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# PD&E Study I-95 / SR 9 from South of SR 860 / Miami Gardens Drive to Broward County Line

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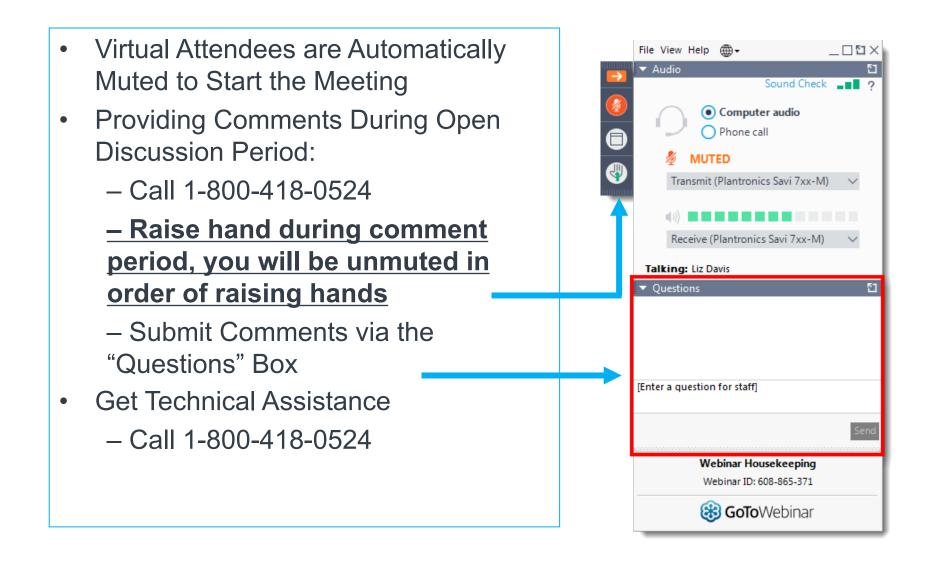




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### Rules of Engagement



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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the FDOT.

#### **Elected Officials**

We would like to recognize any federal, state, county, or city officials who may be present.

Please stand or select the raise hand feature on the control panel.

#### Presenters/Panelists



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Keith Stannard Environmental Lead/Panelist

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### **Project Location Map**



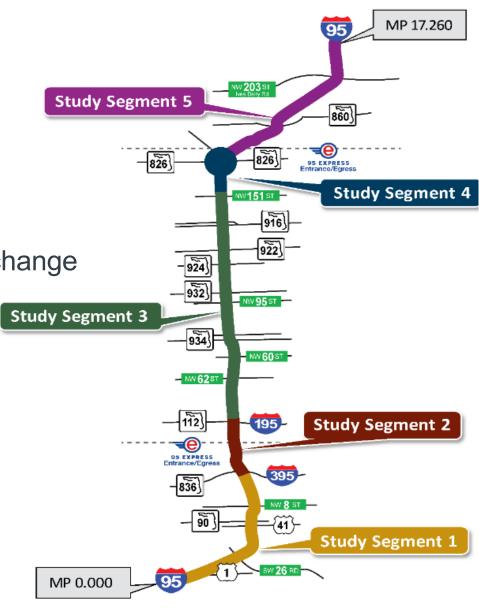
### **Project Overview**

- Conduct Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
  - Approximately 4 miles
  - Urban Interstate
  - With Express Lanes
  - 2 major arterial interchanges
    - □ SR 860/Miami Gardens Drive (MGD)
    - □ Ives Dairy Road (IDR)
- Class of Action (COA)
  - Categorical Exclusion Type-2 (CE-2)
- Analyze impacts
  - Engineering
  - Environmental
  - Community
- Goal is to obtain Location Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA)



