

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Project Name: SR 9/I-95 at SR 842/Broward Boulevard Interchange  
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Project Limits: SR 9/I-95 from south of Davie Boulevard to south of  
Sunrise Boulevard and Broward Boulevard from west of  
SW 24 Avenue to east of NW/SW 18 Avenue

County/State: Broward County, FL

Financial Project Number: 435513-1-22-02

ETDM Number: 14226

In accordance with Part 1, Chapter 11 of the **Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual**, this Public Involvement Program is submitted to the District Planning and Environmental Management (PL&EM) Office for review and approval.

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Update: February 2019

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FDOT District Four Public Involvement Coordinator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**SR 9/I-95 at SR-842/Broward Boulevard Interchange Project Development and Environment (PD&E)  
Study  
from west of SW 24 Avenue to east of NW/SW 18 Avenue along Broward Boulevard and from south of  
Davie Boulevard to south of Sunrise Boulevard along SR 9/I-95  
Broward County, FL**

The purpose of this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is to assist in providing information to and obtaining input from concerned citizens, agencies, private groups (residential/business), and governmental entities. The overall goal of this plan is to help ensure that the study reflects the values and needs of the communities it is designed to benefit. A schedule of events and list of documentation exhibiting compliance with these procedures are included.

This Plan is in compliance with the Florida Department of Transportation's *Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Part 1, Chapter 11*; Section 339.155, Florida Statutes; Executive Orders 11990 and 11988; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act; and 23 Code of Federal Regulations 771.

This plan shall disclose to the public and agencies, as part of agency outreach and public involvement procedures, including any Notice of Intent or scoping meeting notice, the disclosure:

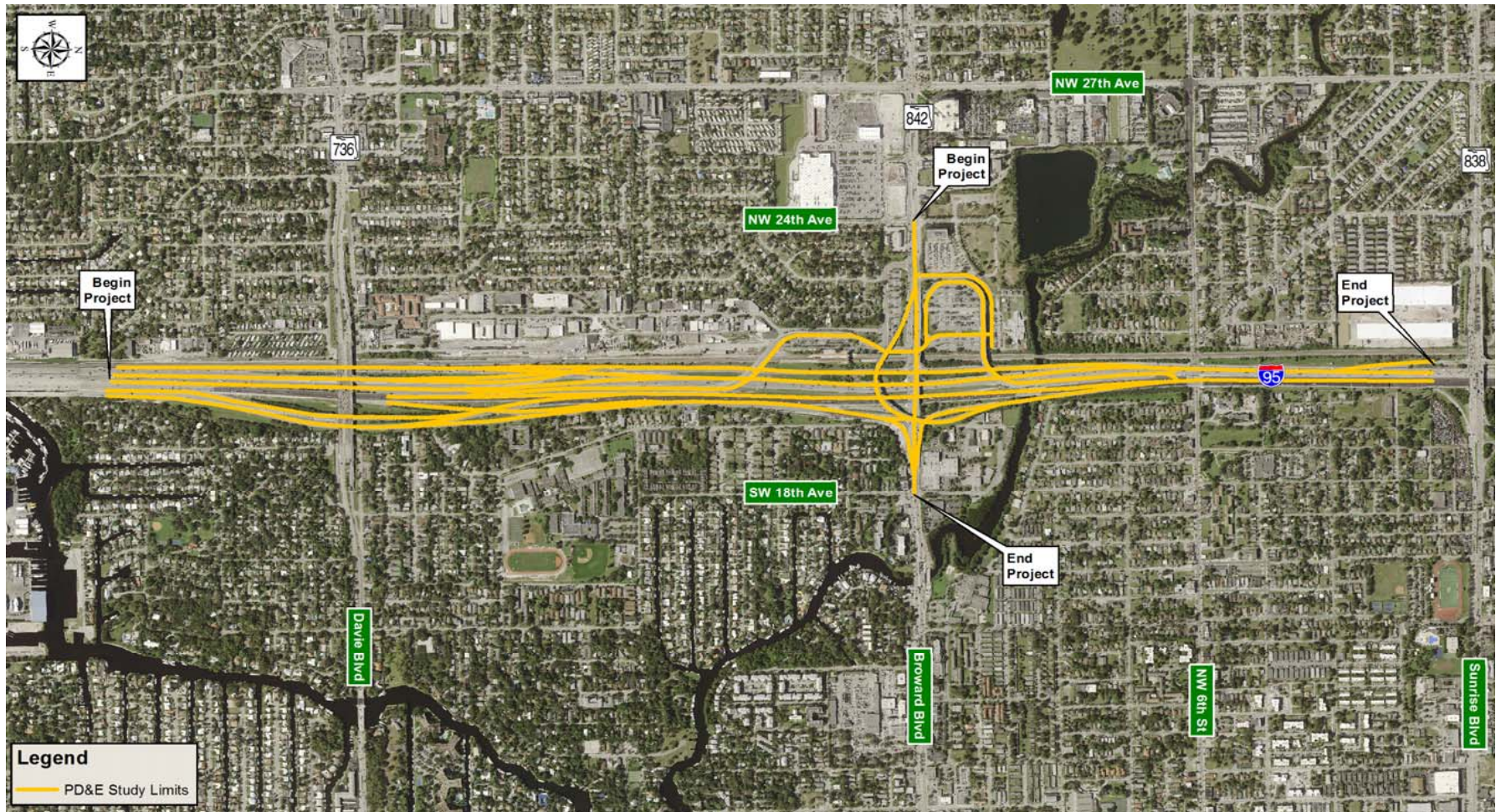
*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.*

### I. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

Financial Project Number:	435513-1-22-02
Project Limits:	SR 9/I-95 from south of Davie Boulevard to south of Sunrise Boulevard and Broward Boulevard from west of SW 24 Avenue to east of NW/SW 18 Avenue
Proposed Activity:	The PD&E Study will develop three viable alternatives and alignments to increase the level of service of the interchange and adjacent intersections, enhance system linkage and modal interrelationships at I-95 and Broward Boulevard, reduce congestion, and increase safety at the interchange through the 2040 design year horizon. The study will be compatible with the proposed I-95 Express Lanes Improvements Phase 3 and 3A and will evaluate comprehensive improvements to the surrounding multimodal facilities.
Class of Action:	Type II Categorical Exclusion
ETDM Number:	14226



FIGURE 1 LOCATION MAP





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## II. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The FDOT, District Four, is currently conducting a PD&E Study that proposes improvements to the SR-9/I-95 and SR-842/Broward Boulevard Interchange in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. The study area extends along SR 9/I-95 from north of Davie Boulevard to south of Sunrise Boulevard, a distance of approximately two miles, and along Broward Boulevard from NW/SW 24th Avenue (milepost 4.886) to east of NW/SW 18th Avenue (milepost 5.4), a distance of approximately one half mile, as well as the I-95 median ramp connections to and from the Park & Ride lots/Transit Station areas from I-95 north and south of Broward Boulevard, as shown in Figure 1.

SR-842/Broward Boulevard provides the main entry way to the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Central Business District from I-95 and the east-west connection between US-1 and SR-817/University Drive in Plantation. The section of Broward Boulevard from I-95 to NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). I-95 north and south of Broward Boulevard is also a SIS facility and serves as the primary north-south interstate facility that links all major cities in southeast Florida.

There are a number of transit options on Broward Boulevard and the interchange area that provide direct service and transfer connections along the corridor. These include passenger rails service (Tri-Rail and Amtrak) and bus service (Broward County Transit, Breeze, Sun Trolley, I-95 Express Bus, and Tri-Rail Community Connector). There are two Park & Ride lots (I-95 Express Bus and Tri-Rail) located within the interchange area.

The Broward Boulevard interchange has been the subject of several studies over recent years. In 2010, the I-95 Broward County Interchange Assessment Report identified the need to improve the southbound exit ramp. In 2013, FDOT completed a Concept Development Report for the interchange that was initiated by complaints the Department received about excessive delays being experienced by drivers. This Concept Development Report recommended reconstruction of the I-95 northbound exit ramp to provide three exclusive right-turn lanes and widening of the I-95 southbound exit ramp to two lanes. The alternatives will also consider the need to accommodate the I-95 Express Lanes that are currently in the construction phase of the project development process. In 2014, during the design phase of the Express Lanes project, numerous meetings were held with adjacent property owners to address their concerns about the volume

of traffic on SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, which serve as access roads to the rail station and bus service areas, as well as to/from 95 Express via the existing median direct connect ramps. A second westbound lane on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street/SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is being studied to better facilitate the increased volumes through the site. Additionally, new signals were added where both NW and SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues connect to Broward Boulevard, for improved connectivity due to the higher volume of traffic using the express lane direct connect ramps. Finally, the northbound 95 Express Phase 2 express lane markers (plastic poles with buffer between General Use Lanes and Express Lanes) were ended near SR 84, to allow northbound 95 Express traffic to reach Broward Boulevard via the service interchange ramp, as opposed to being forced to circulate through the Park & Ride Lot. These interim improvements were closely coordinated with both the City of Ft. Lauderdale and the local residents, in particular within the Riverland neighborhood in the southwest quadrant of the I-95/Broward Boulevard interchange area.

Broward Boulevard's elevation over I-95 and the transit site/park and ride lots to the west creates vertical access challenges for transit users, bicyclists and pedestrians looking to connect with the transit services available in the area. As a result of these challenges and due to its location as the entry way to downtown Fort Lauderdale, this interchange has been the subject of a variety of studies including the City of Fort Lauderdale's Gateway Vision and FDOT's Broward Boulevard Transit Corridor Study. Each of these studies has evaluated these challenges and recommended improvements to the west side of the interchange where connections to Tri-Rail and the I-95 Express Bus service are offered. These prior studies and recommendations will be considered as the alternatives are developed during this PD&E study.

### III. PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND NEED

This project proposes improvement to the SR-9/I-95 and SR-842/Broward Boulevard Interchange in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. The proposed improvements will address automobile, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian modes and will ensure the study area continues to meet mobility and safety goals as travel demand continues to grow.

