



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SIX

S.R. 826/PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY PD&E STUDY

From U.S. 1/S.R. 5/Dixie Highway to NW 25th Street

FPID No. 432639-1-22-02; ETDM No. 14308

Miami-Dade County

March 2026



BACKGROUND

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Six, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for State Road (S.R.) 826/Palmetto Expressway from U.S. 1/S.R. 5/Dixie Highway to NW 25th Street, a distance of approximately eight miles (see *Project Location Map*) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The PD&E Study proposes corridor improvements that will add additional lanes to the corridor and enhance interchange operations. Intersection improvements are also being evaluated along the cross streets to facilitate ramp modifications and improve the access and connectivity of the interchanges. The study is evaluating the social, economic, physical, and environmental impacts associated with the potential improvements. S.R. 826 from U.S. 1 to NW 25th Street is the final segment of a larger capacity project for the S.R. 826 corridor. The northern segment, which extends from NW 25th Street to I-75, was recently constructed. When completing this last southern segment of S.R. 826, this regional system will greatly improve operations, safety, connectivity, and peak-hour travel times.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The primary purpose of this project is to add additional lanes to the corridor to meet future transportation demand, improve travel time reliability, and provide long-term mobility options. Other considerations for the purpose and need of this project include safety, system linkage, freight movement, and emergency evacuation. S.R. 826 is designated as a Strategic Intermodal System facility and is part of the emergency evacuation route network designated by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

The objective of this PD&E Study is to evaluate alternatives that will address existing and projected operating deficiencies along this section of S.R. 826. Multiple alternatives have been considered to meet the growing traffic demand within the study area, including a No-Build Alternative that maintains the existing roadway configuration and any other planned improvements along the corridor. The PD&E Study evaluated the following four alternatives (see *backside*):

- **Alternative 1** – Adds an additional travel lane in each direction between U.S. 1 and S.R. 836.
- **Alternative 3** – Adds an un-tolled managed lane (free of charge) in each direction between U.S. 1 and S.R. 836. Managed lanes are an innovative solution to manage traffic congestion and provide choices for travelers with restricted access points to separate short trips from long trips.
- **Alternative 4** – Adds an additional travel lane in each direction between U.S. 1 and S.R. 874. It also adds an express lane in each direction between S.R. 874 and S.R. 836.
- **Alternative 4A** – Adds an additional travel lane in each direction between U.S. 1 and S.R. 836. It also adds an express lane in each direction between S.R. 874 and S.R. 836.

Based on the evaluation conducted and documented in this PD&E Study, Alternative 4A was selected as the preferred alternative.

SCHEDULE AND FUTURE PHASES:

Public Hearing – March 2026

Location Design Concept Acceptance – June 2026

Design – Fiscal Year 2027

Right of Way – Partially Funded

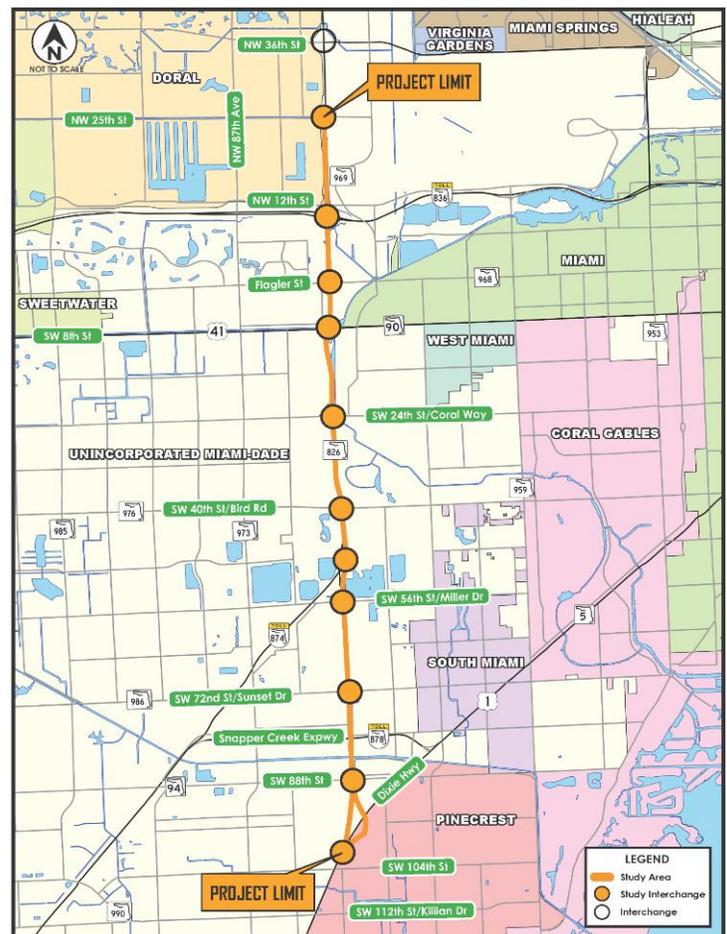
Construction – Unfunded

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

