

# SR 9A / I-95 PD&E STUDY

From South of NW 62nd Street to North of NW 143rd Street

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Project Advisory Group Meeting #1

October 14, 2025



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Project Schedule & Next Steps



**Open Discussion & Interactive Polling** 







## Introductions

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## Introduction of **Project Advisory Group Members**

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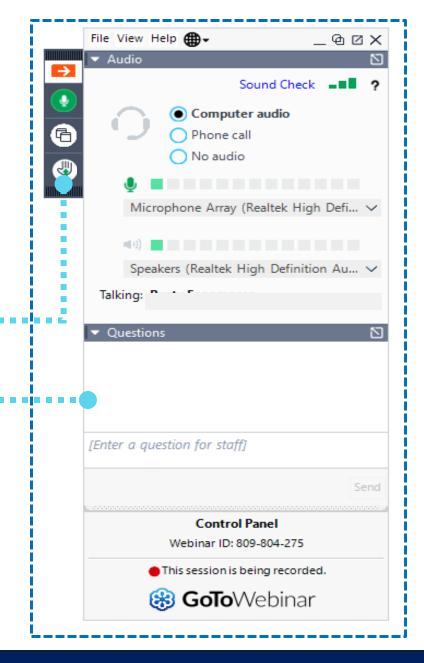
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# Role of Project Advisory Group

- ✓ Provide guidance and serve as a resource to the PD&E Study Team
- ✓ Ensure stakeholder interests are fully considered in the study
- ✓ Serve as a sounding board for recommendations









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What is your favorite restaurant?







Who do you represent?



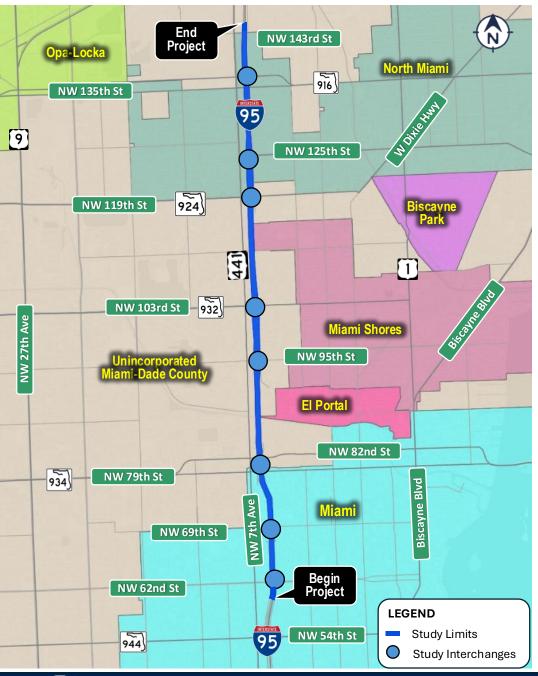








## About the Study



- Approximately six miles of SR 9A / I-95 Improvements
- Corridor crosses through
  - Unincorporated Miami-Dade County
  - Incorporated Municipalities of
    - City of Miami, City of North Miami, Miami Shores, and El Portal



### Existing SR 9A / I-95 Roadway:

- Urban Principal Arterial Interstate
- Four general-use lanes and two express lanes in each direction
- Eight Interchanges



### Adjacent Land Use

- West Side commercial
- East Side residential
- Other institutional and recreational uses

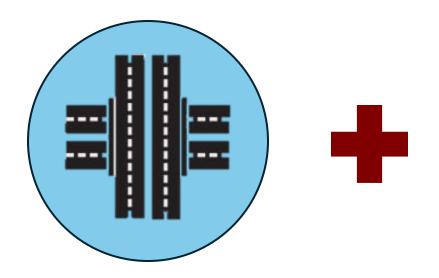




# What is a PD&E Study?

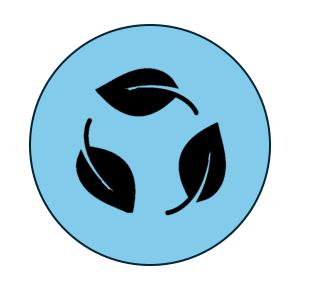
A comprehensive study that evaluates social, economic, and environmental effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement

### WHAT IS INVOLVED?



### **Engineering**

Conduct preliminary engineering analysis and identify potential design solutions



#### **Environmental**

Evaluate options to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential environmental impacts

