
SR 56 Extension Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Study

From US 301/SR 41 to US 98/SR 35/SR 700

Pasco County, Florida

FDOT Financial Project ID No: 443367-1-22-01

Elected Officials/Agencies Project Kick-Off Meeting

August 13, 2019



Project Partners



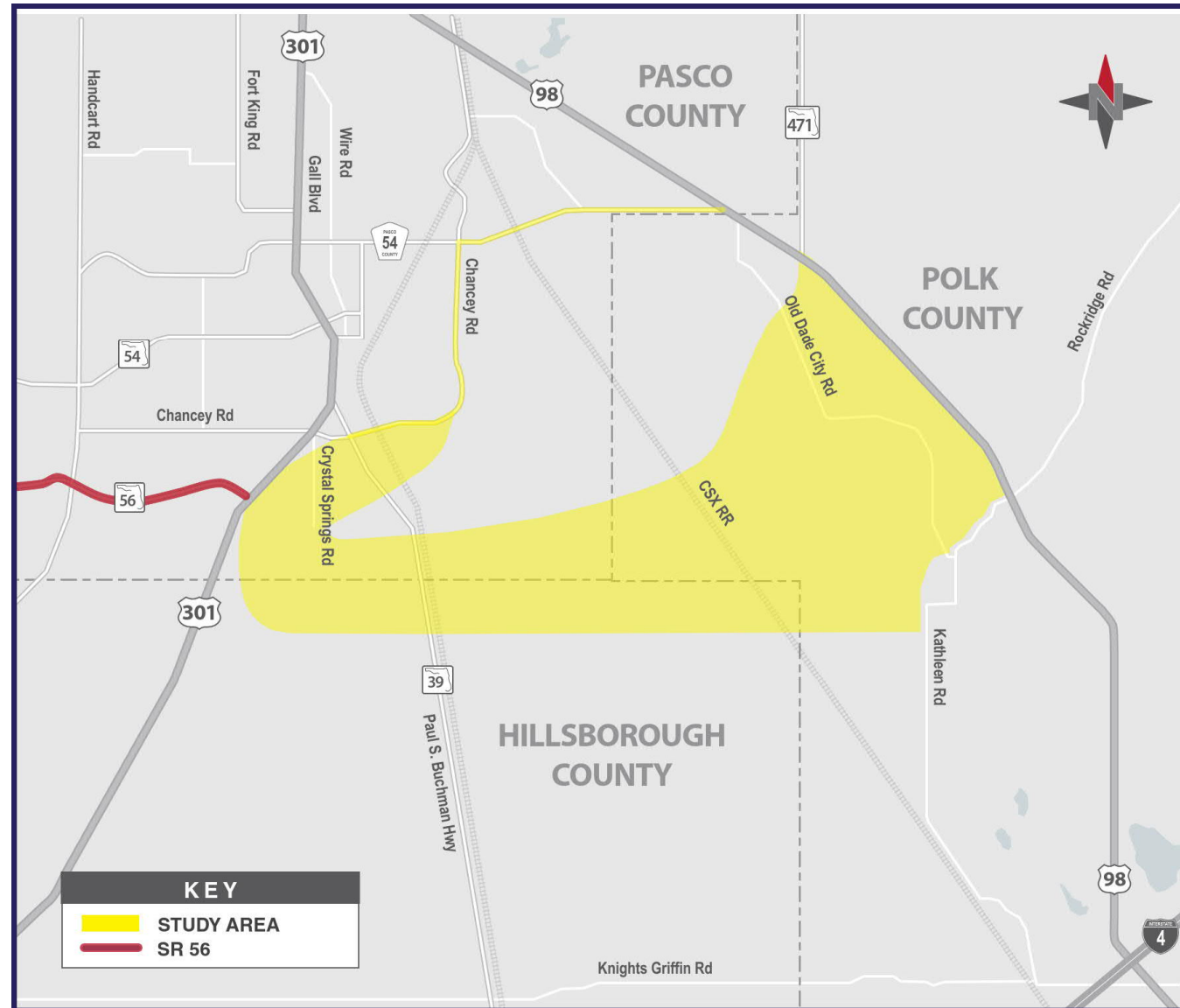
Introduction

- ❖ Sign-In Sheet
- ❖ Comment Form
- ❖ Meeting Goals
 - Introduce the project and study process
 - Confirm project purpose and need
 - Confirm/identify potential project effects
 - Identify opportunities for input throughout study