The primary purpose of this study is to develop and evaluate design concepts that will improve traffic flow to and from I-95, as well as along Broward Boulevard, increase connectivity between the 95 Express Lanes and Broward Boulevard, and improve intermodal connectivity. The primary need for this project is to enhance system linkage and modal interrelationships at the I-95/Broward Boulevard Interchange. Direct connections between the I-95 Express Lanes and Broward Boulevard, as well as the surrounding intermodal facilities, are desired.

There are a number of transit options on Broward Boulevard that provide direct service and transfer connections along the corridor, as outlined in the Project Background above. The desired geometric and operational improvements to the interchange and surrounding facilities will reduce bus travel times, improve intermodal connectivity and improve access to bus stops. Direct access to Broward Boulevard from the Express Lanes and Park & Ride lots for the I-95 Express Bus is desired. The functionality of the ramps and Park & Ride road network should also be improved.

Secondary considerations for the purpose and need include:

- **Capacity:** The improvements proposed as part of the interchange project will be developed to complement the I-95 Express Lanes improvements by enhancing existing connectivity within the Park & Ride lots, improving existing I-95/Broward Boulevard terminal intersections, and providing more efficient/direct Express Lane access to and from Broward Boulevard.
- **Safety:** The improvements are to include safe connections for pedestrians with transit services, circulation of traffic within the Park & Ride lot network, access between the Express Lanes and Broward Boulevard.
- **Transportation Demand:** The Broward Boulevard Interchange Project PD&E is included in the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2015-2019 and the FDOT Work Program FY 2015-2019.
- **Social Demands and Economic Development:** Social and economic demands on the I-95 corridor will continue to increase as population and employment increase. These numbers reflect growth rates in Broward County of 13.4 percent for population and 10.4 percent for jobs by 2040. These numbers do not account for growth in commuters from adjacent areas that may use this interchange to access jobs.
- **Emergency Evacuation:** The project is anticipated to improve emergency evacuation capabilities by enhancing connectivity and accessibility to major arterials designated on the state evacuation route.

#### IV. IDENTIFICATION OF AGENCIES AND AFFECTED PUBLIC

The following local, regional, state, and federal agencies having a concern in this project due to jurisdictional review or expressed interest have been identified and will be contacted directly by the FDOT through the Advance Notification (AN) process at the outset of the project in accordance with the PD&E Manual, Part 1, Chapter 3, Advance Notification. As other concerned public agencies are identified throughout the study, they also will be listed and contacted.

**State:**

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Florida Department of State  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Florida Inland Navigation District

**Federal:**

Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Highway Administration

National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Park Service  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
US Department of Interior Director  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Native American Tribes:**

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
Roy Jackson- FDOT State Cultural Resources Coordinator  
Vacant- FHWA Office of Project Development Environmental Team Leader

**Regional:**

Broward MPO  
South Florida Water Management District  
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)

**Local Elected and Appointed Officials:**

Federal Delegation:

Senator Rick Scott  
<http://www.rickscott.senate.gov/>

Senator Marco Rubio  
<http://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/>

Representative Alcee L. Hastings; Florida District 20  
<http://alceehastings.house.gov/>

Florida State Senators for Local Districts:

Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr., District 33  
<https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/s33>

Senator Gary M. Farmer Jr., District 34  
<https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/s34>



Florida State Representatives for Local Districts:

Representative Bobby DuBose, District 94  
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4612&LegislativeTermId=86>

County:

Bertha Henry; County Administrator, Broward County  
<http://www.broward.org/Administrator/Pages/Default.aspx>

Marty Kiar; Property Appraiser, Broward County (January 2017)  
<http://www.bcpa.net/homepage.asp>

Richard Tornese; Director Highway Construction & Engineering, Broward County  
<http://www.broward.org/Publicworks/BCEngineering/Pages/Default.aspx>

MPO Board:

Gregory Stuart; Executive Director, Broward MPO  
<http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/about-the-mpo/our-board>

Commissioner Richard Blattner; Chair, Broward MPO  
<http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/about-the-mpo/our-board>

Councilmember Bryan Caletka; Vice-Chair, Broward MPO  
<http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/about-the-mpo/our-board>

Mayor Frank C. Ortis; Deputy Vice-Chair, Broward MPO  
<http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/about-the-mpo/our-board>

MPO Advisory Committees:

Ken Reinhardt; Chairman, Citizens' Advisory Committee  
<http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/our-committees/citizen-s-advisory-committee-cac>

Paul Carpenter; Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee  
<http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/our-committees/technical-advisory-committee>

County Commission:

Commissioner Tim Ryan, District 7  
<http://www.broward.org/Commission/District7/Pages/Default.aspx>

Water Control District:

South Florida Water Management District; Federico Fernandez  
<https://www.sfwmd.gov/board-members>



Cities: Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/>

Dean J. Trantalis; Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale  
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/city-commission/mayor-dean-j-trantalis>

Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen; Vice Mayor, District 1, City of Fort Lauderdale  
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/city-commission/vice-mayor-ben-sorensen>

Lee Feldman; City Manager, City of Fort Lauderdale  
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/about-the-city-manager-s-office>

Julie Leonard; Director Transportation and Mobility, City of Fort Lauderdale  
<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/transportation-and-mobility/transportation-division>

Bob Wojcik, AICP; Manager, City of Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency Housing and Economic Development  
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/community-redevelopment-agency/cra-staff-contact-information>

The following local, state, and national public interest groups or organizations having a direct, or previously expressed, interest in the project study have been identified and will be contacted by the FDOT.