# Background - Corridor Planning Study (CPS)

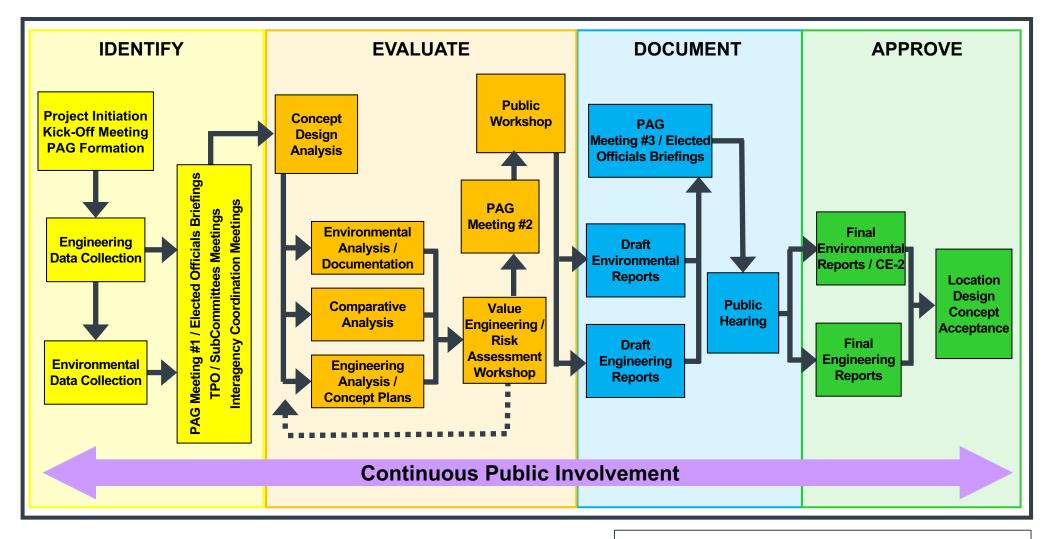
- ► I-95 (SR 9 / SR 9A) CPS
  - US1 to Broward County Line
- ► 17.260 miles long
- ▶ 5 Study Segments
- This PD&E is Segment #5 / "North"
  - From north of Golden Glades Interchange
     (GGI) to Broward County Line



### What is a PD&E Study?

- Identification of Study Area
- Engineering Analysis
- Environmental Analysis and Assessment
  - Wetlands, Endangered Species, Cultural Features, Contamination Assessment, Air/Noise, and Parks/Recreation
- Community Features Assessment
  - Schools, Churches, Businesses, Emergency Facilities, etc.
- Preliminary Conceptual Engineering Plans
- Cost Estimates
- Coordination
  - Federal, State, and Local Agencies and Governmental Entities
- Public Involvement Process

### PD&E Study Process



**PAG – Project Advisory Group** 

**TPO – Transportation Planning Organization** 

CE-2 – Categorical Exclusion Type 2

### Purpose & Need (P&N)

#### Regional

- Coordinate with GGI project to the south
- Coordinate with I-95 PD&E to the north in Broward County
- Consistent Express Lanes (EL) along corridor up to Palm Beach County

#### ▶ Goals

- Provide additional capacity / relieve congestion
- Minimize impacts to adjacent projects / throw-away work
- Reduce Right-of-Way (ROW) and construction costs
- Enhance hurricane evacuation route
- Improve emergency response times
- Increase mobility options and transit use



# Existing Roadway / Typical Section

- ► I-95 / SR 9 on Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and National Highway System (NHS)
- Unincorporated Miami-Dade County and City of North Miami Beach
- SR 860 / Miami Gardens Drive (MGD) / Exit 14
- ► NE 203 Street / Ives Dairy Road (IDR) / Exit 16
- Posted 55 MPH on I-95 and 40 MPH on MGD and IDR
- Existing typical section
  - 6-8 General Use Lanes
  - 2-4 Express Lanes
- ROW
  - Minimum 200 feet near GGI
  - 1,240 feet IDR interchange
- Proposed Mainline from CPS
  - Minimum 11-ft wide travel lanes, 12-ft preferred
  - 10-ft wide express lane inside shoulders
  - 4-ft wide buffer with plastic poles

