



U.S. 41 PD&E newsletter

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Project Development & Environment Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, has initiated a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study along U.S. 41 (S.R. 45) from Enterprise Drive to Sumter Boulevard in preparation for further improvements along the corridor. This study is being performed in coordination with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization to ease the transition of urbanization and growth in this area by improving and maintaining safe and efficient transportation measures.

This study will consider all viable alternatives and alignments for widening the existing roadway. Additional safety improvements, including access management and the identification of appropriate facilities to accommodate walking and bicycling, will also be studied.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement is an important part of the PD&E study process. Public involvement includes communicating project related information to all interested persons, nearby residents, groups, and government organizations. In addition to providing project information, public involvement obtains public input relating to the alternatives being considered during the PD&E study.

Newsletters will be published and mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the center line of each alternative, federal officials, state and local officials, and other interested parties. These newsletters will provide information at key points of the study. Public input is an important part of the evaluation. It will be used to refine alternatives and assist in the recommendation of the preferred build alternative.

A public information meeting will be held in the winter of 2008/2009 and will be followed by a public hearing tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2009. Presentations will also be made to the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization and Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Technical Advisory and Citizens Advisory Committees associated with each of the organizations. Interested groups and organizations may also request a presentation. Meetings are also planned with various environmental agencies to gain their input on local regulations and permitting requirements.

Information regarding the public information meeting and public hearing will be advertised in local newspapers. Press releases regarding the project will be sent to additional local media.

All project information will be updated monthly on the project website: www.us41progress.com.

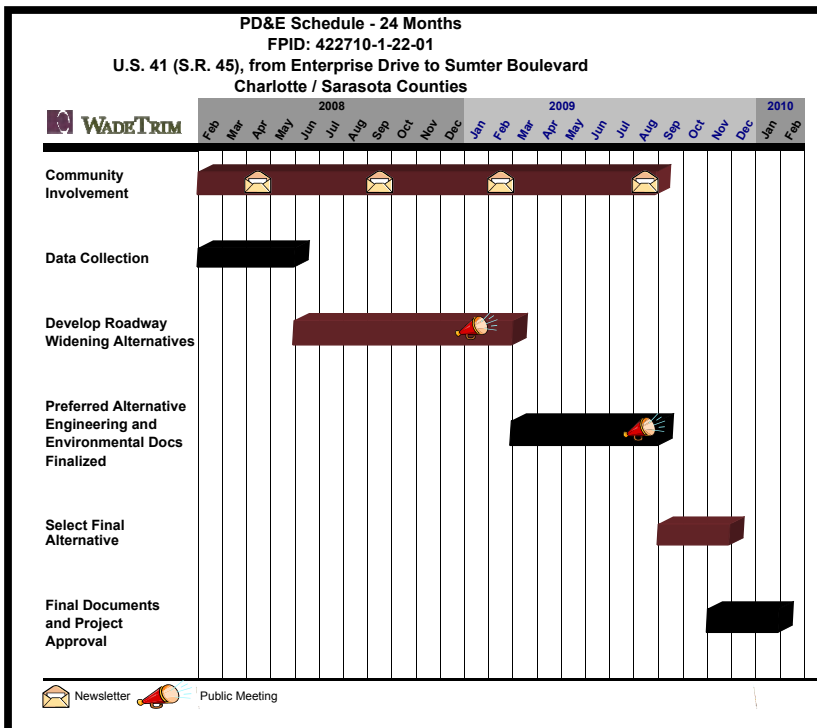


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Project Schedule

The Project Development and Environment study for the U.S. 41 (S.R. 45) project is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2009/2010. The following table shows the major milestones in the project.



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