

# Kendall Drive **FDOT** Premium Transit PD&E Study



# **Project Kick-Off Meeting**

SR 94/Kendall Drive/SW 88 Street Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study







# What is a **PD&E Study?**

A *Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study* is conducted to provide the following information:

- Impacts and benefits to the community and the environment
- Design options
- Costs

A PD&E Study follows the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969, mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in addition to Federal and State laws and regulations.

• The PD&E Process is the State of Florida process for complying with NEPA requirements.



- Analysis criteria being used in order for the project to be considered for funding
- Public outreach is a vital and necessary component to the process

Approval of a PD&E document qualifies a project for *federal funding*.

### About the Project

Lead Agency:

• Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Partners:

- Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works







### Project Phases



### PD&E Phase



### Project Location Map



### Project Consistency



### Miami-Dade MPO SMART Plan



Six identified Rapid Transit Corridors:

- Beach Corridor
- East-west Corridor
- Kendall Corridor
- North Corridor
- Northeast Corridor
- South Dade TransitWay

### Other **Projects** on the Corridor

#### Under Study:

 Districtwide Traffic Operations & Safety Study on Kendall Drive, from west of SW 77 Avenue to east of US 1/Dixie Highway.

#### In Design:

- Intersection Safety Enhancement and Drainage Improvement Project at Kendall Drive and SW 107 Avenue.
  - Safety: Repaving and restriping, updating signage, upgrading signalization, relocating bus stops, adding left-turn lane
  - Drainage: Upgrading drainage system along SW 107 Avenue

#### Under Construction:

 Roadway construction on Kendall Drive, from west of SW 132 Avenue to west of SW 122 Avenue.



Develop a cost-effective, high-ridership, premium transit service with supporting pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

#### Main Project Purpose

- Improve mobility and access to jobs
- Enhance travel options
- Support sustainable growth and development

#### Key Corridor Issues

- Severe and increasing congestion
- Transit services delayed by congestion
- Limited pedestrian, bicycle, and transit amenities

#### Primary Goals

- Offer attractive transit service
- Provide better connections to major destinations
- Promote pedestrian and bicycle travel
- Mitigate delays from congestion

### Need

#### 2010 POPULATION



#### 2010 EMPLOYMENT



### Anticipated Growth

#### 2040 POPULATION

#### 2040 EMPLOYMENT







# Existing Traffic

*Level of Service (LOS)* is a way to measure traffic conditions on a scale from A to F, with F being the worst.

On Kendall Drive, existing LOS varies between *C* and *F*. Most congested areas between 137 Avenue and Don Shula Expressway.





# Existing Typical Sections









### **Existing Transit Services**



### **Environmental** Considerations

#### Sociocultural

- Social
- Aesthetics
- Public Parks/Recreation Areas

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- Land Use
- Mobility

#### Natural

- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Wildlife and Habitat

#### Physical

- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Infrastructure
  - ...and much more.

### **Potential** Alternatives

#### No Build/Do Nothing Alternative

#### **Transportation System Management & Operations**

• Transit alternatives to manage congestion

#### **Three Build Alternatives**

- Consider multiple transit technologies
  - Including existing and future technologies
- Maximize existing right of way
- Compatibility with future land uses
- Consider Impacts

### **Benefits** of Transit

#### Immediate

- Personal mobility for people from every walk of life
- Proven record of reducing congestion
- Pedestrian-friendly streetscape





#### Long-Term Opportunities

- Reduced fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gases
- Economic Opportunities
- Sustainable land use development

# Premium Transit Types and Features

#### Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

A high-capacity bus service with dedicated right of way, defined stations, and traffic signal priority. Often uses articulated buses, and employs off-board fare collection, platform-level boarding and intersection treatments.



#### Typically:

- At-grade
- •Limited mixed-use or exclusive lanes
- •Stops every half to one mile
- •Powered by a variety of sources

#### Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Also known as trolley or streetcar, employs a relatively short (one to three cars long), electrical rail vehicle. Vehicles can be tailored to meet the needs of specific transportation operating environments.



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- •Limited mixed-use or exclusive lanes
- •Stops every half to one mile
- •Electrically powered

# Premium Transit Types and Features

#### Heavy Rail Transit (HRT)

Standard urban systems rail technology built for heavy and high-speed trains, normally on a dedicated right of way track.

#### Elevated

Used by the Metrorail system, it is a heavy rail rapid transit system that operates on an exclusive, elevated right of way.

#### At-Grade/Ground level

This technology has the option of using electrical power from either a third rail in the ground or from overhead lines. This allows the train to switch from an elevated platform to at street level service.



#### Typically:

- Exclusive lanes
- •Stops every one to two miles
- •Electrically powered



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### Public Outreach Schedule

#### **Public Meetings**

Kick-Off Meeting Fall 2016 Corridor Meeting Spring 2017 Develop Alternatives

Alternatives Workshop Fall 2017 Analyze Viable Alternatives

**Public Hearing** Spring 2018 Select Preferred Alternative



#### Additionally:

- One-on-One Meetings
- Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Technical Oversight Team



#### Immediate

- Existing Data *Analysis*
- *Development* of Concepts
- *Evaluation* of Concepts

#### **Near Future**

- Present progress to the public in the *Corridor Analysis* to get feedback
- *Analysis* of the Alternatives
- Present progress to the public at the Alternatives Workshop to get feedback
- *Refine* Alternatives
- Present proposed Recommended Alternative at the Public Hearing
  - Consider Public Hearing and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) feedback
- Submit the study for Location Design and Concept Acceptance

### Your Input is Valuable

#### We want to hear from you.

Please share your comments on the comment form and let us know what you think about the study.

If you would like to stay informed and get project updates, please share your contact information.



### For More Information

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### -Thank you for your time-