



# U.S. 41 PD&E newsletter

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## Project Development & Environment Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting 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.

### Data Collection

Engineering and environmental data is being collected along the project. Aerial photography is being used to create base maps that show roadway characteristics, street names, cultural, natural and land use features, right-of-way and property lines, and other environmental features that are present along the project.



### Traffic Study & Concept Plans

A traffic study for the project will recommend the through lanes for the project and turn lanes that will be needed at the 19 intersections located within the project.

Several improvement alternatives will be developed that will meet future travel demands and attempt to minimize impacts to the community and the natural environment. These alternatives will be developed with input from the public, local government and environmental agencies and viewed at the public information workshop that will be held later this year.

## 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.

Public input is an important part of the evaluation. It will be used to refine and assist in the development of the preferred alternative. At this time, comments can be mailed to the department or submitted on the U.S. 41 website at [www.us41progress.com](http://www.us41progress.com).

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.

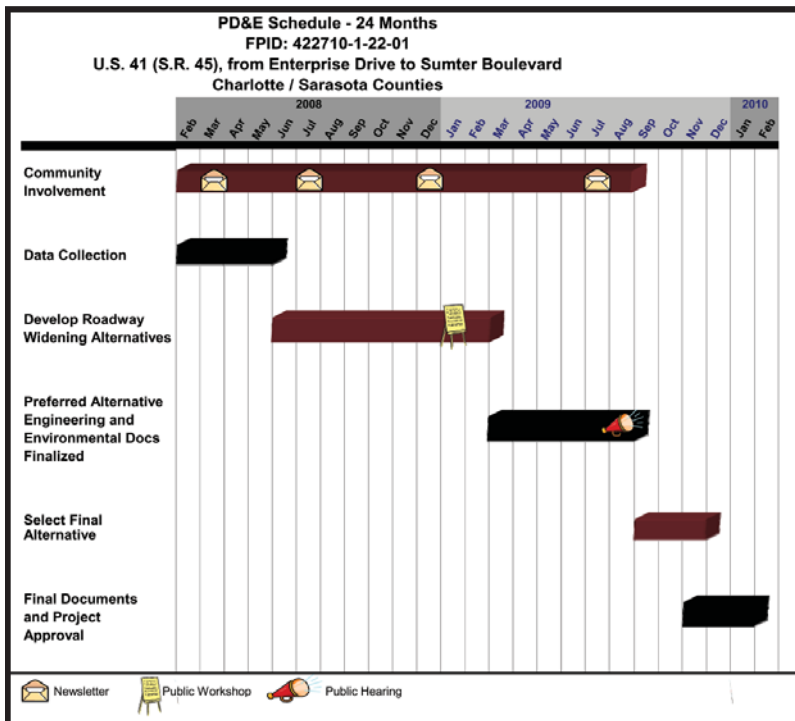


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## Project Schedule

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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