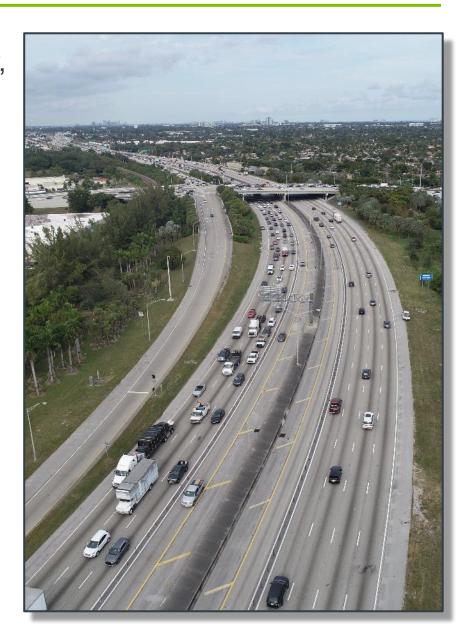




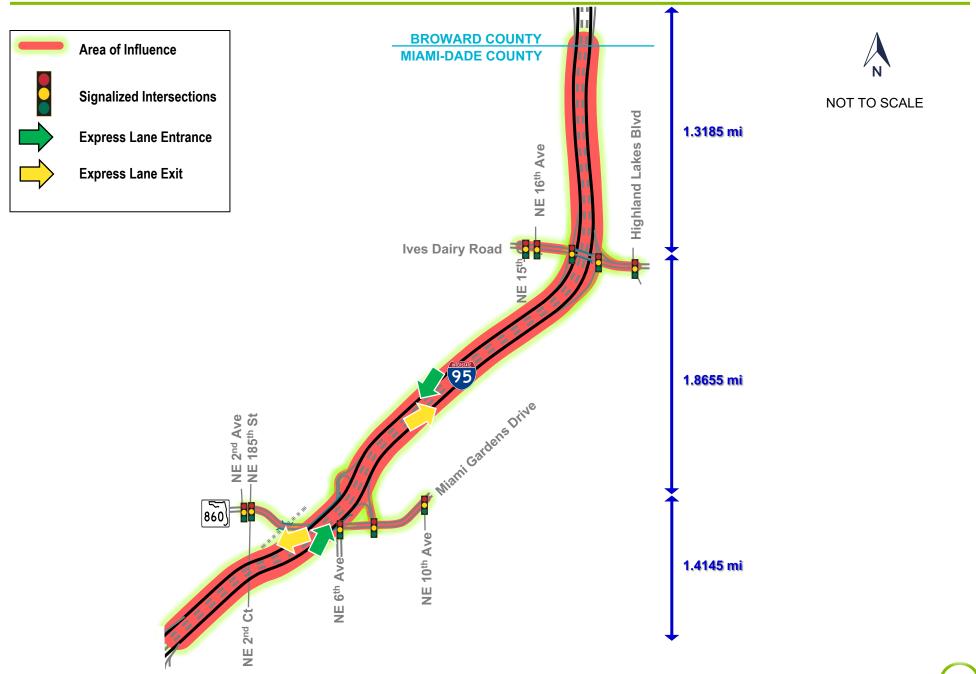
# **Key Engineering Topics**

- Mainline I-95 capacity, constructability, safety
- Express Lanes emergency response, access points
- MGD and IDR congestion, weaving, ramps, multimodal
- ► ROW avoid or minimize
- Drainage
- Utility impacts
- Coordination with ongoing area projects



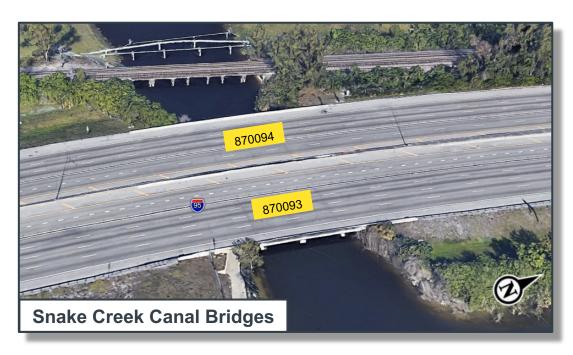


# Preliminary Traffic Study Area



# **Existing Structures**

- ▶ 7 Existing Bridges
  - 2 Bridges over Water
  - 2 Bridges over Railroad
  - 3 Bridges at Interchanges
- Noise Walls
- Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Walls
- Coordination
  - Miami-Dade County (MDC) Parks (PROS)
  - Railroad





#### Multimodal / Railroad

- Coordinate with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
  - Local Bus Routes 95, 99, 183
  - MDT Garage located off of MGD
- ► Coordinate with Broward County Transit (BCT)
  - 95-X Buses (Express Bus Service)
- Coordinate with Railroad
  - Tri-Rail
  - AmTrak
  - CSX
- ► Investigate a new Park'N'Ride Lot at IDR



NORTH-EAST BUS FACILITY

### **Existing Environmental Issues**

- ► Key Environmental Issues
  - Sociocultural Effects
    - □ Section 4(f) Recreational Resources
    - Mobility (Enhanced)
  - Archaeological and Historic Resources
  - Natural Resources
    - □ Threatened and Endangered Species
    - Wetlands and Surface Waters
    - Critical Habitat
  - Physical Effects
    - Noise
    - Contamination

Social and Economic	Cultural Natural	Physical	
Land Use Changes Social Relocation Potential Farmlands Aesthetic Effects Economic Mobility	Section 4(f) Potential Historic and Archaeological Sites Recreation Areas Wetlands and Surface Waters Water Quality and Quantity Floodplains Wildlife and Habitat Coastal and Marine	Noise Air Quality Contamination Infrastructure Navigation	Special Designations
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No substantial issues



# **Anticipated Permits**



Agency Coordination	Anticipated Environmental Permits / Approvals
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	USACE Section 404 Permit
US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)	USACE Section 408 Approval (Works of Congress)
US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	SFWMD Individual Environmental Resource Permit (ERP)
South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)	SFWMD ROW Occupancy Permit
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	SFWMD Water Use Permit (Dewatering)
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)	FDEP National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
Florida Division of Historical Resources (DHR)/State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)	
Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) / Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS)	