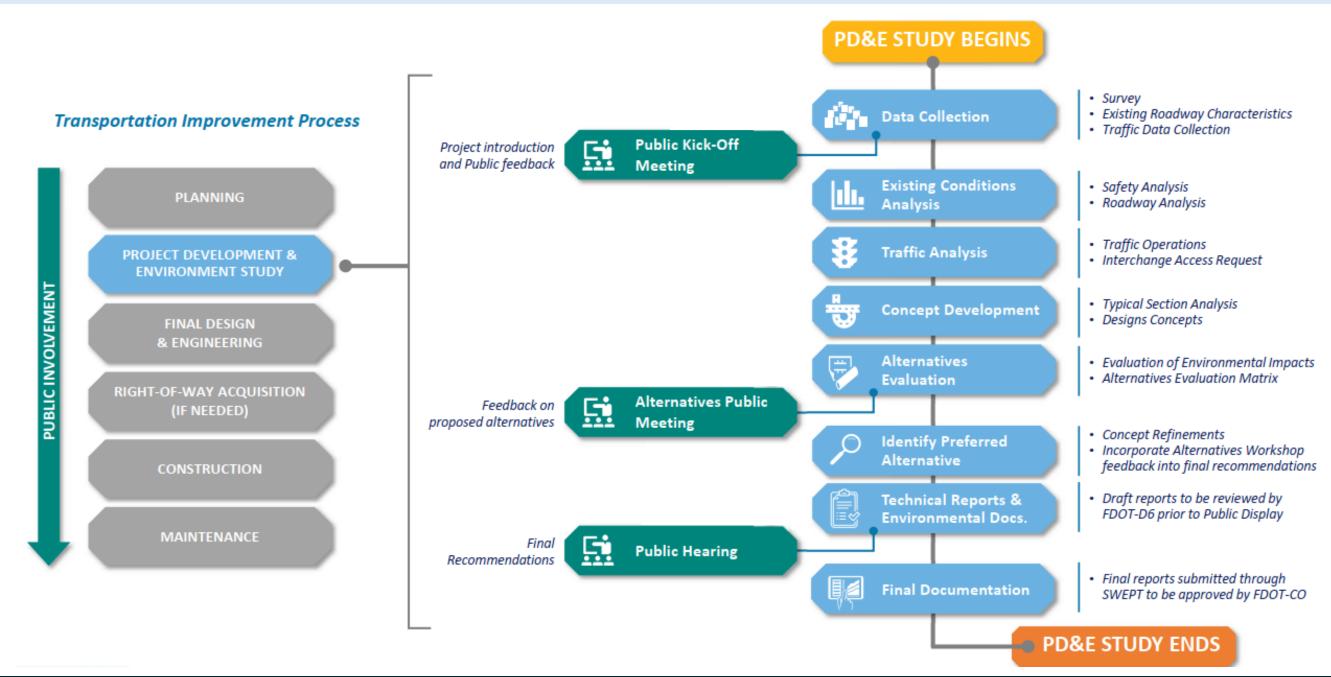


#### **Public Involvement**

Coordinate with federal, state and local agencies and engage public in project development



# PD&E Study Process







# Project Purpose and Need













### The purpose of the study is to:

- ✓ Address the operational deficiencies to relieve current and anticipated future congestion along the SR 9A / I-95 corridor
- ✓ Preserve the operational integrity and regional functionality of SR 9A / I-95

### The project's other key goals include:

- Support regional transportation network
- Enhance safety, mobility, and circulation
- Enhance emergency evacuation and response times
- Upgrade facilities through sustainable and resilient investments
- Implement improvements that are sensitive to impacts on the community







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How do you typically commute within the tri-county area?







How often do you use the existing express lanes?







In one word, describe your top priority for this I-95 corridor.





# Project Background

1964

I-95 segment from Miami to Ft Lauderdale completed

1995

I-95 widened to provide additional lane to accommodate traffic demand

2009

I-95 Express Lanes Phase 1A constructed for congestion management

2017

I-95 Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation with full replacement of existing concrete slabs

2019

I-95 Corridor Planning Study completed and divided into 5 segments

2021

PD&E Study for Segment 5 from south of SR 860/Miami Gardens Dr to County Line

2024

PD&E Study for Segment 3 from south of NW 62nd Street to NW 143rd Street





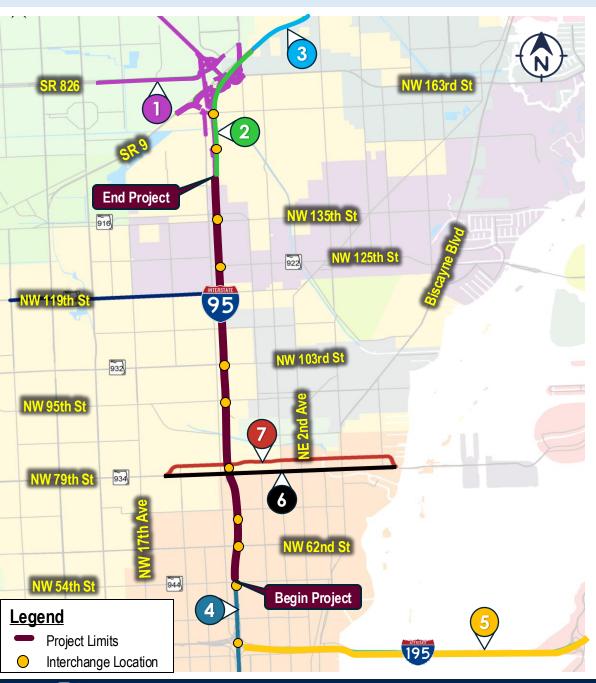








# On-Going Projects



# 7 Major programmed or on-going projects within project influence area

- 1 Golden Glades Interchange Improvements
- 2 SR 9A/I-95 from North of NW 143rd Street to South of Miami Gardens Drive (Future Segment 4 PD&E Study)
- 3 SR 9A/I-95 from South of Miami Gardens Drive to Broward County Line (Segment 5 PD&E Study)
- SR 9A/I-95 from US-1/South Dixie Highway to South of NW 62nd Street (Future Segment 1 and 2 PD&E Studies)
- SR 112/I-195 from NW 12th Avenue to SR 907 / Alton Road (I-195 PD&E Study)
- SR 934/NW 79th Street from West of I-95 (13th Court) to 79th Street Causeway
- 7 SR 934/NW 81st / 82nd Street from West of I-95 (13th Court) to 79th Street Causeway





