



INTERSTATE 75 (MANATEE COUNTY) FROM UNIVERSITY PARKWAY TO MOCCASIN WALLOW ROAD

Project Overview

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) prioritized this project in Manatee County based on long range planning, projected population and employment growth, and projected traffic volumes. The MPO's current 2030 Needs Assessment shows a demand for 10 lanes on I-75 from University Parkway to the Hillsborough County Line. MPO travel demand estimates indicate that daily traffic volumes in 2030 will range between 140,000 and 90,000 within Manatee County.

The 2030 Financially Feasible Long Range Transportation Plan indicates that I-75 has been designated as part of the State of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), due to its critical role in both the regional and statewide economy. I-75 also plays an important role in Manatee County and the west coast of Florida's emergency evacuation plans. The interstate provides crucial access to northbound evacuation routes for the Gulf Coast communities.

PLANNING, DESIGN, RIGHT OF WAY AND CONSTRUCTION

A PD&E study is ongoing. The design, right of way acquisition, and construction phases are not currently funded in the FDOT tentative Five Year Work Program.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation is conducting a project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate options for widening I-75 in Manatee County. The PD&E project length is approximately 16.2 miles. In addition to the PD&E Study, a traffic study which evaluates possible improvements for interchanges will be conducted. The limits of the traffic study extend from SR 681 in Sarasota County to north of Moccasin Wallow Road in Manatee County. A new Port Manatee connection between US 41 and I-75 may also be evaluated as part of the study.



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FINANCE

201032-1 – Interstate 75 from University Parkway to Moccasin Wallow Road
PD&E study – Ongoing – \$2.60 million

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PROJECT STATUS

Financial Project ID Number: 201032-1-22-01

The I-75 Manatee County PD&E Study began in June 2006. The development and evaluation of the widening alternatives are underway. A Public Meeting is tentatively scheduled for winter 2007, and a Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for summer 2008. The PD&E Study is anticipated to be complete in the winter of 2008/2009.

For additional information on the project, please visit www.i-75pde.com/manatee.