



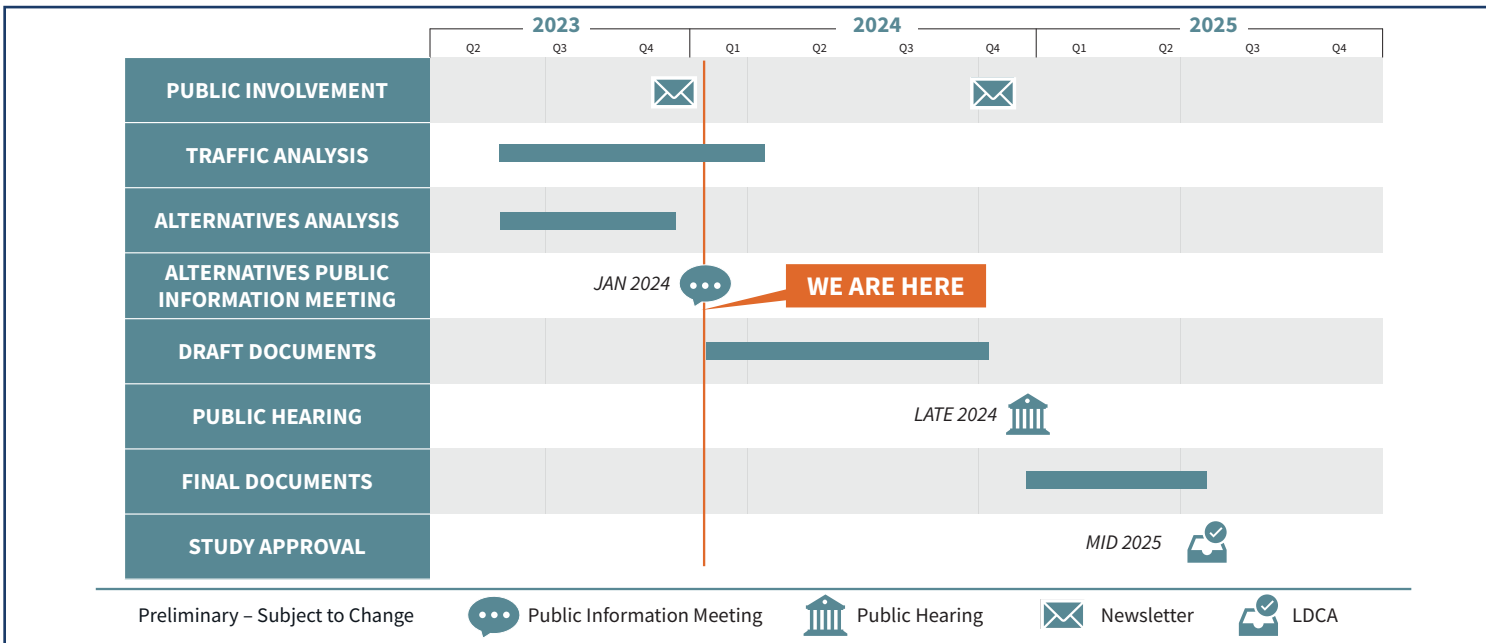
# Fort Hamer Road PD&E Study

From Upper Manatee River Road to US 301

January 25 and February 1, 2024

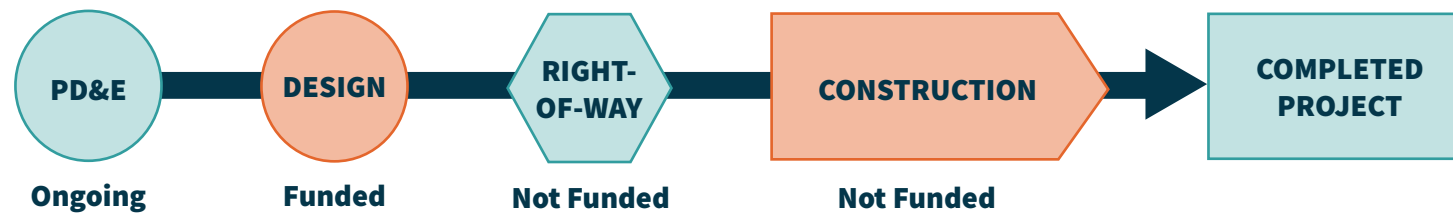
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## PROJECT SCHEDULE



## TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

We Are Here



## YOU MAY SHARE YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECT IN SEVERAL WAYS

### At the In-Person Public Meeting

Complete a comment form and place it in the comment box at the meeting or mail to: Anthony Russo, Manatee County Project Manager, 1022 26th Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34208

### Email Comments

Email comments to the Manatee County Project Manager, Anthony Russo, at: [info@forthamerroad.com](mailto:info@forthamerroad.com)

### Visit the Project Website

Submit your comments through the project website at [www.forthamerroad.com](http://www.forthamerroad.com)



For more information, scan the QR code to visit the project website.

**ALL COMMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 12, 2024 TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC MEETING RECORD.**

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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 May 26, 2022 and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

Manatee County is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to identify and evaluate potential improvements along Fort Hamer Road from Upper Manatee River Road to US 301.

The purpose of this PD&E study is to evaluate and document the engineering and environmental effects of proposed improvements needed to relieve existing traffic congestion along the project corridor and accommodate future travel demand from projected population and employment growth in the area. Improvements may include widening to a four-lane divided roadway as well as bicycle and pedestrian accommodations such as a shared-use path.

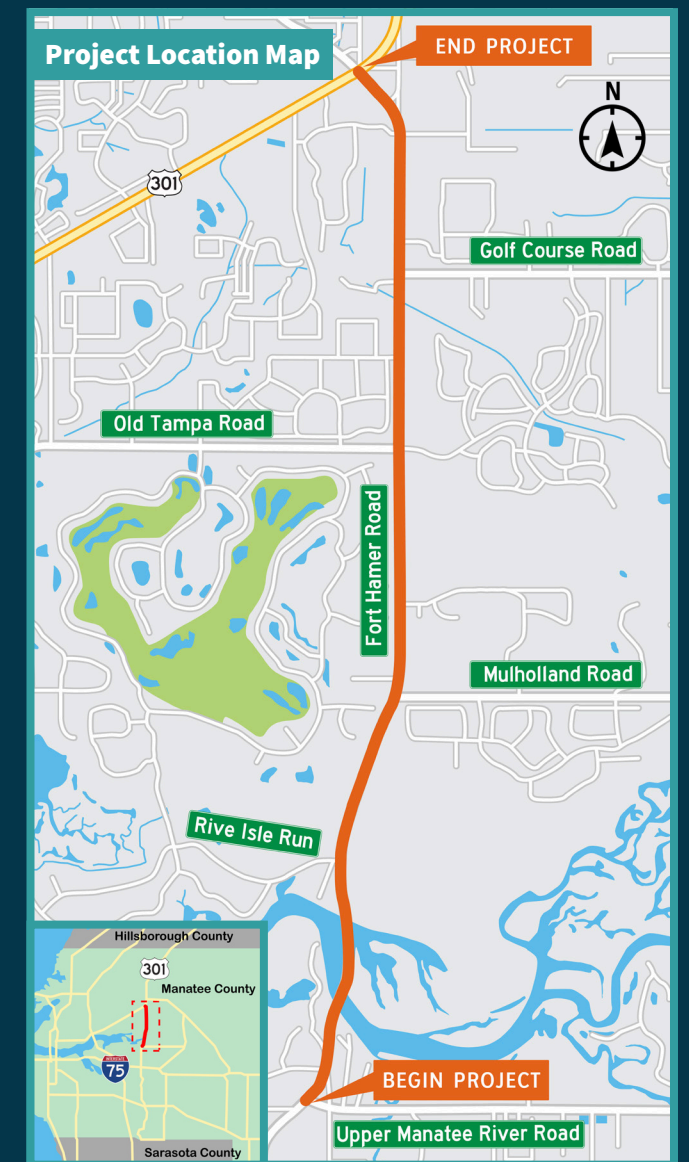
This Alternatives Public Information Meeting is being held to present information about the proposed alternatives and the engineering and environmental analyses completed to date. This meeting provides the public an opportunity to offer feedback on the proposed alternatives to be included as part of the public meeting record. Maps, drawings and other information depicting the proposed improvements are available for public review. Representatives from Manatee County are available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

## WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E study is the formal process that develops and compares alternatives to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing impacts to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments. Engaging the public by sharing and receiving information is a key component of this process and is required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

## PROJECT GOALS

- ⚙️ Improve the operational capacity along Fort Hamer Road to accommodate future travel demand
- 🛡️ Enhance safety conditions along the corridor for all roadway users
- 🚲 Provide accommodations for multimodal activity



### IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING:

**Thursday, January 25, 2024, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Open House**

Parrish United Methodist Church  
12180 US 301, Parrish, FL 34219

This will include a looping video (*no formal presentation*) and the project team will be available for discussion.

### VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING:

**Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Register in advance: [bit.ly/Fort\\_Hamer\\_Road\\_PDE\\_Study](https://bit.ly/Fort_Hamer_Road_PDE_Study)

This event will include a viewing of the project video and a live question-and-answer component with the project team. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event ([www.forthamerroad.com](http://www.forthamerroad.com)).

Materials will be posted by January 18, 2024.

## EVALUATION MATRIX

Evaluation Factors		No-Build	Alternative 1 Signals	Alternative 2 Roundabouts
<b>Goals</b>	Accommodate future traffic demand	No	Yes	Yes
	Pedestrian Accommodations	Sidewalk	Sidewalk and Shared Use Path	Sidewalk and Shared Use Path
	Bicycle Accommodations	Paved Shoulder	Bike Lanes and Shared Use Path	Bike Lanes and Shared Use Path
	Safety	No Improvement	Improvement	Improvement
<b>Environmental Impacts</b>	Archaeological and Historical Resources (potential)	None	Moderate to High	Moderate to High
	Parks/Recreational Areas or Section 4(f) Resources	None	Yes*	Yes*
	Wetlands (acres)	0 ac	3.0 ac	3.0 ac
	Other Surface Waters (acres)	0 ac	1.6 ac	1.6 ac
	Floodplains (acres)	0 ac	14.8 ac	15.3 ac
	Protected Species and Habitat (potential)	None	Low to Moderate	Low to Moderate
	Contamination Sites (ranked as high/medium risk) (number)	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 1
	Highway Traffic Noise (potential)	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Right-of-way Impacts</b>	Utilities Relocated	None	Electric, Water	Electric, Water
	Right-of-way (acres)	0 ac	38 ac	39 ac
	Parcels (number)	0	48	48
	Residential Relocations (number)	0	0	0
	Business Relocations (number)	0	0	0
<b>Costs (current year \$)</b>	Design	\$0	\$12.5 M	\$12.5 M
	Wetland Mitigation	\$0	\$1.2 M	\$1.2 M
	Right-of-way	\$0	\$9.1 M	\$10.1 M
	Construction	\$0	\$124 M	\$128 M
	Construction Engineering & Inspection	\$0	\$12.4 M	\$12.8 M
	<b>Total Estimated Project Costs**</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$159.2 M</b>	<b>\$164.6 M</b>