Presentation Agenda

- ❖ Project Study Area
- ❖ Project Purpose & Need
- ❖ Regional Context
- ❖ What is an Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE)?
- ❖ ACE Study Phases
- ❖ Project Development Process
- ❖ Preliminary Findings
- ❖ Community Engagement
- ❖ Project Schedule
- ❖ Closing Remarks/Discussion

Project Study Area



Project Purpose & Need

❖ Purpose

Extend SR 56 from US 301 to US 98 to allow regional traffic to bypass the City of Zephyrhills

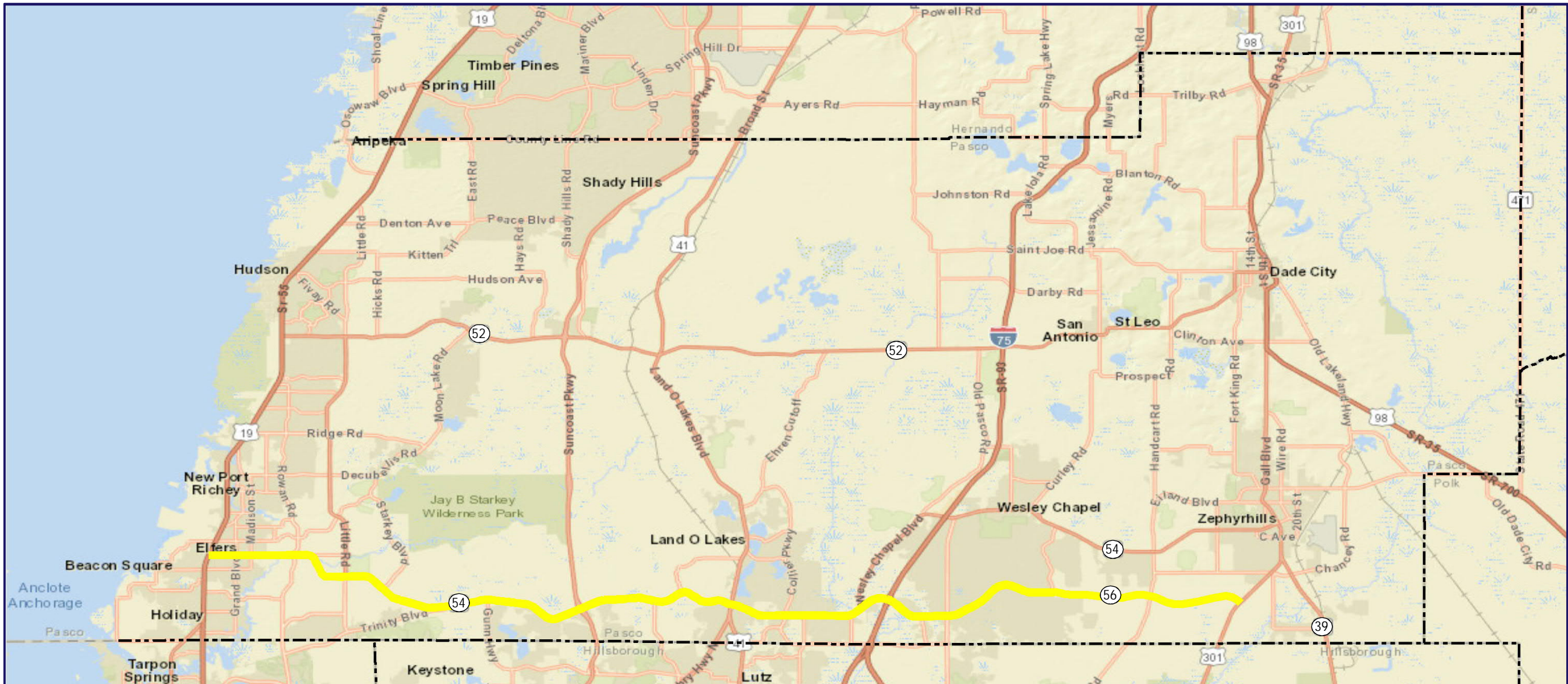
❖ Need: System Linkage

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- Serves as 1 of 2 continuous east-west connections within Pasco County
- Links to regional north-south facilities (US 19, SR 589, US 41, & I-75)
- Connects US 19 (western county) to US 301 (eastern county)

* Project intends to provide a direct connection to US 98 and create a needed regional east-west facility

Regional Context



What is an Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE)?

Process used to identify, evaluate, eliminate, and recommend reasonable alternatives for further analysis in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase.

