

## Introduction:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for SR-9/I-95 at the SR-804/Boynton Beach Boulevard Interchange and SR-9/I-95 at the Gateway Boulevard Interchange. The study area is located in eastern Palm Beach County within the City of Boynton Beach. At Boynton Beach Boulevard, the study area extends from SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street to east of Seacrest Boulevard. At Gateway Boulevard, the study area extends from west of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 1<sup>st</sup> Way.

The purpose of the study is to enhance overall traffic operations and improve the Level of Service (LOS) at the existing interchanges to accommodate projected travel demand. The study will also consider Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) connector improvements needed within the project area and will be consistent with plans for SR-9/I-95, including the potential extension express lanes through Palm Beach County.

## YOU ARE INVITED to a Public Kick-off Meeting:

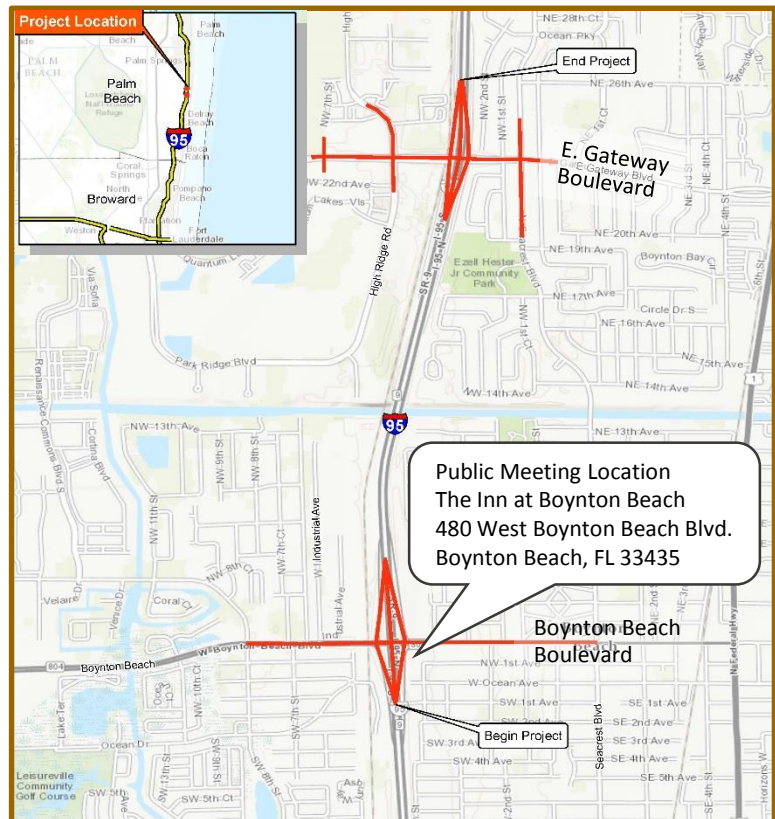
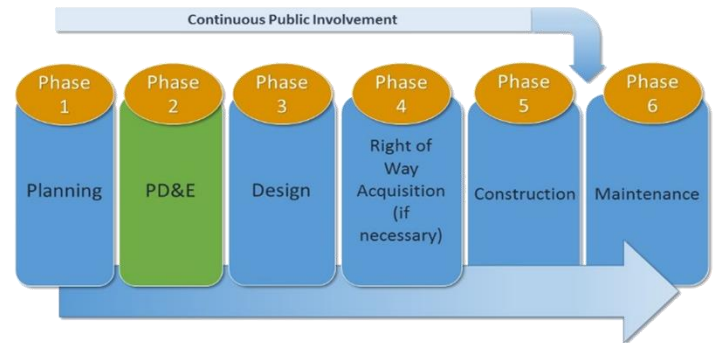
A Public Kick-off Meeting has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for you to learn about the project, Become familiar with the Study process, and provide initial feedback. This meeting will be held in an informal, open-house format with a short looping presentation that will provide an overview of the existing conditions. FDOT and project team members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.



Date: Thursday, September 17  
Time: From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Location: The Inn at Boynton Beach  
480 West Boynton Beach Boulevard  
Boynton Beach, Florida 33435

## What is a PD&E Study?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is a process conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to determine the environmental, social and economic impacts that are associated with proposed transportation improvements. The process, mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is a combined effort by professional engineers, planners, environmental scientists and others who analyze the project related information to develop the best alternative for a community's transportation needs.



**Why Do We Need This Study?**

SR-9/I-95 at SR-804/Boynton Beach Boulevard Interchange

Although the intersections at this interchange operate at a Level of Service (LOS) E or better, under existing conditions, many of the individual turning movements at the intersections (which include the approaches to SR-9/I-95) operate at a LOS F during peak periods. Without the proposed improvements, the intersections will continue to experience delays and queuing, and will operate below acceptable LOS standards.

Interchange improvements are anticipated to help vehicles move more freely, and provide longer lengths at the on-ramps and off-ramps to avoid traffic backup and help minimize the potential occurrence of rear-end collisions.

SR-9/I-95 at Gateway Boulevard Interchange

Under the existing conditions, all of the intersections within the study area operate at a LOS E or better, with the exception of the High Ridge Road and SR-9/I-95 southbound ramp intersections at Gateway Boulevard. If no improvements are made by 2040, all of the Gateway Boulevard Intersections (except the Quantum Lane Intersection) will continue to experience excessive delays and queuing, and will operate below acceptable LOS standards during peak periods.

Improvements are anticipated to provide additional through lanes and turn lanes, as well as lane assignment signs, to help reduce conflict points and potential occurrence of collisions at the SR-9/I-95 at the Gateway Boulevard Interchange.

**What Does Level of Service Mean?**

Level of Service (LOS) is a function of the average time vehicles will be delayed at intersections. LOS A is the best time LOS F is the worst.

**Public Notice:**

*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 Thuc H. Le, P.E., FDOT Project Manager by phone at 954-777-4552, or toll free at 1-866-336-8435 ext. 4552, or by email at [thuc.le@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:thuc.le@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (voice).*

**How Can You Get Involved?**

There is no need to wait until a public meeting to provide your input. Public comments and questions are welcomed at any time throughout the study. Please contact one of us to schedule a small group meeting with your neighborhood or special interest group.

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**Project Schedule:**

The study began in June 2015 and is anticipated to be completed in June 2017.