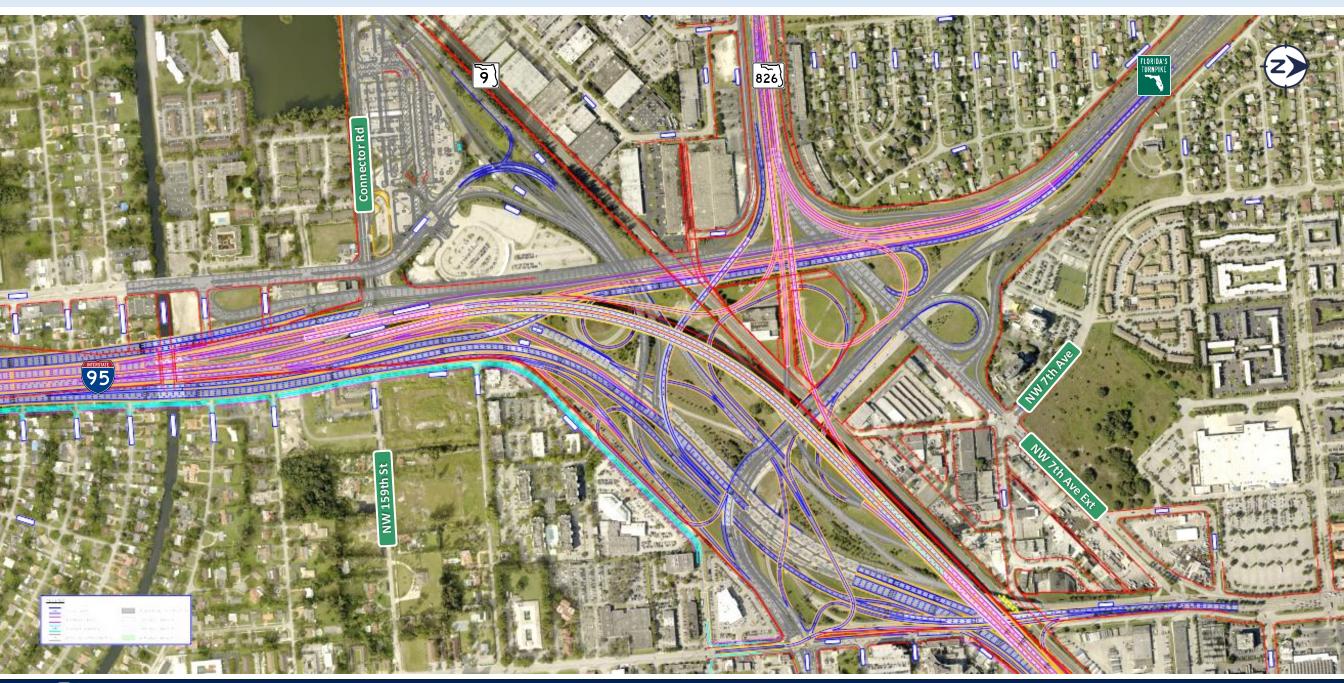
# I-195 PD&E Study – Southern Terminus







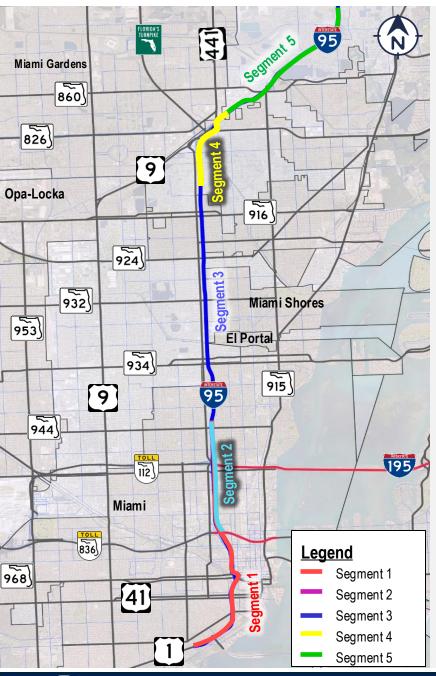
# GGI Beyond Ultimate – Northern Terminus





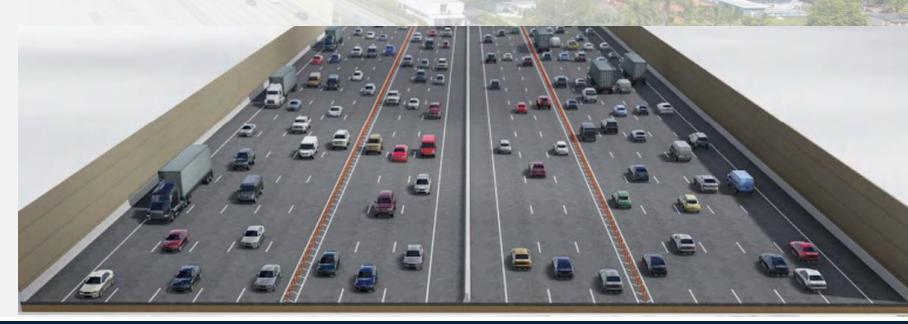


# Project Background



### I-95 Corridor Planning Study - 2019

- ✓ Long-term capacity improvements needed along I-95 corridor even with major regional transit investment
- ✓ Future improvements must balance capacity needs, community impacts, and fiscal constraints
- ✓ Recommended planning study concept included 3 Express Lanes
   + 5 General Use lanes











# **Existing Conditions** | Mainline & Express Lanes







- Eight General Use Lanes and four Express Lanes
- Existing travel lane widths vary from 11-ft to 12-ft
- Existing shoulder widths vary from 6-ft to 12-ft
- Design Speed of 60 mph and Posted Speed of 55 mph
- Existing Right of Way varies from 213-ft to 390-ft with wider widths at interchanges







# **Existing Conditions** | Service Interchanges







- Eight Interchange Locations
- Existing interchange spacing typically less than 1 mile
- Significant weaving and operational deficiencies due to close spacing



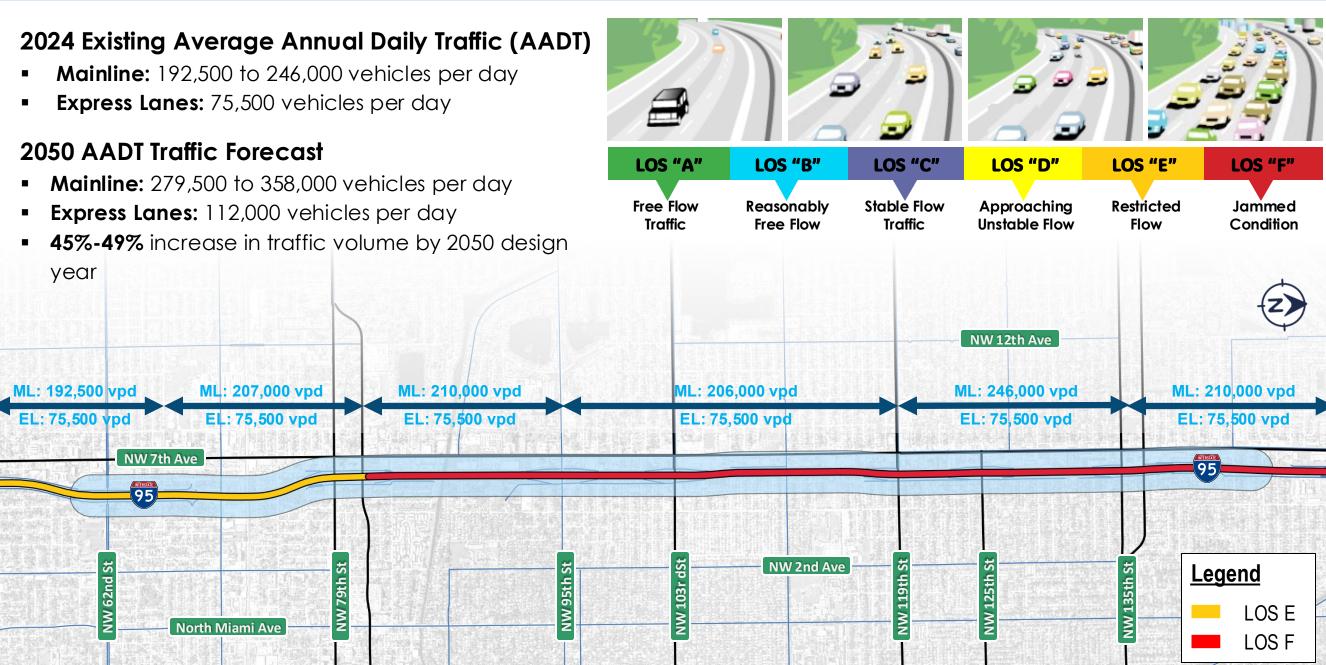




# **Existing Conditions** | Traffic











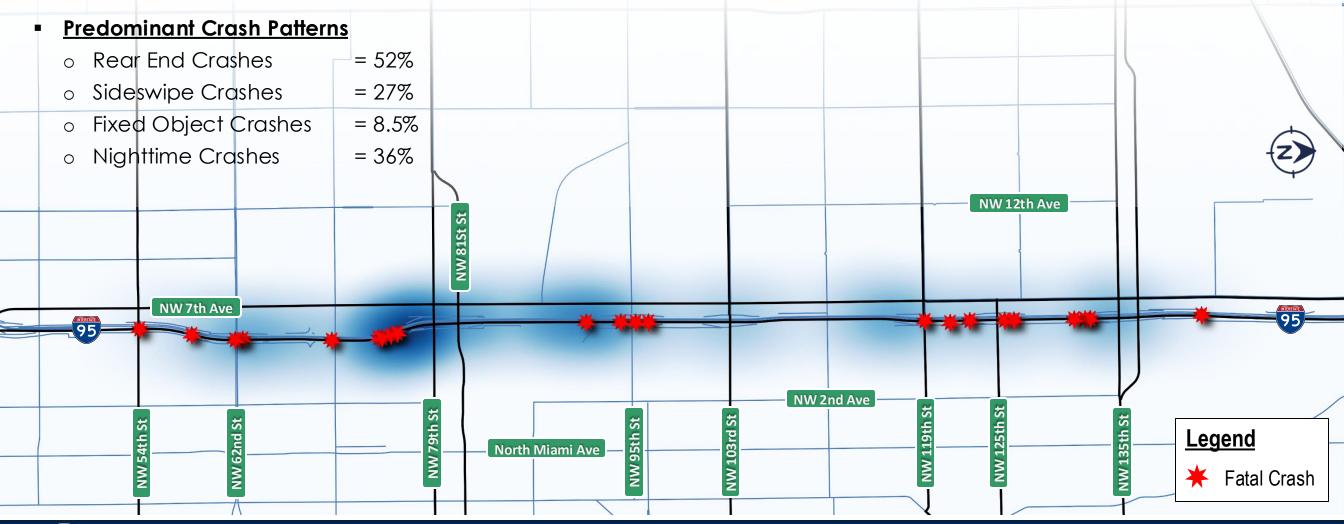
# **Existing Conditions** | Safety





### Crash Data (Latest 5 Years: 2020 – 2024)

- 1,177 crashes/year (Mainline = 1041 crashes/year | Express Lanes = 136 crashes/year)
- 23 total fatal crashes (Mainline = 20 crashes | Express Lanes = 3 crashes)
- 665 injury crashes (Mainline = 518 crashes | Express lanes 147 crashes)







# **Existing Conditions** Structures





### **Existing Bridges**

- 21 mainline bridges along SR 9A / I-95
- One steel pedestrian bridge over SR 9A / I-95
- One bridge crossing over the CSX Railroad
- One bridge crossing over the South Florida
   Water Management District (SFWMD) C-7 Little
   River Canal
- Bridges constructed between 1960 and 1978
- Bridges are in good condition
- Several bridges have substandard vertical clearance below 16-ft but above 14-ft







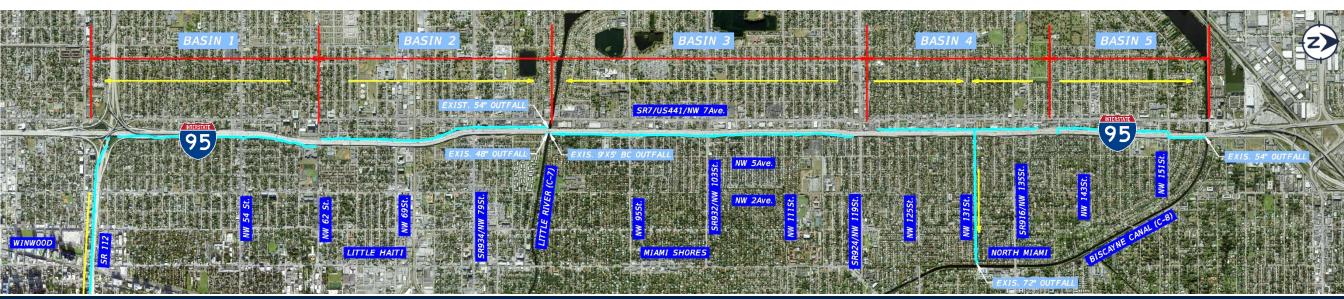
# **Existing Conditions** | Drainage

### **Existing Drainage Systems**

- Basin 1 SR 112 to NW 62 St. Storm sewer trunk-line with 96" outfall into Biscayne Bay
- Basin 2 NW 62 St. to C-7 Storm sewer trunk-line, French drains and swales with 54" & 48" outfalls into C-7 Canal
- Basin 3 C-7 to NW 119 St. Slab covered trench system with 9'x5' BC outfall into C-7 Canal
- Basin 4 NW 119 St. to NW 139 St. Storm sewer trunk-line with 72" outfall along NW 131 St. into the C-7 Canal
- Basin 5 –NW 139 St. to C-8 Canal with 54" outfall into the C-8 Canal

### **Receiving Waterbodies**

- Biscayne Bay
  - Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW) and Aquatic Preserve
- Little River Canal (C-7)
  - FDEP WDID # 3287 Impaired waters
  - Flood controlled canal
- Biscayne Canal (C-8)
  - FDEP WDID # 3285 Impaired waters for DO% and Specific Conductivity
  - Flood controlled canal





# **Existing Conditions** | Tolling



















### Focus Area 1: South of NW 62nd St to North of NW 69th St













## Focus Area 2: South of NW 79th St to North of NW 81st St













## Focus Area 3: South of NW 131st St to North of NW 135th St













## **Environmental** | Social and Economic









### North Central Urban Area District (NCUAD)

- Zoning district for urban development in north-central Miami-Dade County
- Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on March 17, 2015
- Land uses include retail, office, mixed-use, restaurants, health, education, childcare, entertainment
- Encourages walkable, transit-oriented, and mixed-use development in key urban zones
- Proposed Miami-Dade County Linear Park (Resolution R-994-24)





# **Environmental** Cultural, Natural & Physical







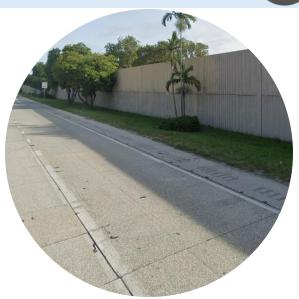
### **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- Historic sites and structures
- Recreational Resources (Oak Park, Athalie Range Park, Athalie Range Park #2)
- Unity Trail / SUN Trail
- Section 4(f) Potential on recreational resources



### NATURAL RESOURCES

- Biscayne Bay (Aquatic Preserve/OFW) is downstream
- Little River Canal and Biscayne Canal
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Water Quality Impact Evaluation



### PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- Noise sensitive sites (33 residential areas)
- Special land use sites such as parks, schools, religious facilities, medical facilities, library and hotel
- Several contaminated sites within corridor buffer





# **Existing Conditions** | Design Deficiencies







	Design Elements	Existing Condition	Deficiency
Roadway Elements	Design Speed	60 mph	None
	Lane Width	11-ft (minimum)	Exception
	Outside Shoulder Width	6-ft to 10-ft (SB)   4-ft to 12-ft (NB)	Exception
	Median Shoulder Width	6-ft to 10-ft (SB)   6-ft to 15-ft (NB)	Exception
	Managed Lane Buffer	Varies 1 to 4-ft. w/ tubular markers	Variation
	Median Widths	Varies (2-ft concrete median barrier wall plus shoulders)	Variation
Horizontal Geometry	Maximum Deflection in Alignment without Curve	None	None
	Length of Horizontal Curves	13 of 14 curves lengths less than 900-ft	Variation
	Horizontal Curve Radius	1909.86-ft Minimum	None
	Superelevation	Based on 50 mph Original Design Speed	Exception
Vertical Geometry	Grades (Maximum/ Minimum)	3% Maximum   0.2% Minimum	Variation
	Max. Change in Grade Without a Vertical Curve	None	None
	Min. K Values	Sag = 96   Crest = 84	Exception
	Minimum Lengths of Sag Vertical Curves	~300-ft minimum (approximated from survey)	Variation
	Minimum Lengths of Crest Vertical Curves	~500-ft minimum (approximated from survey)	Variation
	Stopping Sight Distance	599-ft	Variation
	Vertical Clearance	Bridge Over Roadway: 15-ft 2-in Bridge Over Railroad: TBD Pedestrian Bridge Over Roadway: TBD	Variation





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In the next series of 8 polling questions, please rank each item based on priority. Congestion mitigation along the general use lanes.





**Express lanes access** 







Safety and emergency vehicle access







Right of way and relocation impacts (both residential and commercial)







Green spaces, aesthetics and landscape







Bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the arterial roadways







**Freight Mobility** 







**Environmental concerns including contamination and noise** 



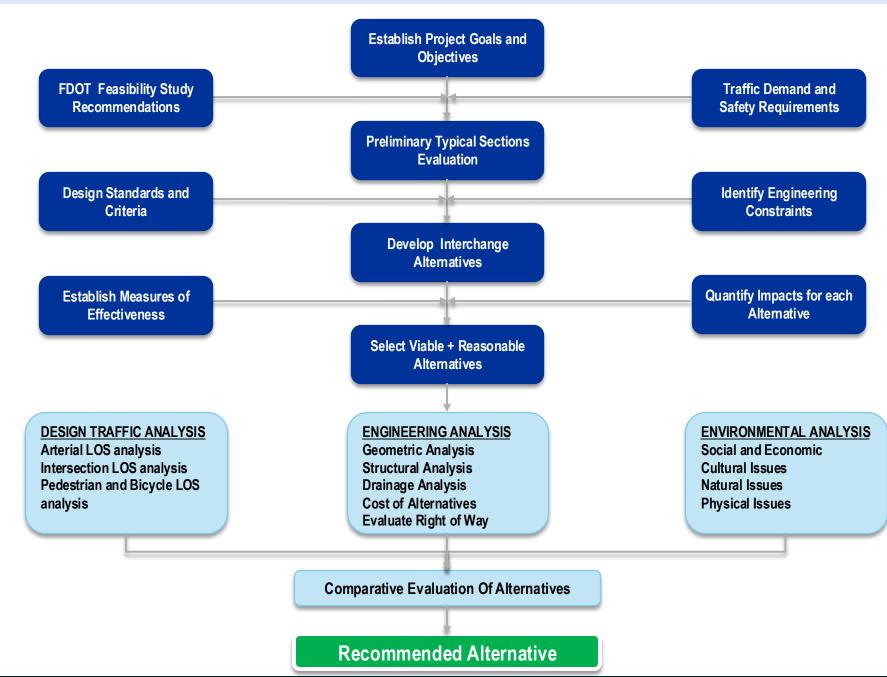


# Next Steps | Alternatives Evaluation Process



Tier 1 - Preliminary

Tier 2 - Detailed





### No Build and TSM&O



The No Build (No Action) Alternative will not address needed upgrades to the I-95 Corridor such as:

- Corridor is not brought into compliance with SIS standards (Original Design Speed of 50 Mph)
- Operations continue to deteriorate over time with no increase in capacity and does not address safety implications of higher congestion.
- Congestion in express lanes reduces ability to provide reliability for express lanes users including transit operations.

**TSM&O improvements** are only viable in combination with the build alternative improvements. The following TSM&O elements will be included in the build alternative improvements:

- Auxiliary lanes between interchanges
- Additional exclusive turn lanes at the interchange ramp terminals
- Additional turn-lane storage at the interchange ramp terminals
- Expansion of capacity within the existing express lanes
- Capacity improvements at the ramp junctions
- Signal optimization of arterial network connecting I-95
- Enhanced signage
- New ITS technologies and infrastructure



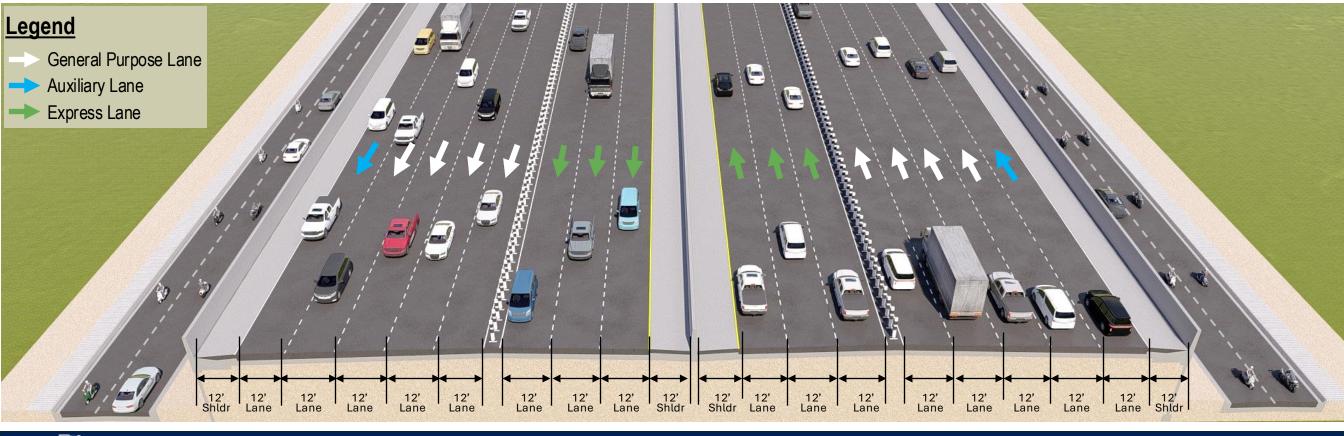
#### **Complete Corridor Reconstruction**

- 4 General Use + 1 Aux Lane in each direction
- 2 3 NB & SB At-grade Express Lanes + 4' Buffer
- 3 12' Travel Lane Widths (GP & EL)
- 4 12' Inside and Outside Shoulder Widths
- 5 Adjacent Frontage or C-D Road System

### PROS

- Eliminates existing geometric deficiencies and brings corridor to SIS standards
- Travel lanes and shoulders widths meets current standards
- Facilitates easier connections to adjacent atgrade express lanes

