



# PROJECT KICKOFF NEWSLETTER

## S.R. 60 PD&E Study from Prairie Lake Road to Florida's Turnpike

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NUMBER: 452574-1 | MAY 2025

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for State Road (S.R.) 60 from Prairie Lake Road to Florida's Turnpike in Osceola County, a distance of approximately 19.3 miles. This east-west corridor serves as a key link to major facilities, such as Interstate 75 (I-75) in Tampa to I-95 in Vero Beach. This roadway plays an essential role in regional connectivity, linking communities and colleges, while facilitating freight movement that supports the area's economic activity.

#### STUDY GOALS

The purpose of this project is to address future travel demand and improve safety. The improvements being evaluated by this PD&E Study include widening the existing roadway from two to four lanes, strengthening east-west regional connectivity across Polk, Osceola, and Indian River counties, and enhancing overall safety and operation of S.R. 60.



#### KEY PROJECT DATES

- Begin Study:** December 2024
- Kickoff Newsletter:** May 2025
- Public Hearing:** October 2025
- Anticipated Study Completion:** Spring 2026

#### BACKGROUND

Despite previous safety improvements along this segment of S.R. 60, further enhancements are needed to address increasing transportation demand and continue improving safety. Between 2018 and 2022, this stretch of roadway experienced 308 total crashes and 12 fatalities—a rate higher than the statewide average for similar facilities. FDOT is committed to improving the safety of this vital stretch of S.R. 60.

### PROJECT LOCATION



### NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT



#### GET INVOLVED!

The S.R. 60 PD&E Study process will provide opportunities for the public to view information about the project and to provide feedback on the proposed improvements. Beginning with this newsletter, public involvement activities will continue throughout the duration of the study and will include a public hearing.



Public input is a key part of decision-making during the PD&E Study. You can submit your comments directly to Maria Serrano-Acosta, FDOT Project Manager, or through the project website using the link below. Meeting announcements, project documents, and other important project information will also be available on the project website. [www.cflroads.com/project/452574-1](http://www.cflroads.com/project/452574-1)

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