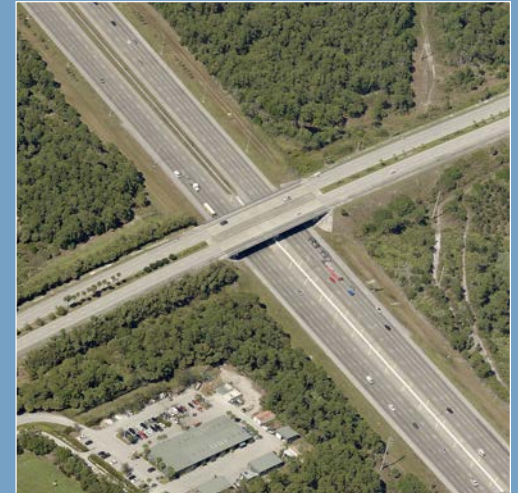
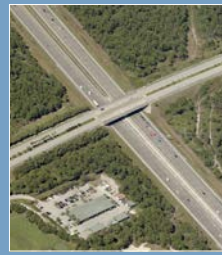


# Public Kick-Off Meeting





## Our Agenda

- Introduction
- What is a PD&E
- Description of Project
- Interchange Justification Report Process & Initial Results
- Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Process
- PD&E Study Schedule
- Closing



# Title VI

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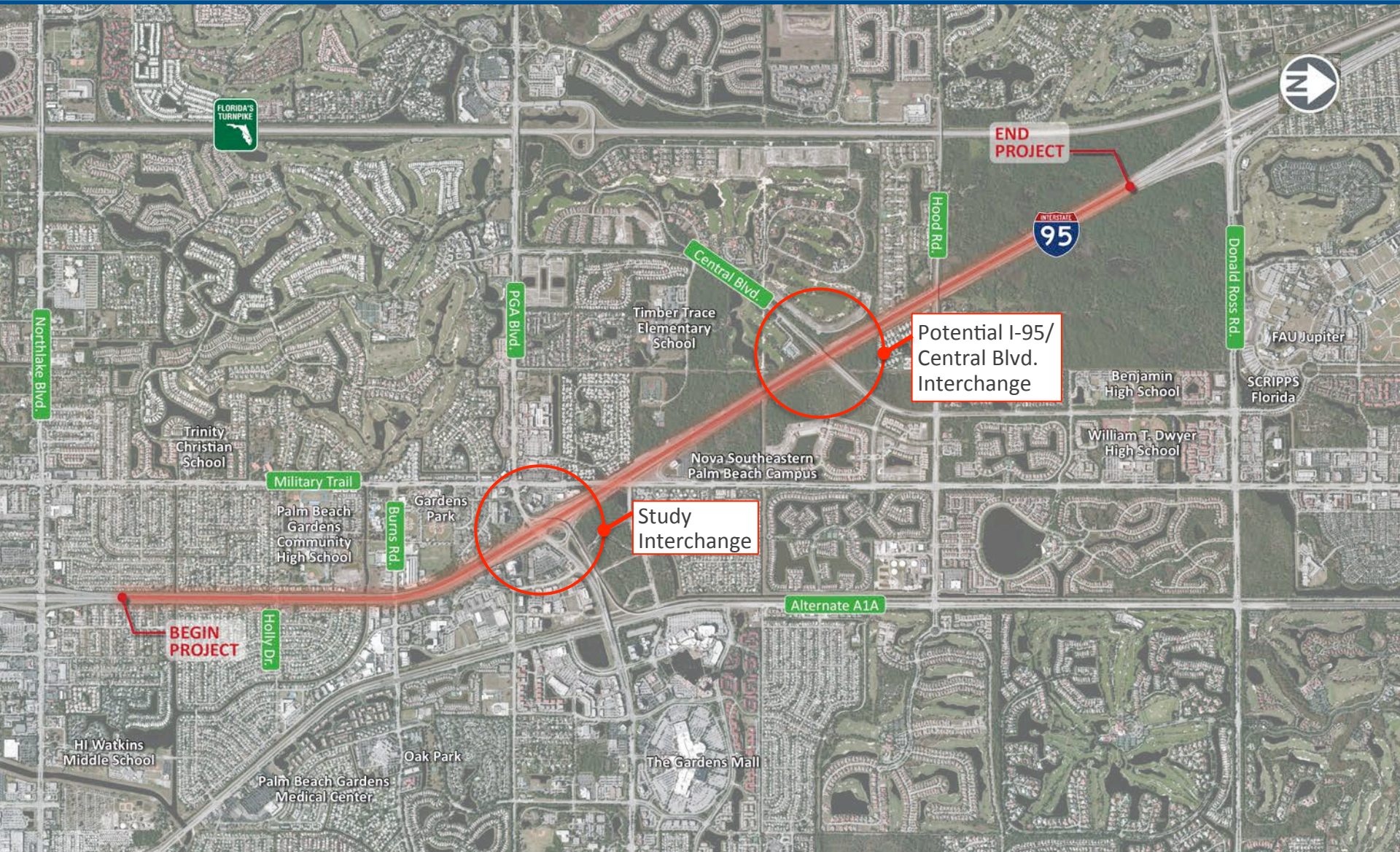
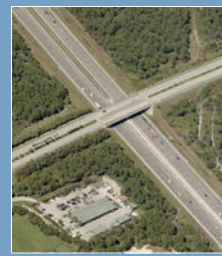
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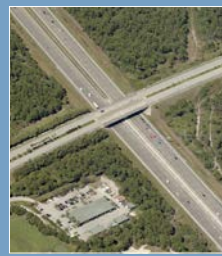
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# Project Purpose and Need

