



FACT SHEET | February 2024

STATE ROAD (SR) 953/NW 42 AVENUE WITH SR 948/NW 36 STREET AND SR 25/US 27/OKEECHOBEE ROAD (IRON TRIANGLE)

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

County/State: Miami-Dade County, Florida
Financial Management Number: 438521-1-22-01
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Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM): 14472

OVERVIEW

The Iron Triangle is an urban interchange primarily comprised of the intersection of SR 953/NW 42 Avenue, SR 948/NW 36 Street, and SR 25/US 27/Okeechobee Road. The interchange also features the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) SR 112/Airport Expressway, which is one of the principal highways providing access to and from Miami International Airport (MIA), and connects to other important transportation facilities and destinations such as Interstate 95 (I-95) and Miami Beach. In addition, the ramps of the Iron Triangle interchange cross over the Miami Canal (C-6). The project traverses through the City of Miami Springs, City of Hialeah, City of Miami and Unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

The purpose of this project is to address operational deficiencies and improve capacity, relieve existing congestion and accommodate projected transportation demand within the Iron Triangle interchange area, specifically as it relates to SR 953/NW 42 Avenue/LeJeune Road, SR 948/NW 36 Street, and SR 25/US 27/Okeechobee Road. Other goals of the project include improving safety conditions and enhancing modal interrelationships. The need for this project is based on the following criteria:

GOALS

CAPACITY/TRANSPORTATION DEMAND: Improve traffic operations, add capacity, alleviate existing congestion, and accommodate projected transportation demand.

SAFETY: Improve safety conditions

MODAL INTERRELATIONSHIPS: Enhance multimodal activity

- Miami International Airport (MIA)
- Intercity and long-distance transit access
- Freight movement
- Pedestrian accommodations



LOCATION MAP



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WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

During the PD&E phase, the preliminary engineering and documentation required for funding is completed. This includes the review and analysis of potential impacts from the proposed project on the social, economic, natural, physical, and cultural resources in the surrounding environment.

FUNDING

The project is included in the FDOT FY 2022-2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is currently funded for the PD&E and Design Phases.

SCHEDULE

This PD&E Study started in June 2023 and is expected to be completed by summer 2025. The design phase begins once the PD&E Study is complete.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is an extremely important part of a PD&E Study, to inform citizens about the project and provide interested persons an opportunity to be involved in the development of the project. There will be several opportunities to participate in public meetings and stakeholder discussions. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by Federal Highway Administration and FDOT. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

FDOT is committed to ensuring the State's infrastructure serves residents, businesses, and visitors to meet their current and future transportation needs. Benefits of this project include: