



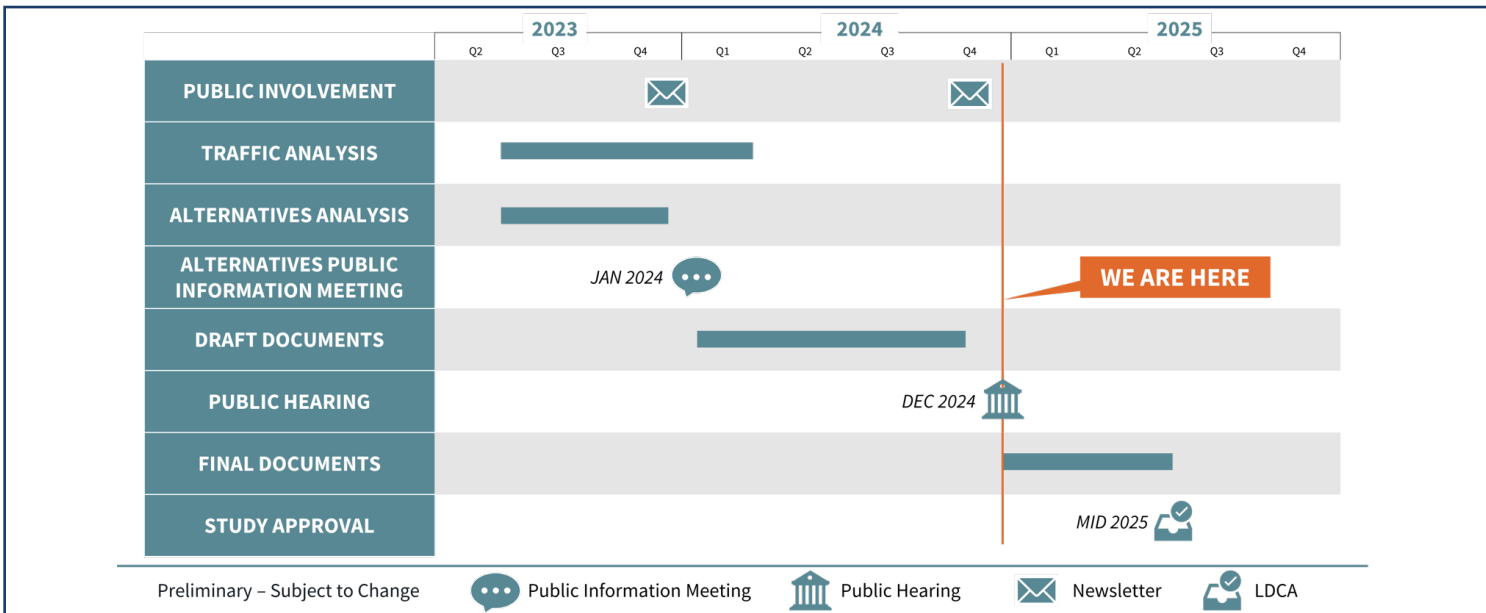
# Fort Hamer Road PD&E Study

From Upper Manatee River Road to US 301

December 4, 2024

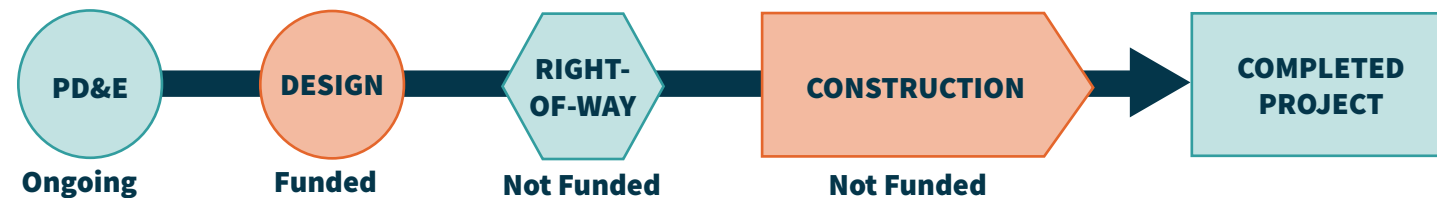
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## PROJECT SCHEDULE



## TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

We Are Here



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

1. Complete a speaker card available at the sign-in table and make an oral comment at the microphone, or by using the GoToWebinar, during the formal comment portion of the hearing.
2. Make an oral statement to the court reporter during the informal portion of the hearing.
3. Complete a comment form and place it in the comment box at the hearing or mail to: Anthony Russo, PE, Manatee County Project Manager  
1022 26th Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34208
4. Email comments to the Manatee County Project Manager, Anthony Russo, PE, at: [info@forthamerroad.com](mailto:info@forthamerroad.com)
5. Submit comments on 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 DECEMBER 16, 2024 TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING RECORD.**

### VIEW PROJECT DOCUMENTS

Project documents are available for public viewing online at [www.forthamerroad.com](http://www.forthamerroad.com) or in-person at the following locations until **Monday, December 16, 2024**:

**Rocky Bluff Branch Library**  
6750 US 301 North, Ellenton, FL 34222  
Monday – Thursday: 9 am – 8 pm  
Friday – Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm

**Palmetto Branch Library**  
923 6th Street West, Palmetto, FL 34221  
Monday – Thursday: 9 am – 8 pm  
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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 in Parrish.

The purpose of this PD&E study is to enhance safety, improve traffic operations, provide multimodal access, and meet future transportation demands in Manatee County.

This public hearing is being conducted to present the Preferred Alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send all comments by December 16, 2024, to be included in the formal public hearing record.

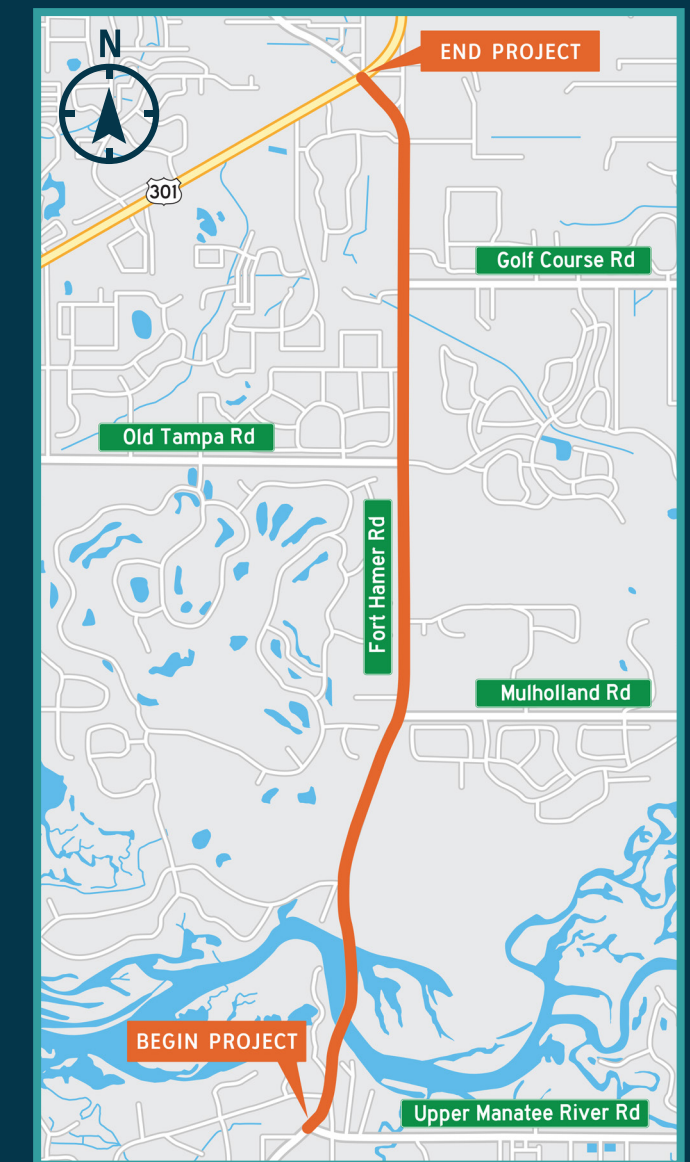
Maps, drawings, and other information depicting the proposed improvements are available here tonight for public review. Representatives from Manatee County are available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

