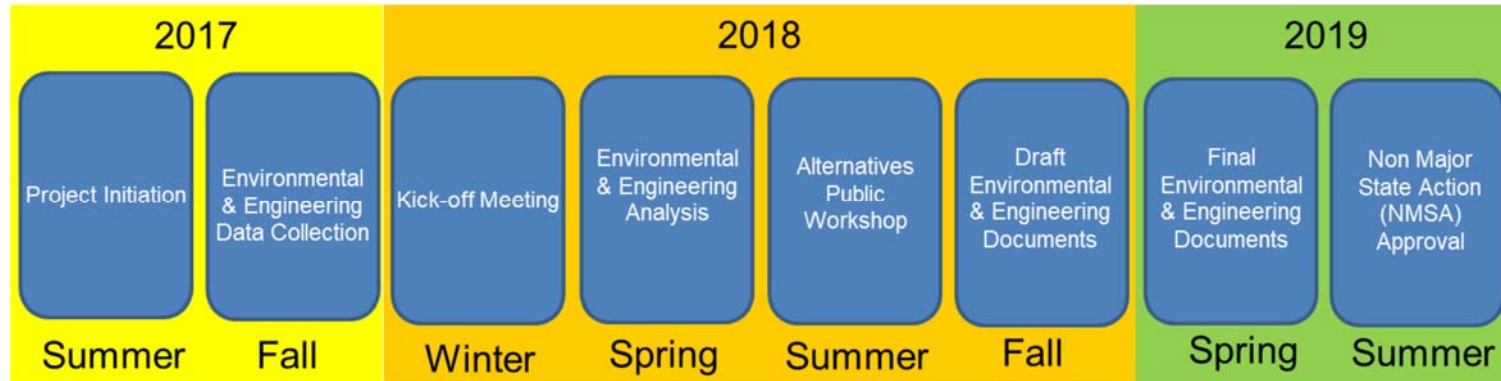


## Study Schedule

The PD&E Study schedule is shown below. The study began in June 2017 and is anticipated to be completed in mid 2019. There will be two public meetings; notices will be sent by U.S. mail and published in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*. Three (3) newsletters will be distributed to keep the public informed about the study's progress. At the end of the PD&E Study, a recommended alternative will be selected and then all engineering and environmental reports will be finalized. A Public Alternatives Workshop is expected to be held in August 2018 which will allow for public input on the alternative presented. A final newsletter will be distributed once the recommended 'Build' Alternative is selected.



## Steps After the PD&E Study

This study has been classified as a Non Major State Action (NMSA); this means the FDOT District Five Secretary will provide final acceptance of the study's recommended 'Build' or 'No-Build' Alternative. If improvements are recommended and accepted by the Secretary, the proposed trail project will proceed into future project phases based on available funding. Those project phases include: design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction. The design phase is currently funded and scheduled to begin in 2019. The right-of-way acquisition and construction phases are currently unfunded.

## How can you get involved?

Public comments and questions are welcome at any time throughout the study. If you would like to learn more about the study or would like to schedule a small group meeting, please contact one of the following individuals:

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For regular updates about the SJR2C Loop PD&E Study, please visit [www.CFLRoads.com](http://www.CFLRoads.com) (search by number 439865-1). This website will be updated on a regular basis to provide the latest study information. You can also make comments or ask questions through the website, and you can request to be added to the mailing list. The study is being developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related amendments. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Ms. Heather Grubert, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at (386) 943-5540 or by email at [heather.grubert@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:heather.grubert@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven (7) days before the meeting.



# St. Johns River to Sea (SJR2C) Loop

## PD&E Study

Volusia County



Newsletter No. 1

[www.CFLRoads.com](http://www.CFLRoads.com)

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the St. Johns River to Sea (SJR2C) Loop on U.S. 1 or alternative route from State Road (S.R. 44) (Lytle Avenue) to Beville Road, a distance of approximately 12.5 miles. This study will evaluate several alternatives to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations by implementing a trail. The study is located within the Cities of New Smyrna Beach, Port Orange, and South Daytona in Volusia County.

