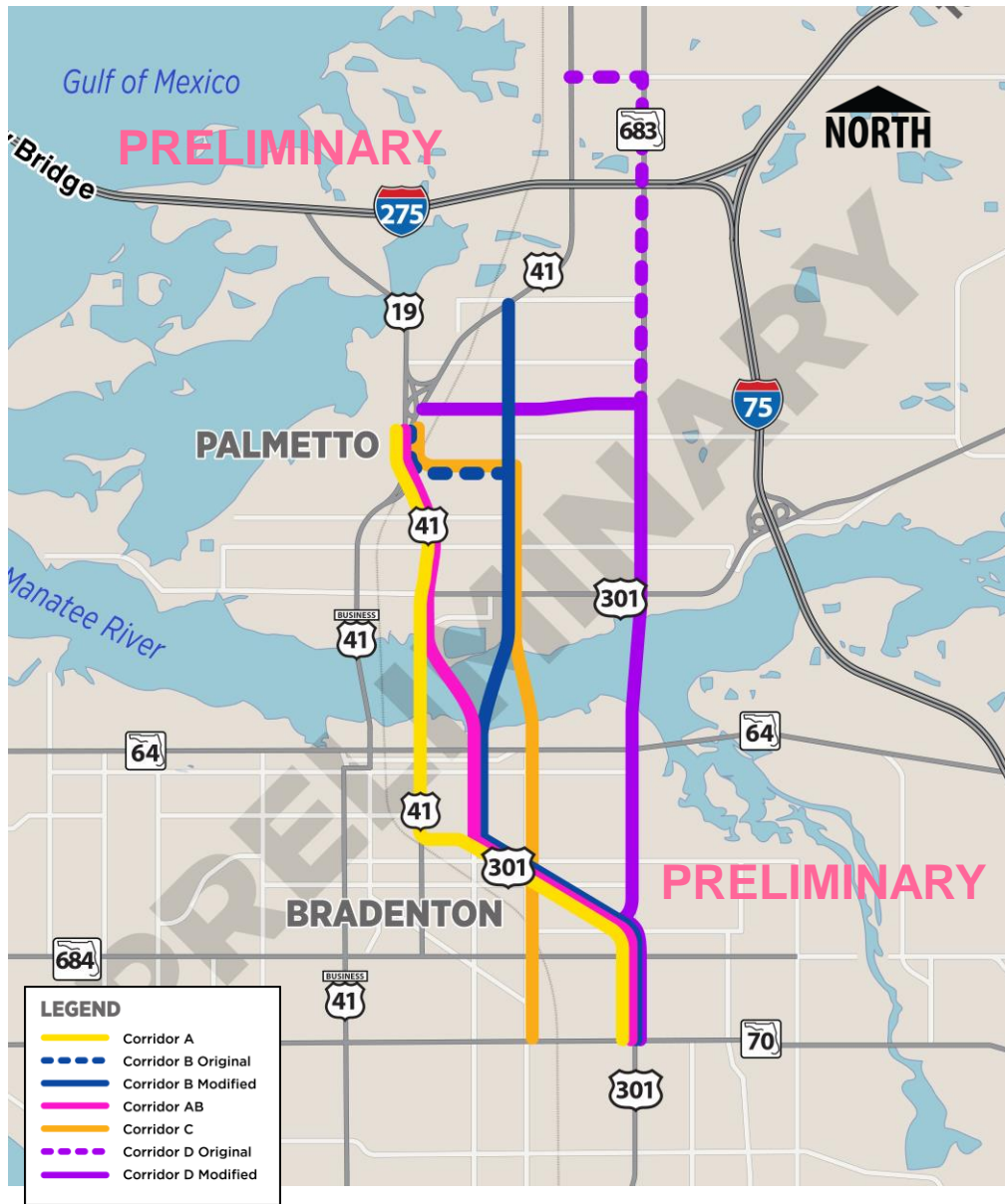
Center

Corridor E

East

Corridors H and I





Preliminary Remaining Corridors

Evaluation and refinement of corridors ongoing

Corridors - A, B, AB, C, D

Anticipate: Up to three corridors may move forward to be further studied in a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

Schedule Recap

Methodology Memorandum Approved by FDOT Office of Environmental Management (OEM)	August 2024
Finalizing GIS Analysis of 10 Corridors and Traffic Data	August / September 2024
Refining and Analysis of Corridors	September 2024
Eliminating Corridors	September 2024
Identify proposed ACE Corridors for PD&E Study	October 2024
Public Meeting/Open House	November 2024
Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER) Completed	January 2025
Begin PD&E	January 2025

Community engagement will continue through all project phases.

**TAKE A
BREAK**
Don't drive drowsy.



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Thank you



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