

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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What is a PD&E Study?

The PD&E study involves a comprehensive evaluation of potential social, economic, and environmental effects associated with the proposed transportation improvements so that FDOT can reach a decision on the type, location, and conceptual design to meet the project's proposed purpose and need. FDOT evaluates transportation improvements, including a No-Build Alternative. A No-Build Alternative would maintain the bridge in its existing condition and serves as the baseline used to compare against the other alternatives developed for the study.

Why is a PD&E needed?

A PD&E study is needed to:

- Evaluate project feasibility and potential environmental impacts of the No-Build and other alternatives developed (natural, physical, social, and cultural resources)
- Comply with federal and state environmental laws
- Secure federal regulatory approval and federal funding

What does a PD&E Study involve?

A PD&E Study involves:

- Providing public input opportunities to share feedback at the Public Kick-off Meeting, Alternatives Meeting, Public Hearing and <u>www.SevenMileBridge.com</u>
- Conducting preliminary engineering
- Evaluating options to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential environmental impacts
- Coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies as well as project stakeholders

What are the study limits for the project?

The project study area extends from Little Duck Key to Knights Key, approximately 7.5 miles, in Monroe County, Florida within the limits of the City of Marathon, Florida. The Seven Mile Bridge was constructed in 1982 and has undergone several rehabilitations over the years. This section of SR 5/US 1/Overseas Highway is included in the Federal Highway Administration America's Byways Program as an All-American Road and designated as a Florida Keys Scenic Highway.



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What is the project timeline?



How will the public be involved in this process?

Strong and proactive community engagement is being conducted as part of this study. There are several opportunities to participate, whether in-person or virtually. Please check the project webpage for upcoming events and to sign up for our project e-newsletter list.

How can I get involved/informed about the study?

Join the e-newsletter list, submit a comment, or see upcoming events at www.bit.ly/SevenMileBridgeComments

Who can I contact with any comments or questions?

Click here to submit a comment form: <u>www.bit.ly/SevenMileBridgeComments</u> and we will get in touch with you shortly.





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