#### TITLE VI

To ensure compliance with Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other related statutes, minority groups will be identified as an element of the concerned public. **Figures 2 and 3** show the census tracts within the study area with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) obtained from the 2014 update of the 2010 census data. The LEP designation refers to the census tracts where more than five percent of the population has been identified as speaking English “not well” and/or “not at all”. **Figure 2** displays the LEP population of 2,271 people, or 7.2%, out of 31,523 people in the study area that do not speak English well and are Spanish speakers. **Figure 3** shows 1,290, or 4.1%, of people in the study area are French Creole speakers that do not speak English well. Translators will be present at all public meetings and the need for Spanish and Creole translations of materials will be assessed during the Public Kick-Off Meeting. An effort will be made to disseminate material to the community in accordance with the LEP guidelines as specified in Chapter 11 of the PD&E Manual to ultimately encourage and retrieve feedback on the project.

FIGURE 2 LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY – SPANISH SPEAKERS MAP

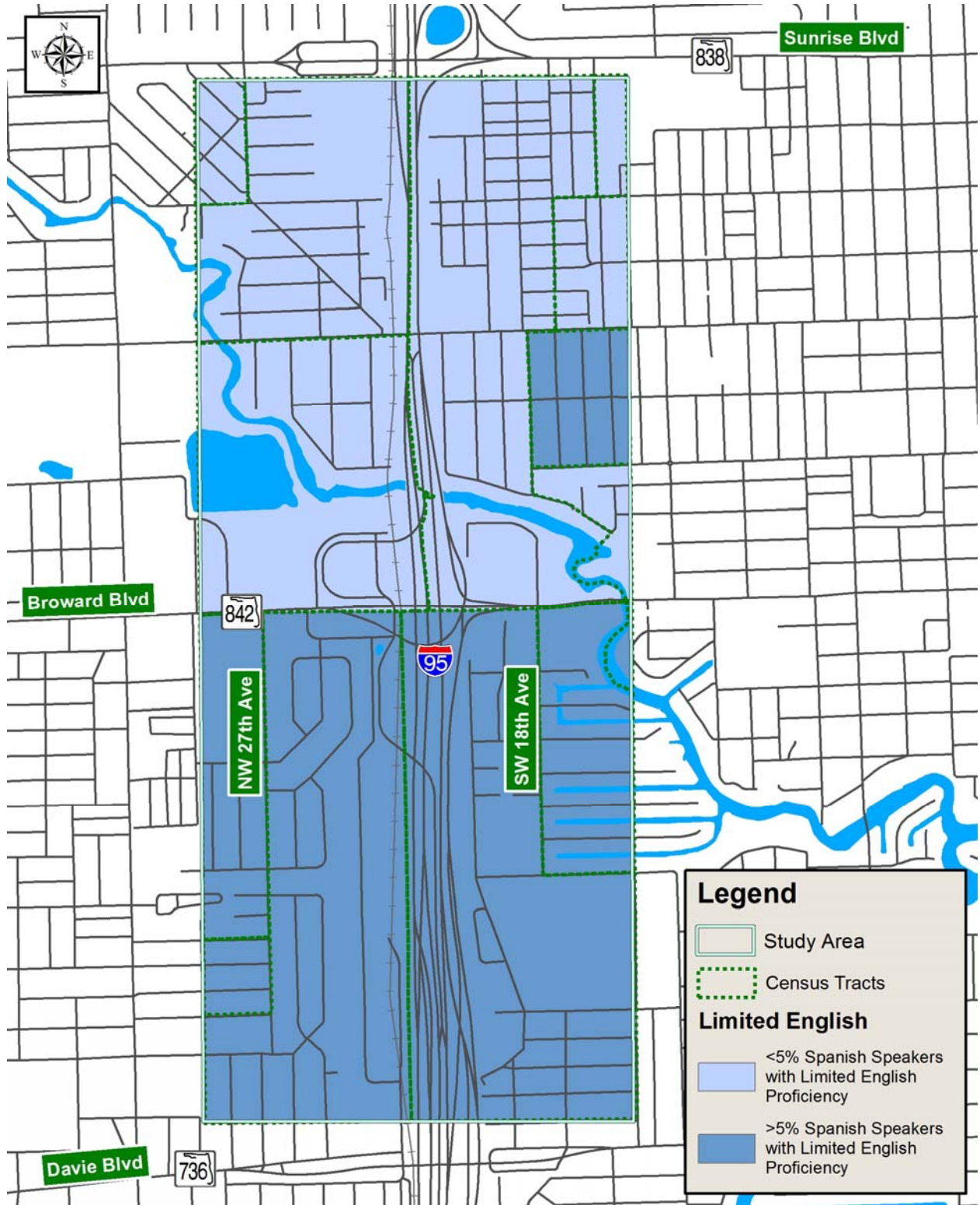
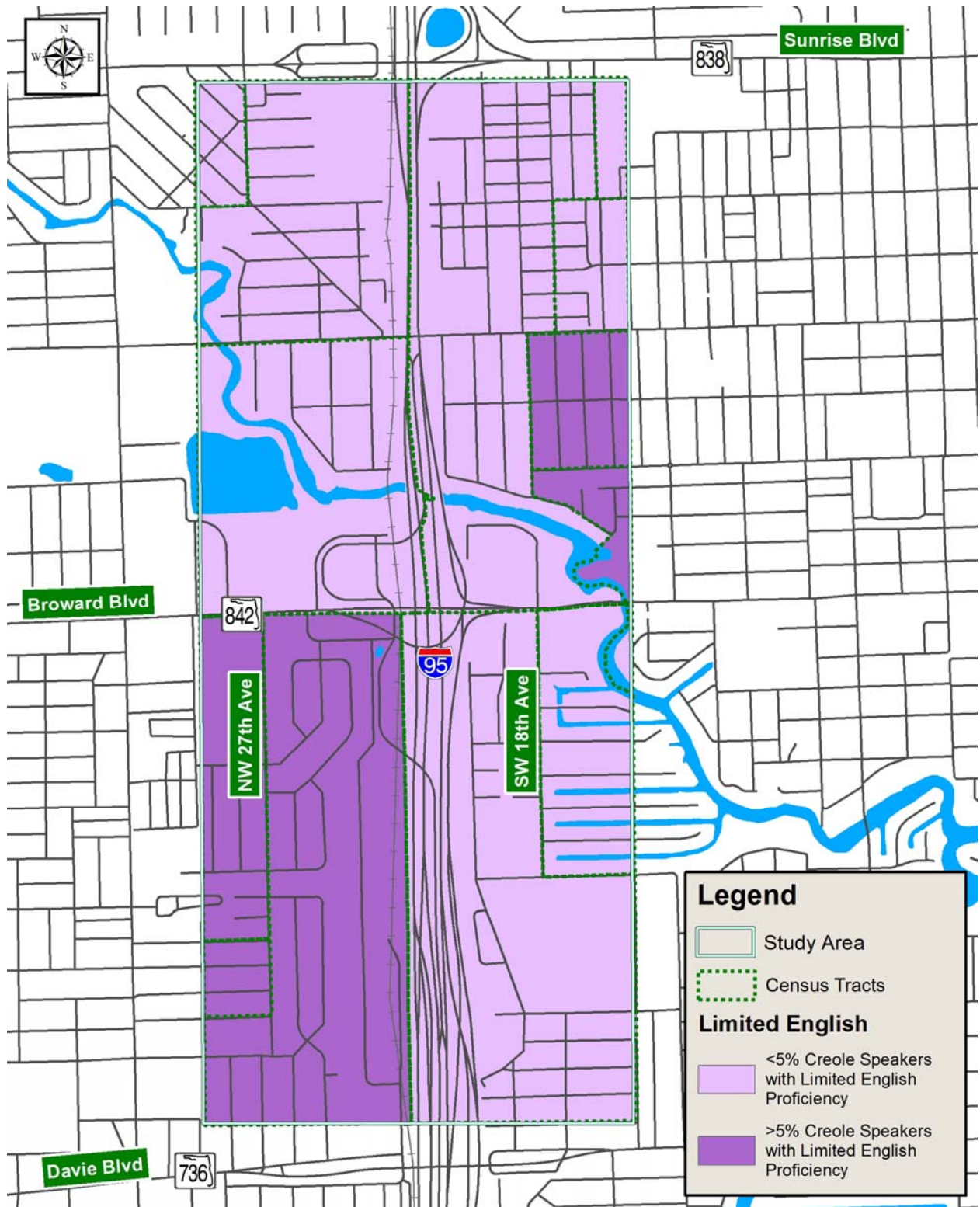




FIGURE 3 LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY – CREOLE SPEAKERS MAP





## V. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The following technique(s) may be used to notify the public of the proposed transportation improvement and to solicit public input into the project development process.