❖ Process Objectives:

- Establish or refine the project's Purpose & Need
- Document the environmental setting for the project
- Identify potential environmental impacts and mitigation opportunities
- Evaluate engineering feasibility
- Recommend alternative corridors/improvements to address project need

ACE Study Phases

Define Project Goals & Objectives

- Elected Officials/Agencies Project Kick-Off Meeting
- Community Input (Website/WikiMap Tool)
- Establish/Refine Project Purpose & Need

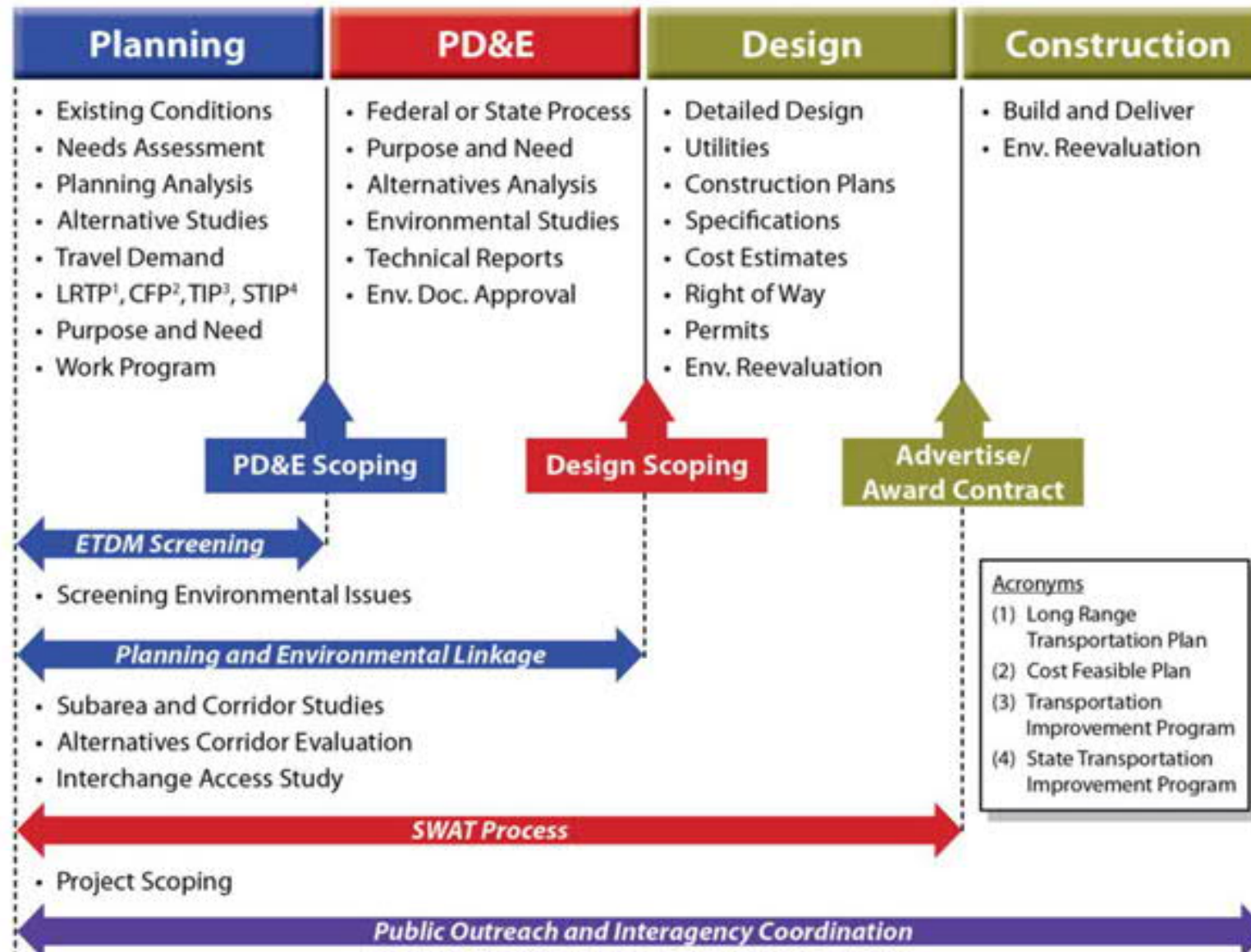
Data Collection & Alternatives Development

- Environmental/Engineering Data Collection
- Existing Conditions Base Map & Report
- Land Suitability Mapping
- Define Initial Alternative Corridors
- ACE Methodology Memorandum