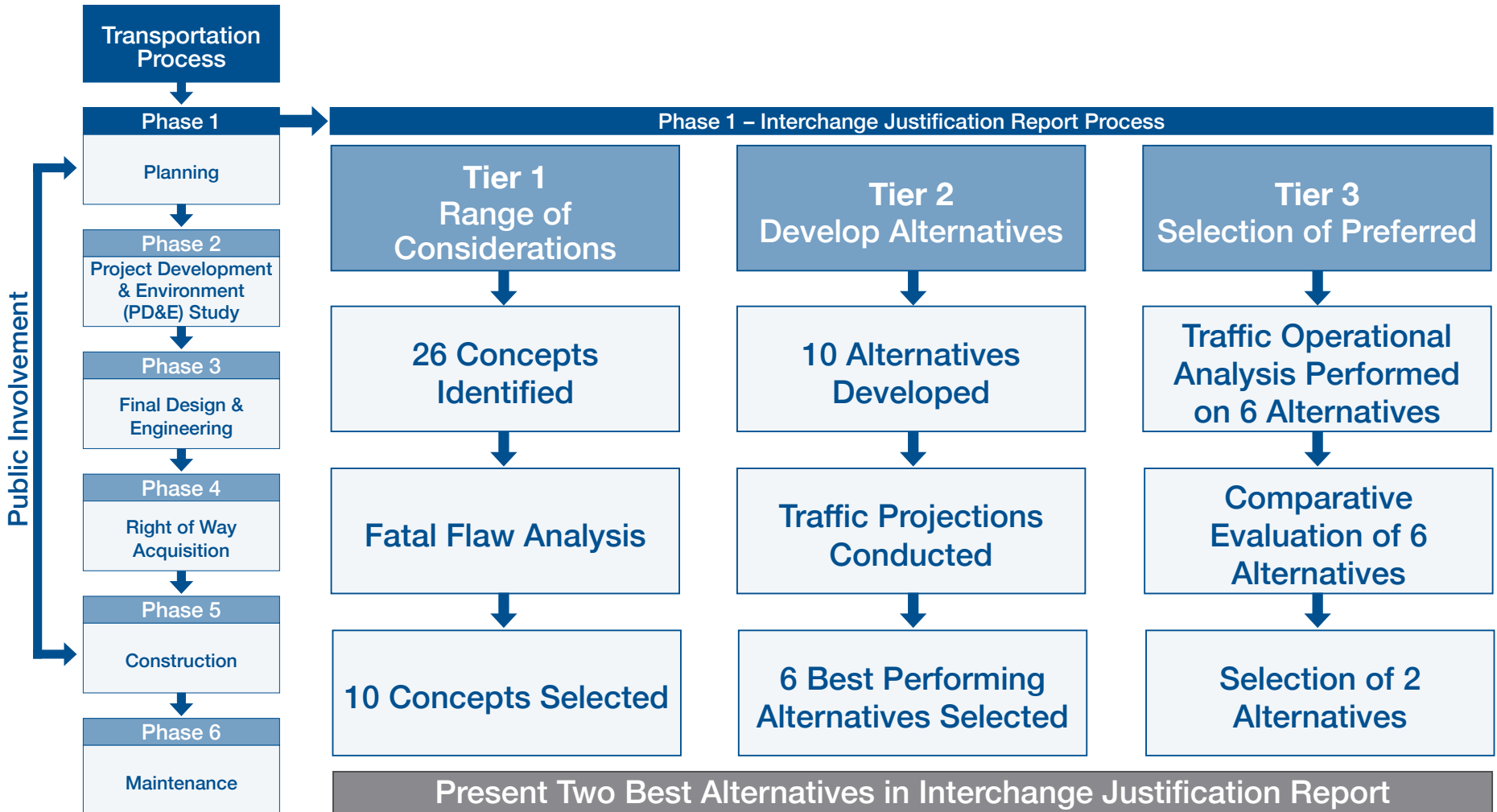
## PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to improve operational capacity and overall traffic operations by providing improvements at the existing interchange of SR 9 (I-95) and SR 786 (PGA Boulevard) in order to achieve acceptable Levels of Service (LOS) at the interchange in the future condition. Conditions at PGA Boulevard are anticipated to deteriorate below acceptable LOS standards if no improvements occur by 2035; the interchange will have insufficient capacity to accommodate the projected travel demand.