- Higher construction costs
- Highest ROW costs
- Highest ROW impacts
- Extensive relocation of residents and businesses required
- Significant impact to community features













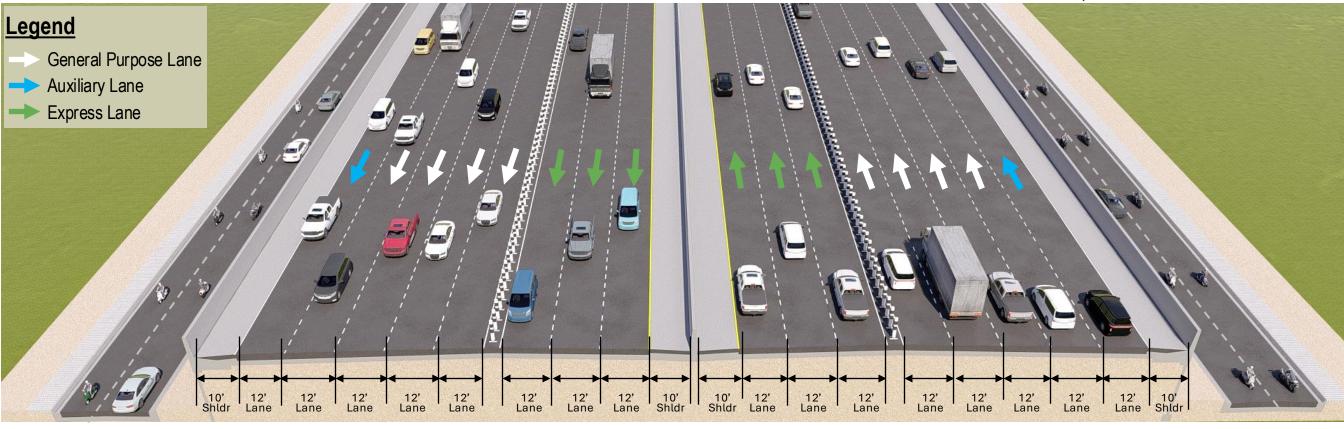
#### **At-Grade Widening Alternative**

- 4 General Use + 1 Aux Lane in each direction
- 3 NB & SB At-grade Express Lanes + 4' Buffer
- 3 12' Travel Lane Widths (GP & EL)
- 4 10' Inside and Outside Shoulder Widths
- 5 Adjacent Frontage or C-D Road System

#### PROS

- Reduces roadway footprint by 8-ft
- 12' travel lane widths meets current standards
- Reduces ROW impacts and relocations
- Lower ROW costs
- Lowest construction cost
- Facilitates easier connections express lanes

- High ROW impacts
- Extensive relocation of residents and businesses required
- Existing geometric deficiencies will remain.
- Significant impact to community features
- Substandard shoulder widths may not address enforcement requirements







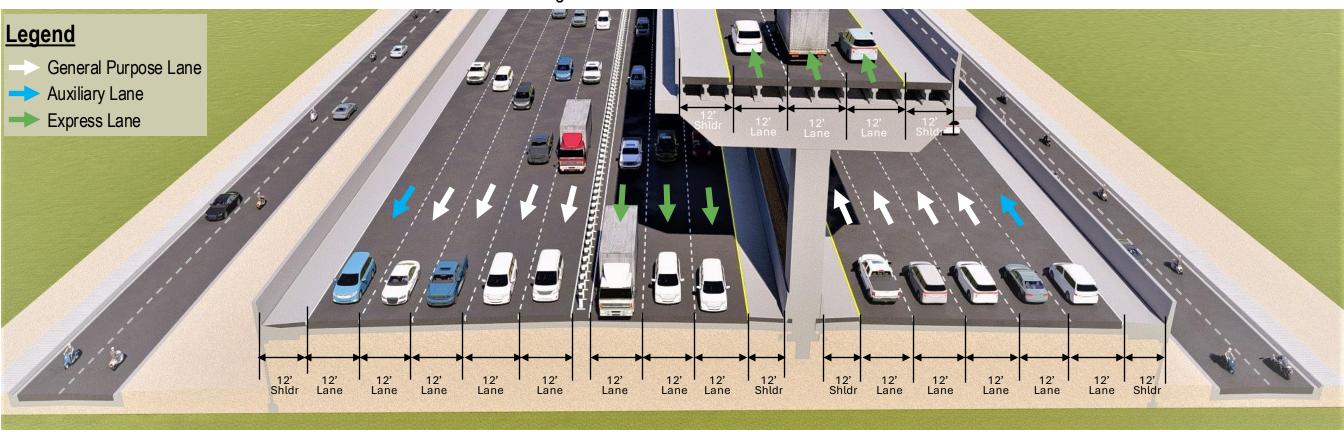
#### **NB Elevated Viaduct Concept**

- 4 General Use + 1 Aux Lane in each direction
- 2 3 SB Express Lanes At-grade + 4' Buffer
- 3 NB Express Lanes Elevated on Viaduct Piers
- 4 12' Travel Lane Widths (GP & EL)
- 5 12' Inside and Outside Shoulder Widths
- 6 Adjacent Frontage or C-D Road System

#### PROS

- Reduces roadway footprint by 20-ft
- Significantly reduces ROW impacts
- Reduces residential and business relocation and impacts to community features
- Lower ROW costs
- Eliminates existing design deficiencies and brings corridor to SIS standards

- Higher construction costs
- Requires reconstruction of corridor
- Some ROW impacts and relocation of residents and businesses required
- Connection to adjacent express lanes will be challenging