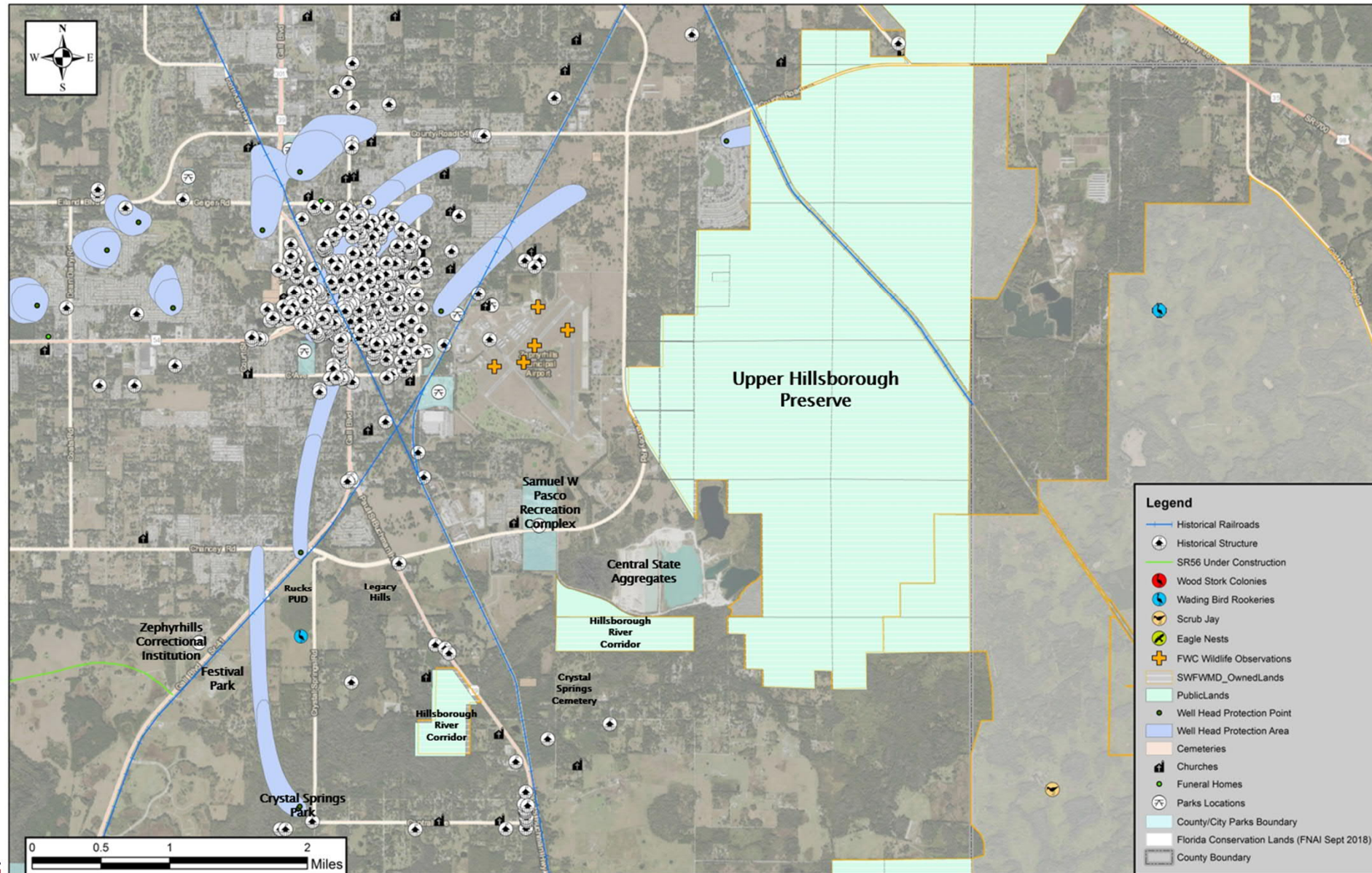
Alternatives Analysis & Recommendations

- Environmental/Engineering Analysis
- Develop ACE Comparative Matrix
- Refine/Eliminate Alternatives
- Prepare ACE Report
- Public Information Meeting