### Public Involvement Program

- ► Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
- Kick-Off Meetings
- Elected Officials Briefings
- ► Agency Meetings
- Project Advisory Group (PAG)
- Alternatives Workshop
- Public Hearing



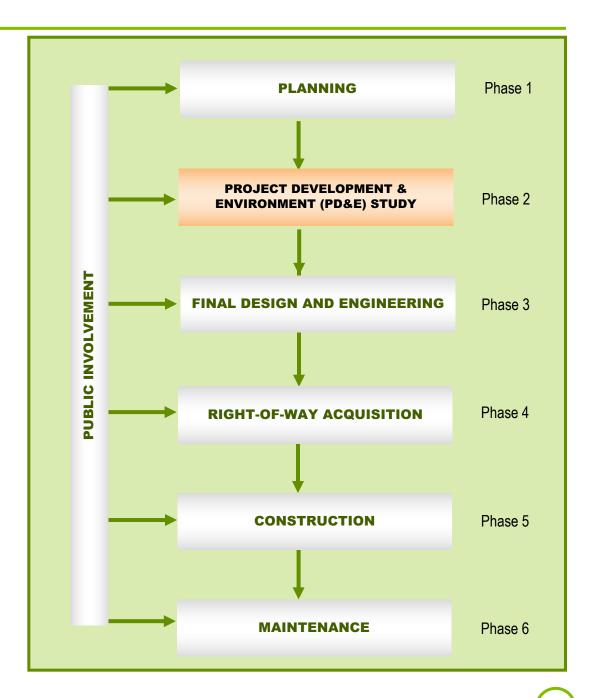






# **Project Status**

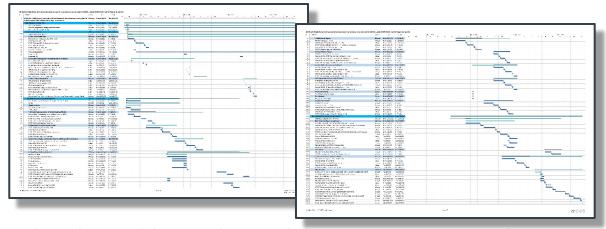
► Early stage of PD&E Phase



# PD&E Project Schedule

▶ 24 months for Categorical Exclusion Type-2

Project Milestone	Date
Begin Project	May 2021
Kick-Off Meeting	July 2021
Alternatives Workshop	February 2022
Public Hearing	November 2022
End Project (Location Design Concept Acceptance)	May 2023



# Work Program Phases

Project Phase	Fiscal Year
Corridor Planning Study	2019-2020
PD&E Study	2021-2023
Final Design	2024-2026
Right-of-Way	Not Funded
Construction	Not Funded



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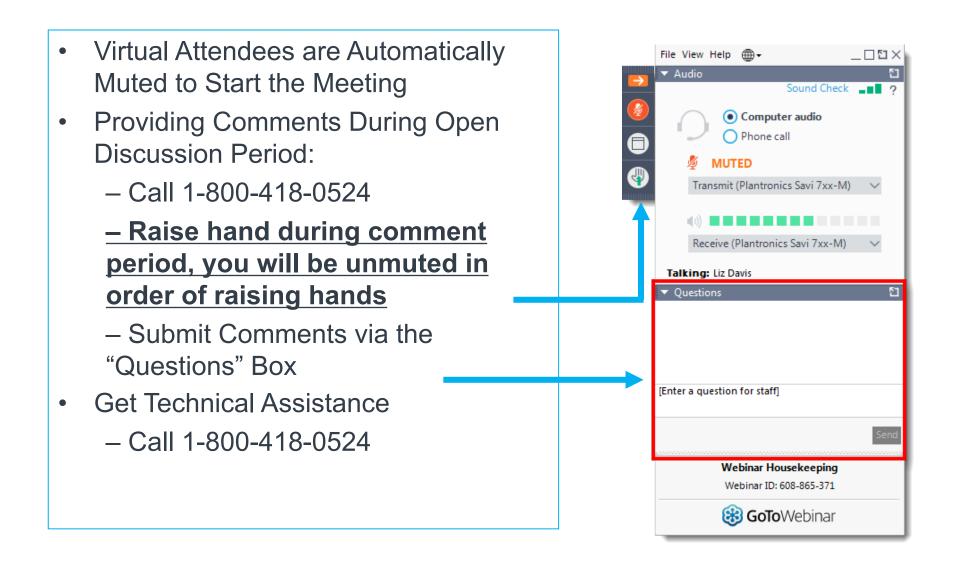
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# **Open Discussion**

- In-person attendees please form a line
- Online attendees submit your comments in the "Questions" box.
- If you would like to speak, please press the raise your hand button.
- Participants will have three minutes to provide comments.
- Please clearly state your name and address.

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