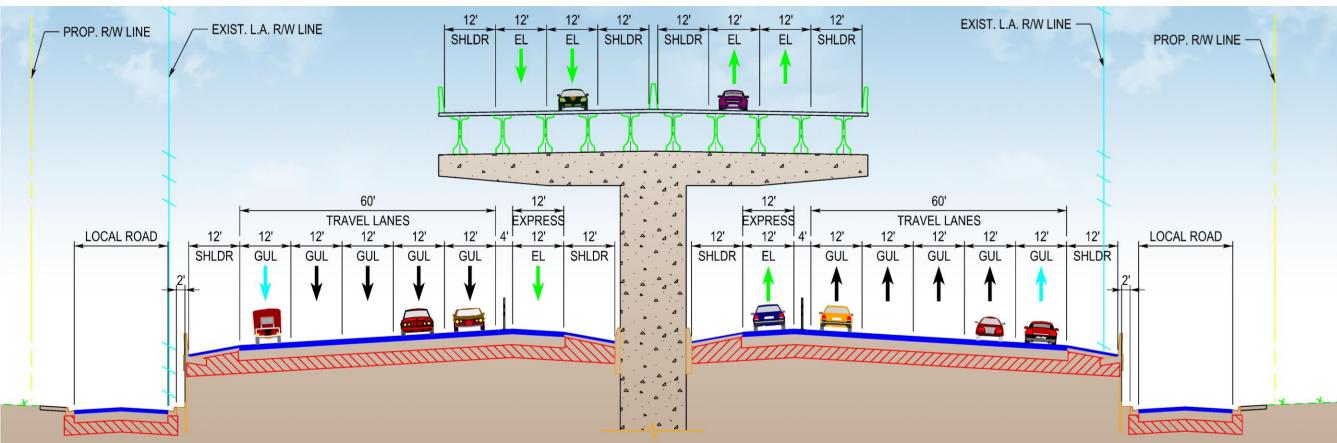
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- 3 1 NB & 1 SB at-grade Express Lanes
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- 12' Outside Travel Lane Widths (GP)
- 6 12' Inside and Outside Shoulder Widths

### PROS

- Reduces roadway footprint by 28-ft
- Significantly reduces ROW impacts
- Reduces residential and business relocation
- Lowest ROW costs
- Brings corridor to SIS standards
- Better connectivity to existing express lanes

- Highest construction costs
- Requires reconstruction of corridor
- Minimal ROW impacts and relocation of residents and businesses required
- Connection to adjacent express lanes will be challenging







## Existing and Proposed Profiles













## Other Considerations







### Drainage Improvements

- Existing conveyance trunk-lines impacted by reconstruction to be relocated and upgraded to comply with current criteria
- Project will require Retention Areas to address stormwater management needs

### Temporary Traffic Control

- Segmentation and Phasing of Project Segments
- Additional right of way will be required for construction phases

#### Tolling

- Potential tolling revenue loss due to construction
- Tolling for elevated viaduct concepts needs to consider use of glass fiber reinforcement and vibration minimization









## PD&E Schedule

PD&E Study **Begins** 

June 2024



Kick-Off Meeting

Nov 21, 2024



**Alternatives Public Workshop** 



Summer 2026



**Public** Hearing





**PD&E Study Ends** 

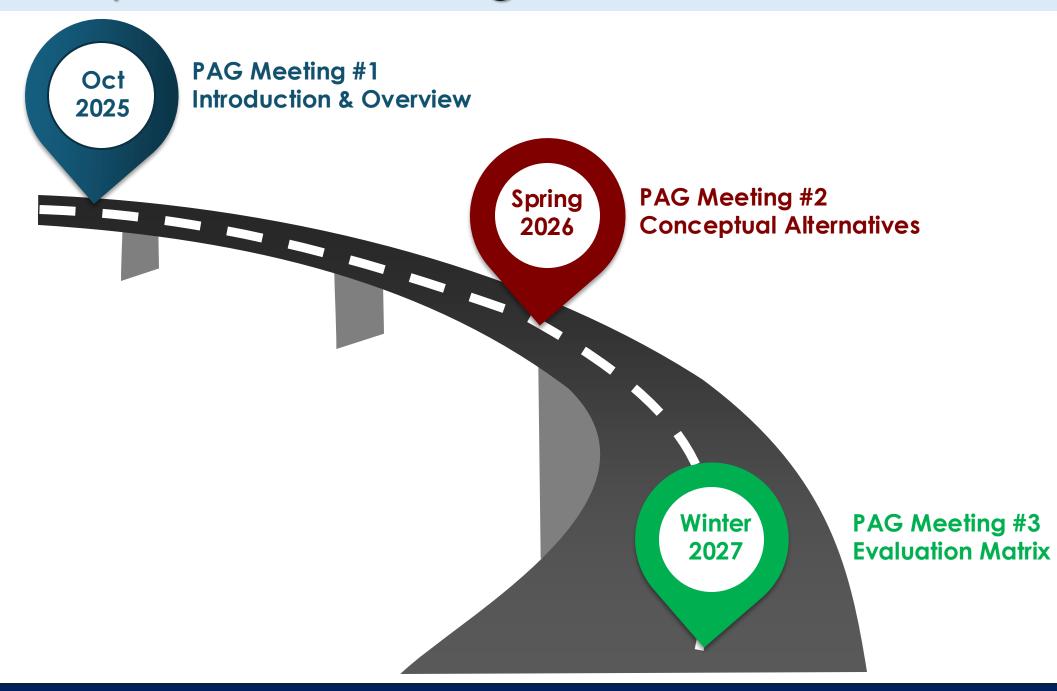
**Summer 2028** 

Activity	2024		2025			2026			2027				2028				
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Begin Study		$\rightarrow$															
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Prepare Environmental Studies																	
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Final PD&E & Environmental Docs																	
Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA)																	*
Public Involvement																	





# Next Steps - PAG Meetings







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