### Newspaper:

Sun Sentinel & El Sentinel  
500 E. Broward Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394  
(954) 356-4000  
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/>

Westside Gazette  
545 NW 7 Terrace  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310  
(954) 525-1489  
<http://thewestsidegazette.com>

### Online:

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov>  
<https://www.facebook.com/MyFDOTSEFL>  
[https://twitter.com/MyFDOT\\_SEFL](https://twitter.com/MyFDOT_SEFL)  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MyFDOTSEFL>

### Additional optional, cost-effective media outreach resources include:

- Variable Message Signs to alert commuters at this interchange of upcoming meetings
- MPO and cities resources such as their respective websites

### Radio (should the need arise):

WLRN 91.3FM  
172 NE 15th St.  
Miami, FL 33132  
305-749-8501

WIOD 610 AM  
7601 Riviera Boulevard  
Miramar, FL 33023  
954-862-2000

### Briefings with Local Officials:

The project team has conducted and plans to conduct briefings with local elected officials who represent areas to be affected by this study to ensure a proper flow of information to constituents, including the City of Fort Lauderdale as well as the MPO Board. Initial briefings took place with the Elected Officials/Appointed Officials at the Kick-Off meeting held on November 3, 2016, with additional follow-up meetings being scheduled per the officials' requests. Meetings and discussions with the City of Fort Lauderdale have been ongoing. A presentation of the alternative designs will be made to the MPO Boards, Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee prior to the spring 2019 Public Hearing.

**Other Public and Agency Meetings:**

In addition, the project team has and will prepare for, attend and provide follow up for meetings with the public, elected officials, special interest groups or public agencies as requested.

Specific to the future needs/plans for the Park and Ride Lot and Transit station on the NW and SW quadrants of the interchange, the Study team conducted a technical workshop on February 14, 2017 with the City of Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, SFRTA, and other agency stakeholders with interest and involvement with the site, to factor in the long-term uses of the site in the preferred alternative that will come from the PD&E Study.

The Team has also met with Dev Matwani on March 20, 2017 regarding his development of the Riverland Corporate Park, the Woodland Cemetery Preservation group on August 31, 2017, and the SFRTA Planning Technical Advisory Committee on October 18, 2018. A presentation was made to the Dorsey Riverbend Homeowners Association on November 26, 2018, Riverland Civic Assoc on December 3, 2018 and to Riverside Park Residents Association on December 5, 2018. Both River Garden/Sweeting Estates and Durrs Community Associated are scheduled for presentations in January 2019.

**Letters/Newsletters/Factsheets:**

Invitational and informational letters and newsletters have been and will be distributed to elected and appointed officials, property owners/tenants, business owners/operators, and interested parties.

A fact sheet has been and will be prepared and distributed with the kick off meeting notifications. This fact sheet will also be available on the project website and at various locations throughout the study, pending approval by property and business owners for such distribution. It is anticipated that one newsletter will be distributed for this study at meetings and along corridor. The newsletter edition is estimated at 1,000 copies. Notices may be hand-delivered to residences and businesses located directly along the project corridor as deemed necessary by FDOT.

**News/Press Releases:**

News/press releases will be submitted to the FDOT seven (7) days prior to each public meeting and the Public Hearing.

**Public Notices/Legal Display Ads:**

Public advertisement have consisted and will consist of a legal display advertisement published in the Sun Sentinel prior to all public meetings (twice for the public hearing), and once to announce Federal Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA) at the end of the study. Additionally, an announcement of the public meeting will be published in the Florida

Administrative Register at least seven (7) days prior to each public meeting and will be posted on the FDOT Public Notices website.

**Public Announcements:**

In order to distribute PD&E Study information, outreach materials have been and will be made available to organizations including neighborhood/civic groups, City of Fort Lauderdale, and Broward County to publish in existing newsletters and websites. Any such correspondence will be coordinated with the District's Public Involvement Coordinator's approval.

**Direct Mail List for Public Meetings:**

The following have been and will be contacted by direct mail to obtain input throughout the project development process and/or to provide project information:

- Those whose property lies, in whole or part, within a minimum of 300 feet on either side of the centerline of each project alternative (Section 339.155 FS), as well as other local citizens who may be impacted by the construction of this project. This portion of the mailing list will be based on the County Property Appraiser's tax rolls.
- Additional local elected and appointed public officials or individuals who request to be placed on the mailing list for this project.
- Additional public and private groups, organizations, agencies, or businesses that request to be placed on the mailing list for this project.

**Presentations to Local Officials:**

Presentations have been and may be given to local officials and agencies, including the MPO, and will be scheduled prior to the Public Hearing to apprise local officials of the project status, specific location and design concepts, and to receive their comments.

**Public Information Meetings:**

Three meetings (including an Elected Officials/Agency Kickoff, Public Kickoff, and Alternatives Public Meeting) were planned to present the project and conceptual alternatives being considered as well as to obtain comments from the general public.

- Elected Officials/Agency Officials Kick-Off Meeting was held 11/3/2016
- Property Owner Kick-off Meeting was held 11/9/16
- Alternative Public Workshop #1 was held 9/14/2017
- Alternatives Public Workshop #2 was held 11/14/17



**Public Hearing:**

A formal Public Hearing, as required by Federal Regulations and State Law, will be held and is currently scheduled for March 18, 2019. Technical, graphical renderings of the alternatives will be used for this meeting.