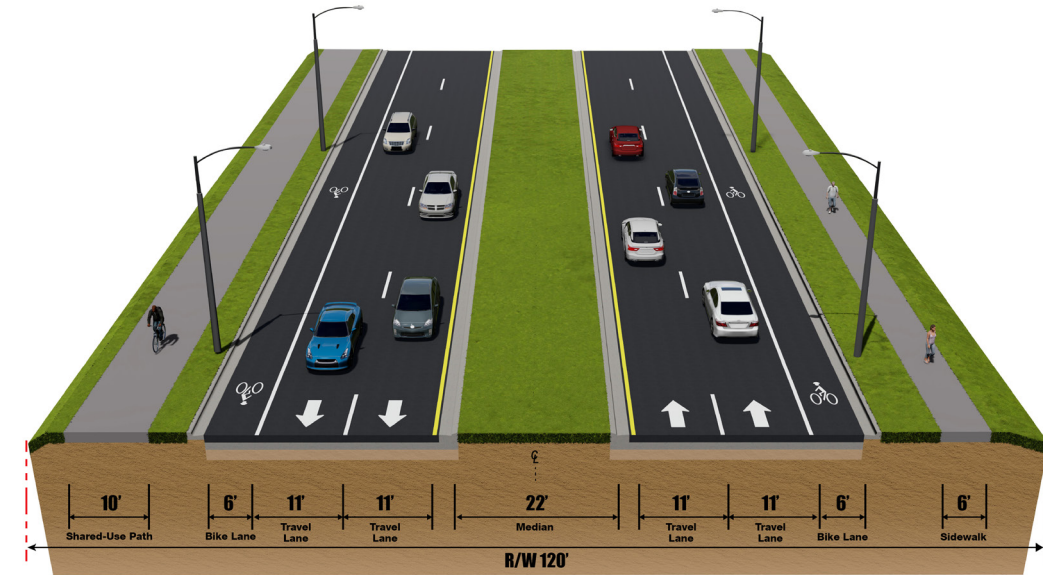
\* Minor impacts to Fort Hamer Park are likely for roadway and pond improvements.

\*\* Total estimated project costs does not include utility relocations, environmental permits, or contamination remediation.

(Preliminary – subject to change)

## ALTERNATIVES 1 AND 2

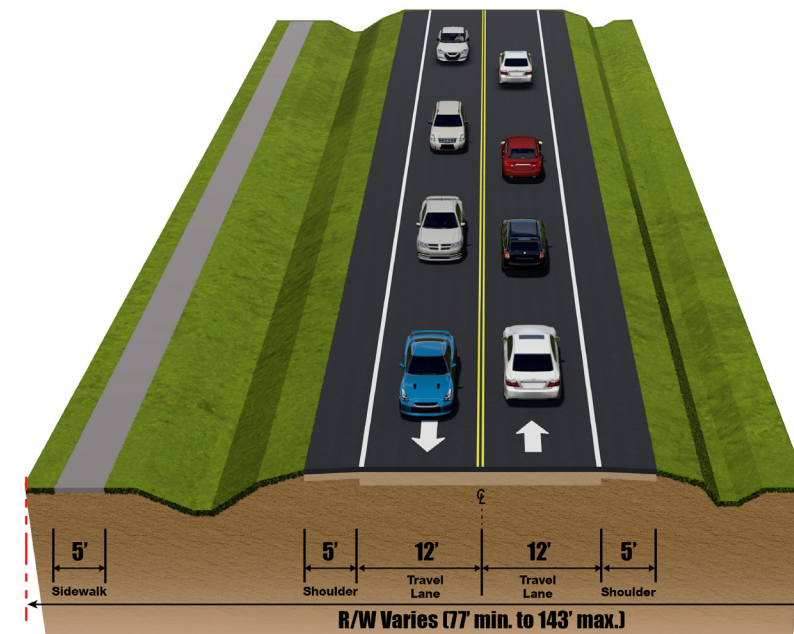
The Alternatives include widening Fort Hamer Road to a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median, bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, a sidewalk on the east side, and a shared-use path on the west side. Stormwater would be collected in underground storm pipes and directed to new ponds. The proposed road and bridge typical sections are the same for Alternatives 1 and 2, but the proposed intersections are different. For Alternative 1, the existing traffic signals at Mulholland Road, Old Tampa Road, and Golf Course Road would remain. For Alternative 2, new roundabout intersections would be constructed at Rive Isle Run, Mulholland Road, Old Tampa Road, and Golf Course Road.



Proposed Road Typical Section

## NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

Throughout this study, a “no-build” alternative is also considered. For the purposes of this study, the no-build alternative assumes that no improvements are made to Fort Hamer Road, other than routine maintenance. The existing two-lane roadway and sidewalk gaps would remain, and traffic congestion would continue to get worse.



Existing Road Typical Section