Project Development Process

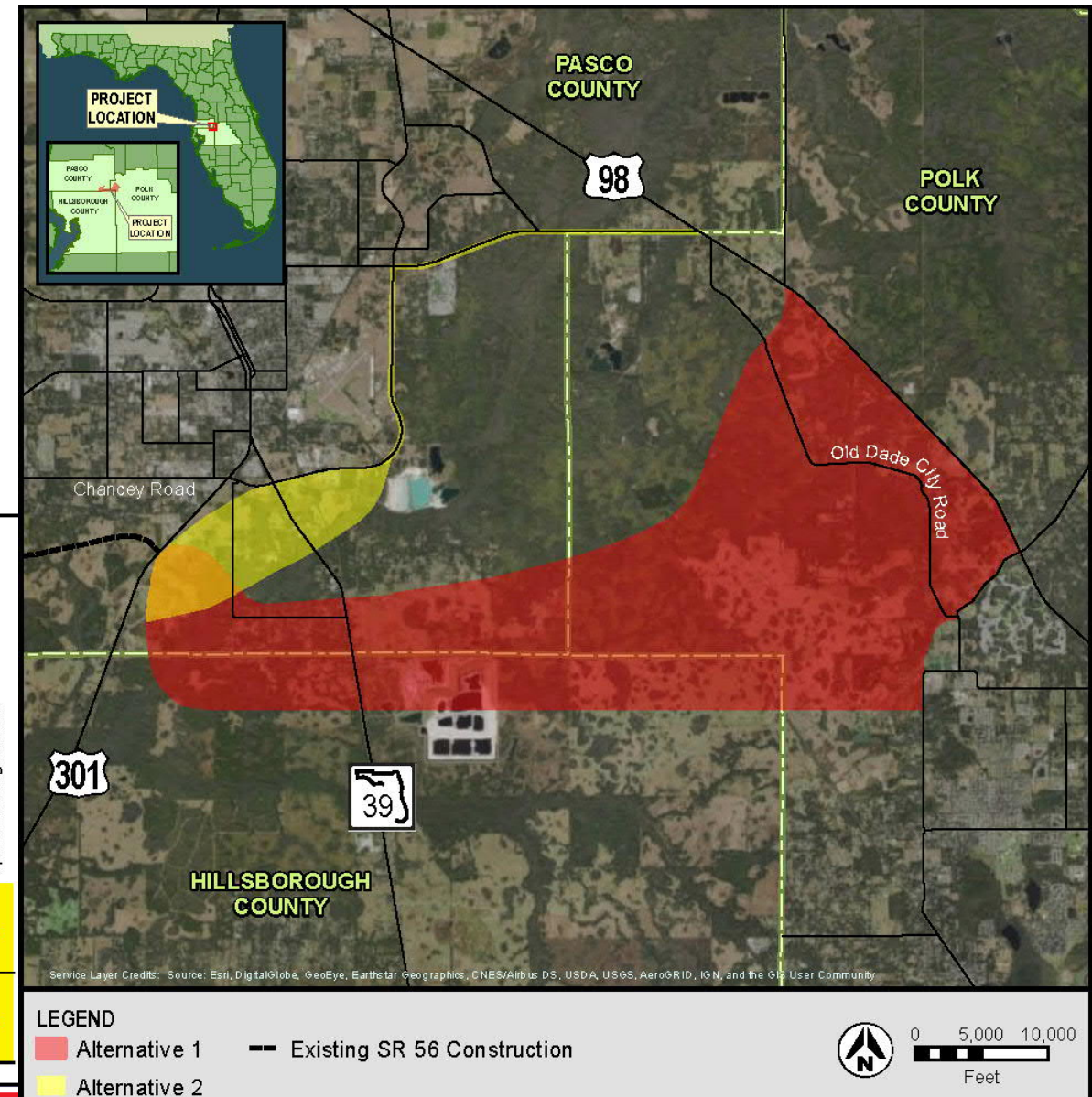


Preliminary Findings: Key Features



Preliminary Findings: ETDM Screening

- ❖ Early coordination with federal & state agencies initiated during ETDM Planning Screen
- ❖ ETAT indicated preference for Alternative #2



	Social and Economic						Cultural			Natural					Physical				Special Designations		
	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
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Degrees of Effect

- Enhanced
- Minimal
- Moderate

Community Engagement

- ❖ Elected Officials/Agencies Project Kick-Off Meeting (August 2019)
- ❖ Public Information Meeting (October 2020)
- ❖ Individual or Small Group Meetings
 - Available upon request through FDOT
- ❖ Engagement Tools
 - Comment Forms (available at each meeting)
 - Newsletters
 - Project Website (www.fdotd7studies.com/SR56EXT)
 - WikiMap Tool (available via project website)

Project Schedule

ACTIVITY	2019							2020										
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	
Notice to Proceed - Study Begins	★																	
Data Collection	████████████████████																	
Public Outreach	██																	
Elected Officials/Agencies Project Kick-Off Meeting			★															
Alternative Corridor Evaluation Methodology Memorandum				████████████████████														
Traffic, Engineering, & Environmental Analysis		██																
Public Information Meeting																	★	
Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report											██							
Study Approved																	★	

Closing Remarks/Discussion

- ❖ Complete Sign-In Sheet
- ❖ Submit comments
- ❖ Project Discussion/Questions