**Informal Meetings:**

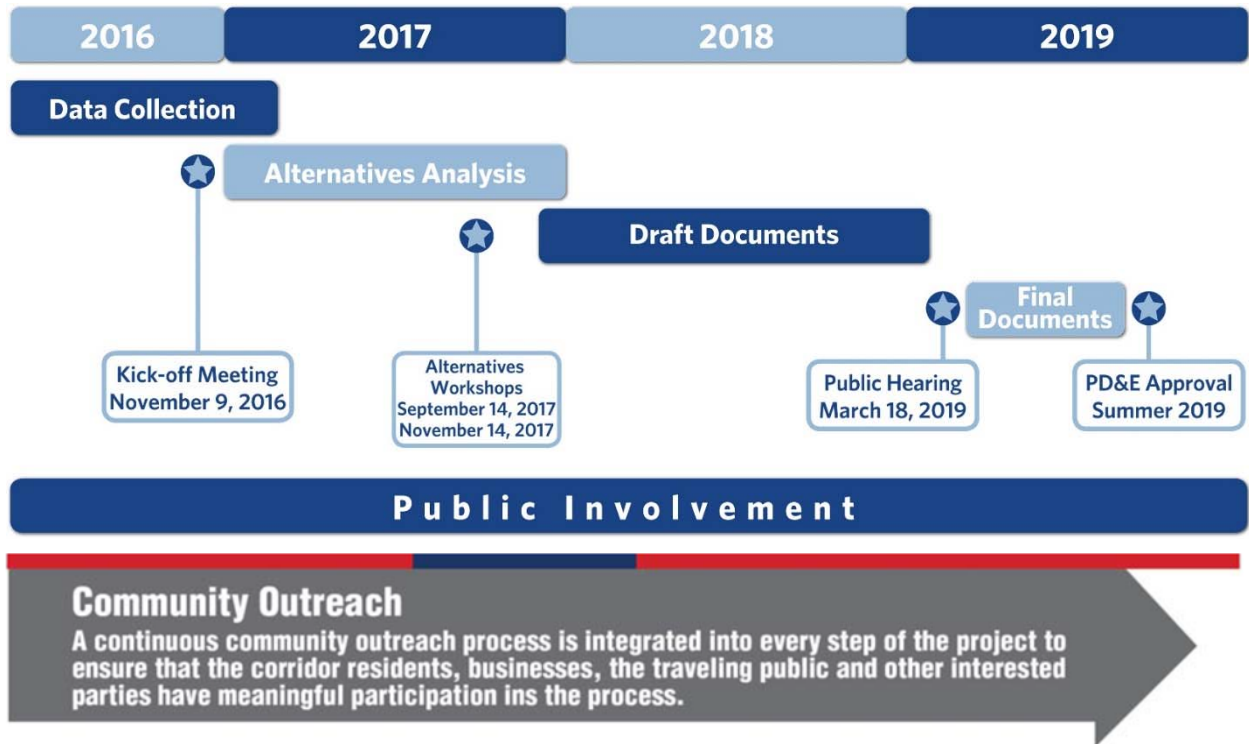
In addition to the scheduled public meetings, there have been and will be additional informational meetings with the public, elected and appointed officials, public agencies, or civic groups. The purpose of these meetings has been and will be to apprise the attendees of the project status and specific location and design concepts as well as to receive input.

**Disclosure:**

All printed materials as outlined above shall disclose to the public and agencies, as part of agency outreach and public involvement procedures, including but not limited to the PIP, newsletters, meeting notices, and PowerPoint presentation, the disclosure below:

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.

FIGURE 4 PROJECT SCHEDULE



## VI. COORDINATION WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

Efforts are being made to coordinate with Broward MPO, Broward County Commissioners, City of Fort Lauderdale Council, and key stakeholders for this project. Due to project limits and influence areas, both Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale will need to be engaged throughout the project.

Copies of aerial maps depicting all alignment and design concepts under consideration, along with draft copies of engineering and environmental study documentation, will be furnished to the County and City Engineers for their review. Updated information will also be forwarded to the County prior to the scheduled Public Hearing for review and comment.

## VII. ANALYSIS AND SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A *Public Involvement Summary Report* (known as the *Comments and Coordination Report* in the PD&E Manual) will be developed to summarize the Public Hearing results and recommendations. The report also will contain the overall input provided through the other public involvement techniques utilized in the project development process leading up to the Public Hearing. This report will be forwarded to the District Project Development Engineer.

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

In compliance with the "Project Development and Environmental Manual," 23 CFR 771 and Section 339.155, FS, a Public Hearing will be held.

### Public Hearing Site:

Several different facilities have been investigated and will be visited again prior to the Public Hearing to reserve an appropriate location that will accommodate the anticipated number of attendees and meet all requirements outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The following preliminary location has been identified for the Public Hearing or other public meetings:

**African American Research Library and Cultural Center  
Auditorium**  
2550 Sistrunk Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
150-person capacity  
Abundant parking spots, including disabled spots  
ADA compliant  
954-357-6282



**Public Advertisement:**

A legal display advertisement will appear in the Sun Sentinel twice; the first to appear at least 21 days and no more than 30 days prior to the Public Hearing and the second to appear seven (7) days and no more than 10 days prior to the Public Hearing. Press releases and other project notices will also be sent to the publication. "Proof of Publication" will be obtained for confirmed publications.

