Study Approval Notification

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has concluded the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for SR 60 from Valrico Road to the Polk County Line in Hillsborough County.

The study was accomplished by working in cooperation with federal and state agencies as well as local governments. This coordination allowed the FDOT to better determine the comprehensive effects that the project will have on the natural and human environment.

The FDOT approved the State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for this project on May 8, 2015. This environmental report contains the results of analyses of potential effects to the social, cultural, natural and physical environment.

Based on this study, the Department was able to reach a decision on the type, location, and conceptual design of the improvements necessary to accommodate future traffic demands along SR 60.

Non-Discrimination Laws and Regulations

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 Lee Royal, Community Liaison Administrator, at (813) 975-6427, (800) 226-7220, or lee.royal@dot.state.fl.us

Right of Way Acquisition Process

We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns.

To better inform you about the right of way acquisition process and your rights, the Department has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures. Copies of the brochures may be found on our website: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/Documents.shtm

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FDOT Adopted 5-Year Work Program  
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PD&E Study Complete

The Florida Department of Transportation has completed a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for improvements to SR 60 from Valrico Road to the Polk County Line in Hillsborough County.

Based on the engineering and environmental effects evaluated, as well as on public input gathered throughout the study, the Department was able to select and approve a “Build Alternative” recommendation, also known as location and design concept acceptance (LDCA). This acceptance is required in order to advance to subsequent design and construction phases.

Existing Conditions

This section of SR 60 is currently a four-lane divided roadway with two 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot outside paved shoulders. The roadway is separated by a 30-40 foot median. Sidewalks in the study area vary in width from 5-6 feet and are intermittent, leaving some areas unconnected.

Access to residential and commercial destinations is accommodated by both left and right turn lanes located at various locations along the corridor. The posted speed limit along this section of SR 60 ranges from 50 to 65 miles per hour (mph) and the existing right of way varies between 135 to 182 feet.

Planned Improvements

The selected improvements include widening the existing four-lane roadway to six 12-foot travel lanes (three in each direction), adding paved inside shoulders and widening the outside shoulders. Five-foot sidewalks will be reinstalled and the current gaps will be filled providing for seamless connections.

Most of the roadway improvements will be made within the existing right of way; however, some additional right of way may be needed to accommodate improvements where turn lanes currently exist.

In addition to the improvements planned for SR 60, intersection improvements will be made at:

- Valrico Road
- Miller Road
- St. Cloud Avenue
- Mulrennan Road
- Dover Road
- Turkey Creek Road
- Mud Lake Road/Haynsworth Drive
- SR 39 and County Line Road

Public Involvement

A public hearing was held on November 6, 2014. The hearing provided an opportunity for residents, business owners, tenants and other interested parties to review the study findings and submit comments concerning the project to the Department for review.

Valrico Road to Dover Road
- Six 12-foot travel lanes
- 6.5 foot inside paved shoulders
- 7 foot bike lanes
- 5 foot sidewalks
- 30 foot raised median

Dover Road to Turkey Creek Road
- Six 12-foot travel lanes
- 6.5 foot inside paved shoulders
- 7 foot bike lanes
- 5 foot sidewalks
- 30 foot raised median

Turkey Creek Road to the Polk Co. Line
- Six 12-foot travel lanes
- 8 foot inside unpaved shoulders
- 7 foot bike lanes
- 5 foot sidewalks
- 40 foot depressed median