## Public Kick-Off Meetings

**Date:** January 10, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Brannon Civic Center

**Format:** Open House

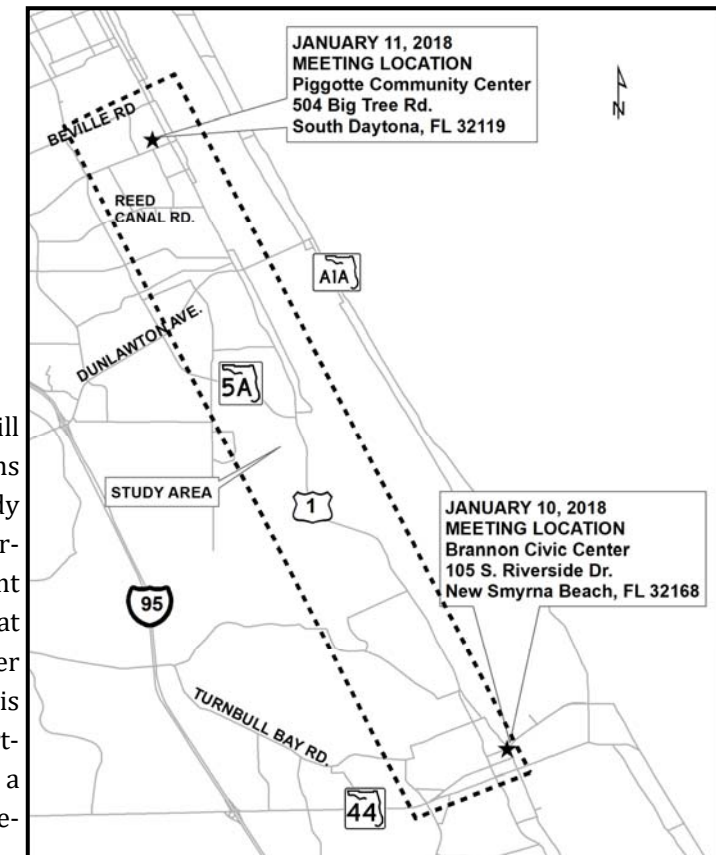
**Date:** January 11, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Piggotte Community Center—Reception Hall

**Format:** Open House

Public Kick-Off Meetings have been scheduled. The meetings will provide an introduction to the study and an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and provide input. Participants may review study information and discuss the study with FDOT staff at any time during the meetings. The meetings are being offered on two different days as indicated above. The same information will be provided at each meeting. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.



## Study Objective

The St. Johns River to Sea (SJR2C) Loop Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is being conducted to develop and evaluate options for a multi-use trail along U.S. 1 or alternate route from S.R. 44 (Lytle Avenue) to Beville Road in Volusia County, a distance of approximately 12.5 miles. The purpose of this study is to close the existing trail gap in accordance with Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail standards. The need for this project is system linkage. Once complete, the trail would connect the cities of Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach, South Daytona, Port Orange, Daytona Beach and parts of unincorporated Volusia County.

## Study Overview

The St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop (SJR2C) is a partially completed nearly 300 mile loop that follows the East Coast Greenway along Florida's Atlantic Coast and the St. Johns River corridor. This study is approximately 12.5 miles in length and is located within the Cities of New Smyrna Beach, Port Orange, and South Daytona in Volusia County. The St. Johns River-to-Sea (SJR2C) Loop is the longest multi-use loop trail underway through the American Southeast that follows the East Coast Greenway along Florida's Atlantic Coast and St. Johns River corridor. The segment being evaluated for this Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study is U.S. 1 or an alternative route from S.R. 44 (Lytle Avenue) to Beville Road, The PD&E Study involves preliminary engineering to determine multi-use trail concepts, environmental evaluations to assess impacts associated with a new multi-use trail, and extensive public involvement and agency coordination.



Potential for trail along N. Riverside Drive just north of Washington Street.

### What potential impacts and issues will we analyze during the study?

- **Social Impacts**
  - ⇒ Right-of-Way
  - ⇒ Residential
  - ⇒ Business
  - ⇒ Community Services and Facilities
- **Cultural Impacts**
  - ⇒ Historic and Archeological Sites
  - ⇒ Recreational Areas
- **Natural Impacts**
  - ⇒ Wetlands
  - ⇒ Water Quality
  - ⇒ Animal Habitat
- **Physical Impacts**
  - ⇒ Visual and Aesthetics
  - ⇒ Contamination
  - ⇒ Drainage
  - ⇒ Utilities
- **Costs**
  - ⇒ Right-of-Way Acquisition
  - ⇒ Construction
  - ⇒ Mitigation

## What is a PD&E Study?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is a process conducted by the FDOT to determine the social, natural, cultural, and physical impacts that are associated with proposed transportation improvements. The process, mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is a combined effort by professional engineers, planners, environmental scientists, and others who analyze the study related information to develop the best alternative for a community's transportation needs.