### 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.

*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 should contact Carmine DeMilio, Manatee County ADA Coordinator, by phone at (941) 748-4501 Ext. 6016 or by email at [carmine.demilio@mymanatee.org](mailto:carmine.demilio@mymanatee.org) at least five (5) days prior to the hearing. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Catherine Winter, Community Outreach Specialist, at (813) 431-0919 or email at [catherine@valerin.group.com](mailto:catherine@valerin.group.com) at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.*

*This PD&E Study is being conducted and completed according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and other related federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, which will qualify future phases of this project for federal funding, and this hearing was advertised consistent with those requirements. For federal funded projects: 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.*



### HEARING AGENDA

5 - 6 p.m. Open House

6 p.m. Formal Presentation

**Format Comment Period:**  
-In-Person Speakers  
-Live Online Speakers

**Live Online Attendance Location:**  
[bit.ly/Fort\\_Hamer\\_Road\\_PDE\\_Study](http://bit.ly/Fort_Hamer_Road_PDE_Study)

# EVALUATION MATRIX

Evaluation Factors		No-Build	Preferred Alternative
Goals	Accommodate future traffic demand	No	Yes
	Pedestrian Accommodations	Sidewalk	Sidewalk and Shared Use Path
	Bicycle Accommodations	Paved Shoulder	Bike Lanes and Shared Use Path
	Safety	No Improvement	Improvement
Environmental Impacts	Archaeological and Historical Resources (potential)	None	Moderate to High
	Parks/Recreational Areas or Section 4(f) Resources	None	Yes*
	Wetlands (acres)	0 ac	3.6 ac
	Other Surface Waters (acres)	0 ac	4.6 ac
	Floodplains (acres)	0 ac	12.6 ac
	Protected Species and Habitat (potential)	None	Low to Moderate
	Contamination Sites (ranked as high/medium risk) (number)	0 / 0	0 / 17
	Highway Traffic Noise (number of receptors)	0	15
Right-of-way Impacts	Utilities Relocated	None	Electric, Water, Communication
	Right-of-way (acres)	0 ac	35 ac
	Parcels (number)	0	45
	Residential Relocations (number)	0	0
	Business Relocations (number)	0	0
Costs (current year \$)	Design	\$0	\$12.5 M
	Wetland Mitigation	\$0	\$1.2 M
	Right-of-way	\$0	\$10.4 M
	Construction	\$0	\$151.4 M
	Construction Engineering & Inspection	\$0	\$15.0 M
	<b>Total Estimated Project Costs**</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$190.5 M</b>