## PROJECT NEED

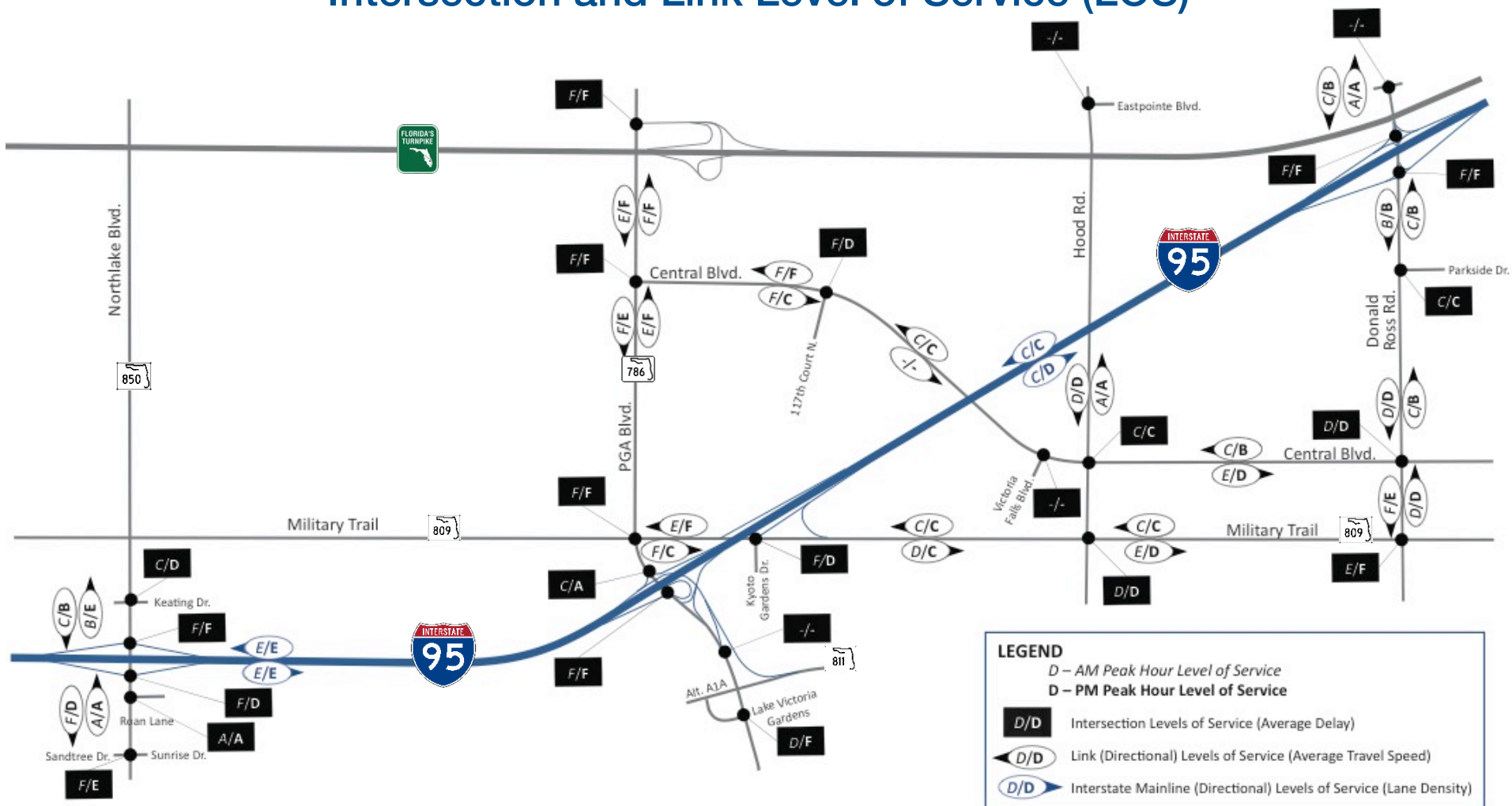
Improvements in the area of the I-95 / PGA Boulevard Interchange are needed in order to:

- Improve Operational Capacity and Overall Traffic Operations (Level of Service)
- Accommodate Future Population and Employment Growth
- Enhance Freight Mobility
- Enhance Emergency Evacuation and Response Times





# Existing (2013) Traffic Conditions Intersection and Link Level of Service (LOS)



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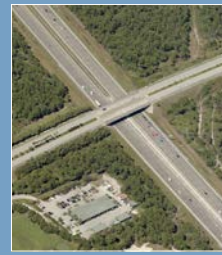


## Highlights of Traffic Issues



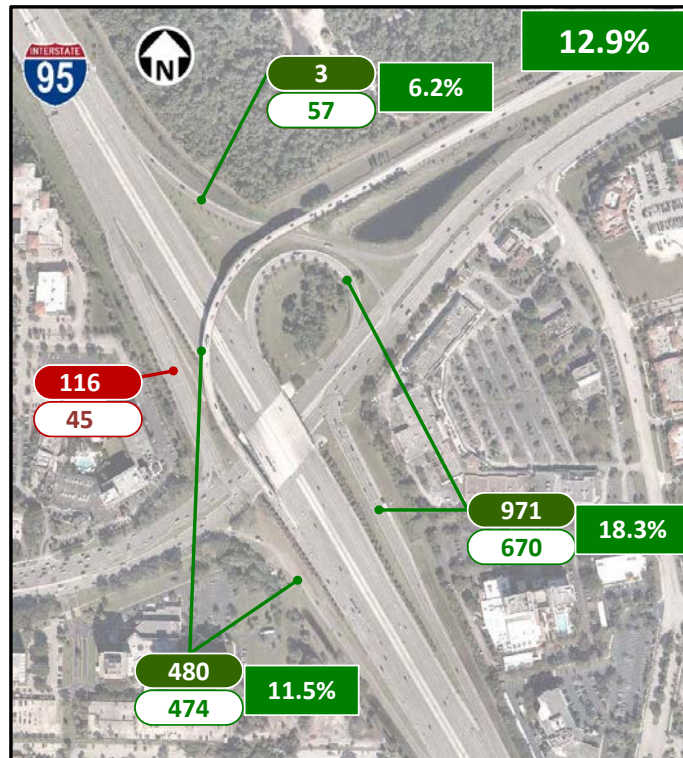
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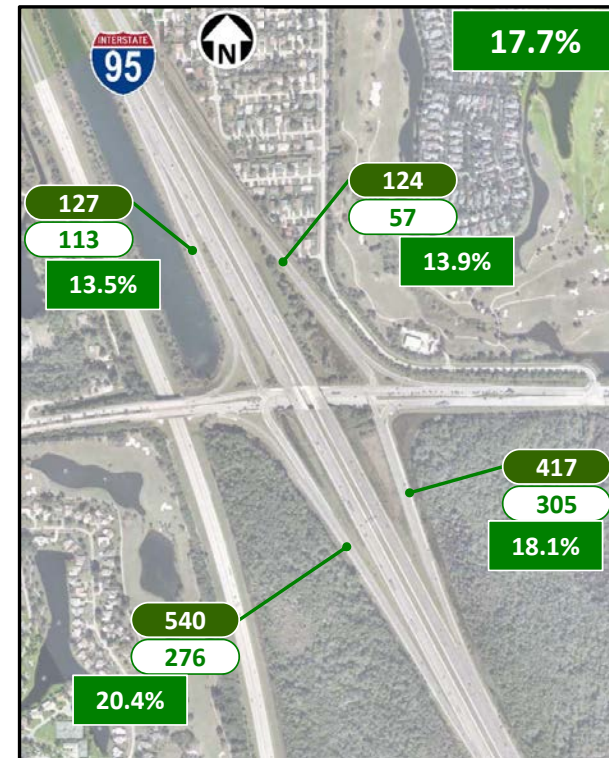