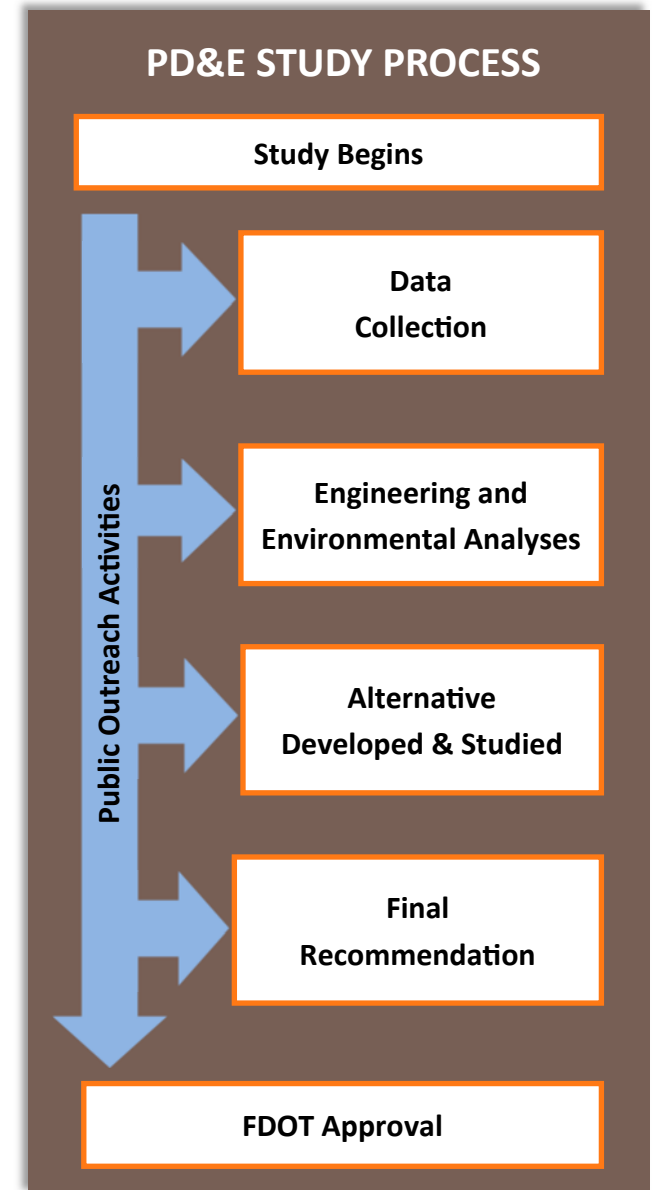
Below are key steps used during a PD&E Study:

- **Data collection** is a review of existing conditions, existing and future land use, drainage, wetlands, endangered species habitat, and potential contamination and historic sites.
- **Engineering analysis** is conducted to develop alternatives that meet the needs of the study area, and are environmentally responsible, socially acceptable, and cost effective.
- **Environmental evaluations** are documented and potential impacts to the social, natural, cultural, and physical environments are assessed, including, but not limited to: wildlife habitat, public lands, wetland locations, archeological and historic sites, and community issues and concerns.
- **Public involvement** will take place throughout the PD&E Study to ensure a continuous flow of information between the study team, stakeholders, and local agencies. Two (2) public meetings will be held during this study.

A 'Build' alternative will be considered for this study along with the 'No-Build Alternative. The 'No-Build' Alternative means that no improvements will be made. The 'No-Build' Alternative will remain a viable option throughout the study process.

### Local Agency Partners

In addition to receiving public input, we will coordinate with the following local agencies throughout the study:



### Can't attend the Public Meeting?

All information presented at the January 10 and 11, 2018 Public Kick-Off Meetings will be available on the study website by Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. Comments and questions can also be submitted through the study website.