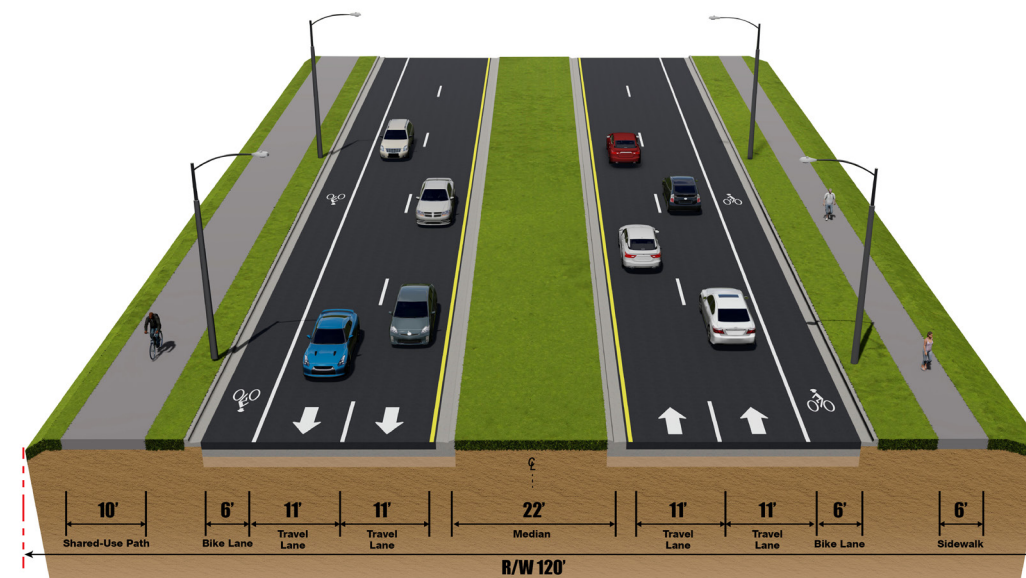
\* Minor impacts to Fort Hamer Park are likely for roadway and pond improvements.  
 \*\* Total estimated project costs does not include utility relocations, environmental permits, or contamination remediation.

(Preliminary — subject to change)

During the course of the PD&E Study, Manatee County has evaluated various alternatives for this project. Based on public input and the results of the environmental and engineering analyses conducted, Manatee County is recommending a Preferred Alternative.

## PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

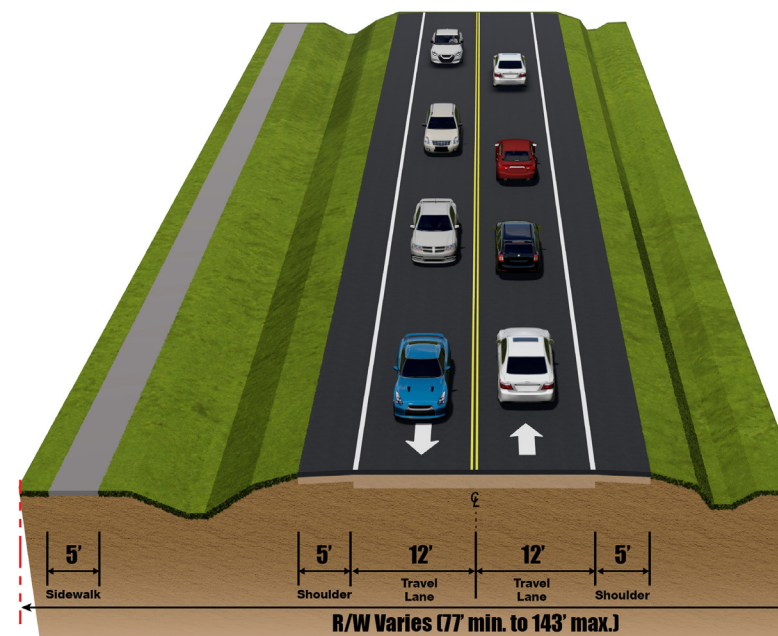
The Preferred Alternative includes widening Fort Hamer Road to a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median, two lanes in each direction, bicycle lanes, a shared use path on one side, and a sidewalk on the other. The Preferred Alternative at the Fort Hamer Bridge includes a new structure for two southbound lanes with a shared use path, and a reconfigured existing structure for two northbound lanes with a wider sidewalk. The improved roadway will utilize a 40 mile-per-hour posted speed. The Preferred Alternative includes roundabout intersections at Rive Isle Run, Mulholland Road, Old Tampa Road, and Golf Course Road. Roundabouts have been shown to have safety and traffic operational benefits for all roadway users.



Proposed Road Typical Section

## NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

Throughout this study, a No-Build alternative has also been 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