**Online:**

All advertisements to local newspapers will be sent via e-mail and posted at the referenced online outreach sources in the PIP. In addition, an announcement of the Public Hearing will be published in the Florida Administrative Register at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Hearing, and will be posted on the FDOT Public Notices website.

**Letters of Invitation:**

Letters will be mailed to all property owners as required by Section 339.155, F.S., e-mailed to local elected officials, and e-mailed to appointed government officials notifying them of the upcoming Public Hearing. Notices may also be hand-delivered to residences and businesses located directly along the project corridor as deemed necessary by FDOT. Notification will be received by property owners at least 21 calendar days prior to the date of the hearing. Letters will include notification of request for participants with special needs (ADA) and translation services (Limited English Proficiency) within 7 days of Public Involvement events.

**Hearing Preparation:**

Tape recordings, slide presentations and/or video presentations, project corridor aerial maps, graphics and handouts will be prepared to supplement the oral Public Hearing presentation.

**Transcript:**

A verbatim transcript of the Public Hearing will be compiled to include written comments received at the Hearing and written comments received within the established comment period after the Hearing. All Public Hearing documentation (handouts, presentation, graphics, etc.) will be included with the Transcript Package.

**Documents for Public Review:**

Environmental and engineering reports to support the PD&E study's evaluation will be available for public review at least 21 calendar days prior to the Public Hearing date.

**Locations of Documents for Public Review:**

A public notice will be provided in the Public Hearing advertisement and mailed along with invitational letters advising as to where the study documents will be located for public review. Documents include the Project Development Summary Report, Environmental documents and other supporting documents providing information regarding the alternatives analysis. The draft Environmental Documents will be available for public review at least 21 calendar days prior to the public hearing date.

Suggested public review sites are:

**African American Research Library  
and Cultural Center**

2650 Sistrunk Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311  
954- 357-6282  
Monday & Wednesday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday through  
Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Florida Department of Transportation  
District Four**

3400 W. Commercial Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308  
954-486-1400  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Title VI and Related Statutes:**

Information on the FDOT Title VI Program and the Uniform Relocation Assistance Program, which complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and other nondiscrimination authorities, will be provided during the Public Hearing in the presentation, by handout, signage and through available personnel.

**Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance:**

Notification of the Department’s intent to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be provided in public advertisements for the Public Hearing, in invitational letters to property owners/tenants and local officials, in handouts and by the selection of a Public Hearing site that meets all requirements.

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING FOLLOW-UP**

The following procedures will occur after the Public Hearing.

**Responses:**

Responses to all letters received as a result of the Public Hearing and questions and comments not answered at the Public Hearing will be made in writing.

**Recommendation Notice:**

A legal notice announcing the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) approval of the final document and recommendations will be published in the Sun Sentinel. In addition, news items detailing the Department's recommendations to FHWA will be provided to local media.

**Public Hearing Transcript Package:**

A Transcript Package will be produced and submitted following the Public Hearing. The Transcript Package will include a verbatim Hearing transcript prepared by an approved court reporter, an errata sheet detailing any transcript discrepancies, a copy of all correspondence received by the Department as part of the Public Hearing record, and affidavits of publication for newspaper ads advertising the Hearing.

**X. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY REPORT**

All public involvement activities, meetings, minutes and correspondence will be documented in a timely manner, and this documentation will be maintained in the public involvement project binder.

This binder will contain sections for coordination with local officials and agencies, stakeholders, specific workshops and public meetings, media coverage, all public comments and responses, Advance Notification, the verbatim transcript from the Public Hearing, proof of publication of legal ads, sign-in sheets, Public Hearing certification, any Title VI Requests and Complaints, all public correspondence and any documents deemed necessary to include based on the nature of the project. It will be updated throughout the life of the project and duplicated as needed and determined by the Project Manager. At the conclusion of the study, an electronic version of the binder will be created in addition to all hard copies. The information contained in this binder will be used to develop the Public Involvement Summary Report (known as the Comments and Coordination Report in the PD&E Manual.)

A District Four Public Involvement Summary Report will be produced and submitted at the conclusion of the study in a bound booklet with a cover, containing, at a minimum, all documentation regarding public participation performed throughout the study period that has been documented in the public involvement project binder.

**XI. EVALUATION OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**

A public involvement evaluation process will be developed to assess the effectiveness of the public involvement program utilized throughout the PD&E Study. The evaluation is to be included at the end of the Public Involvement Summary Report. This process will include the results and effectiveness of the public outreach activities, reporting on associated project performance measures, as well as any recommendations for outreach during design. Potential measures could include but are not limited to the total number of invitations mailed out, number of mailings returned, number of special needs



requests/accommodations, number of website visitors, number of unique website visitors, social network growth, history of social network updates, number of public comments received/addressed, and number of informational meetings/briefings, etc.

## **XII. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DURING DESIGN**

It is anticipated that the Design Project Manager will maintain the appropriate level of public involvement activities throughout the final design process. These public involvement activities may include additional coordination meetings with local government and environmental permitting agencies, work sessions and small group meetings, as directed by FDOT.