# Traffic Impacts on Adjacent Interchanges



**PGA Boulevard Interchange**  
12.9% Decrease in Peak Hour Traffic



**Donald Ross Road Interchange**  
17.7% Decrease in Peak Hour Traffic

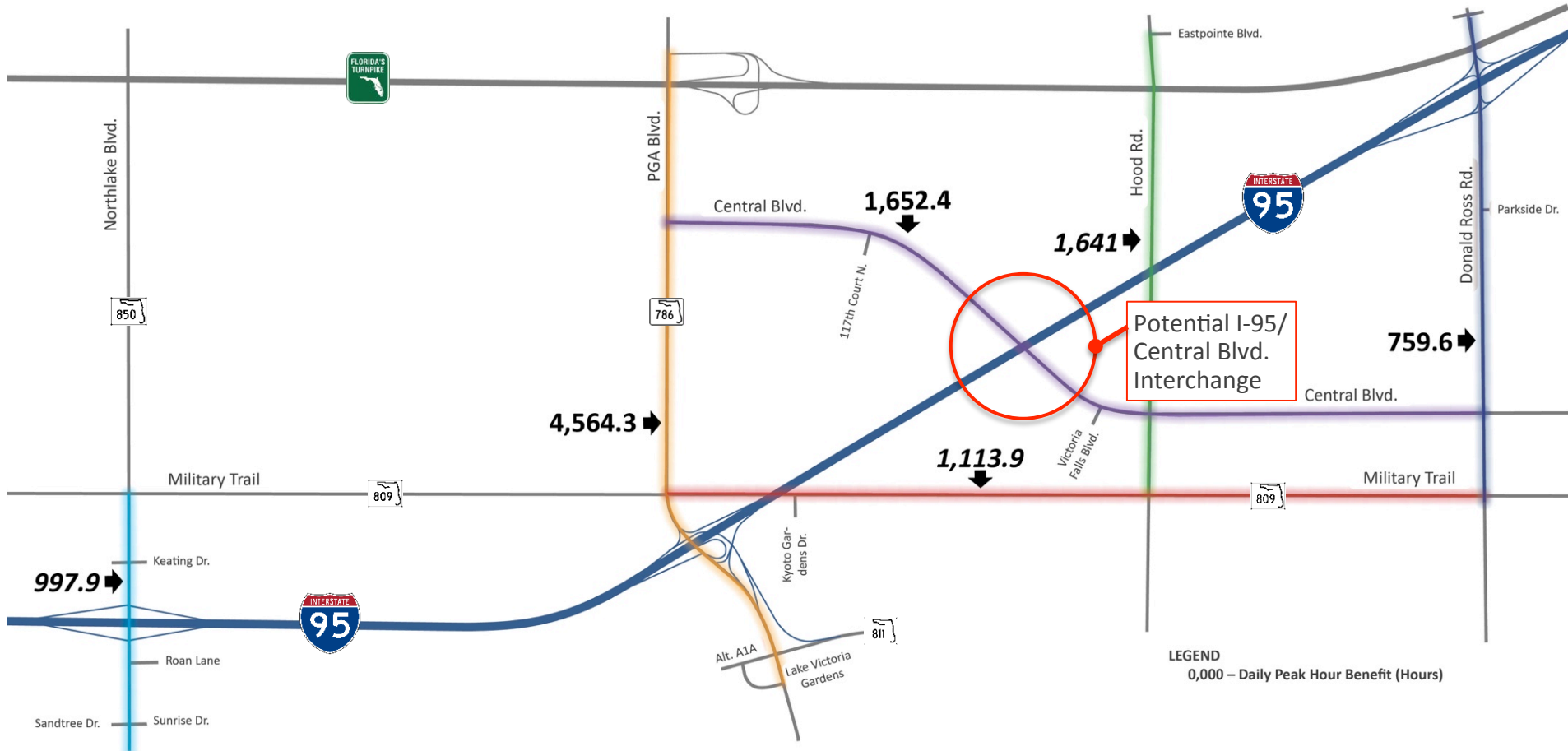
Reduction in 2040 Volumes No-Build to Build			LEGEND			Increase in 2040 Volumes No-Build to Build		
AM	PM	% Reduction				AM	PM	% Increase

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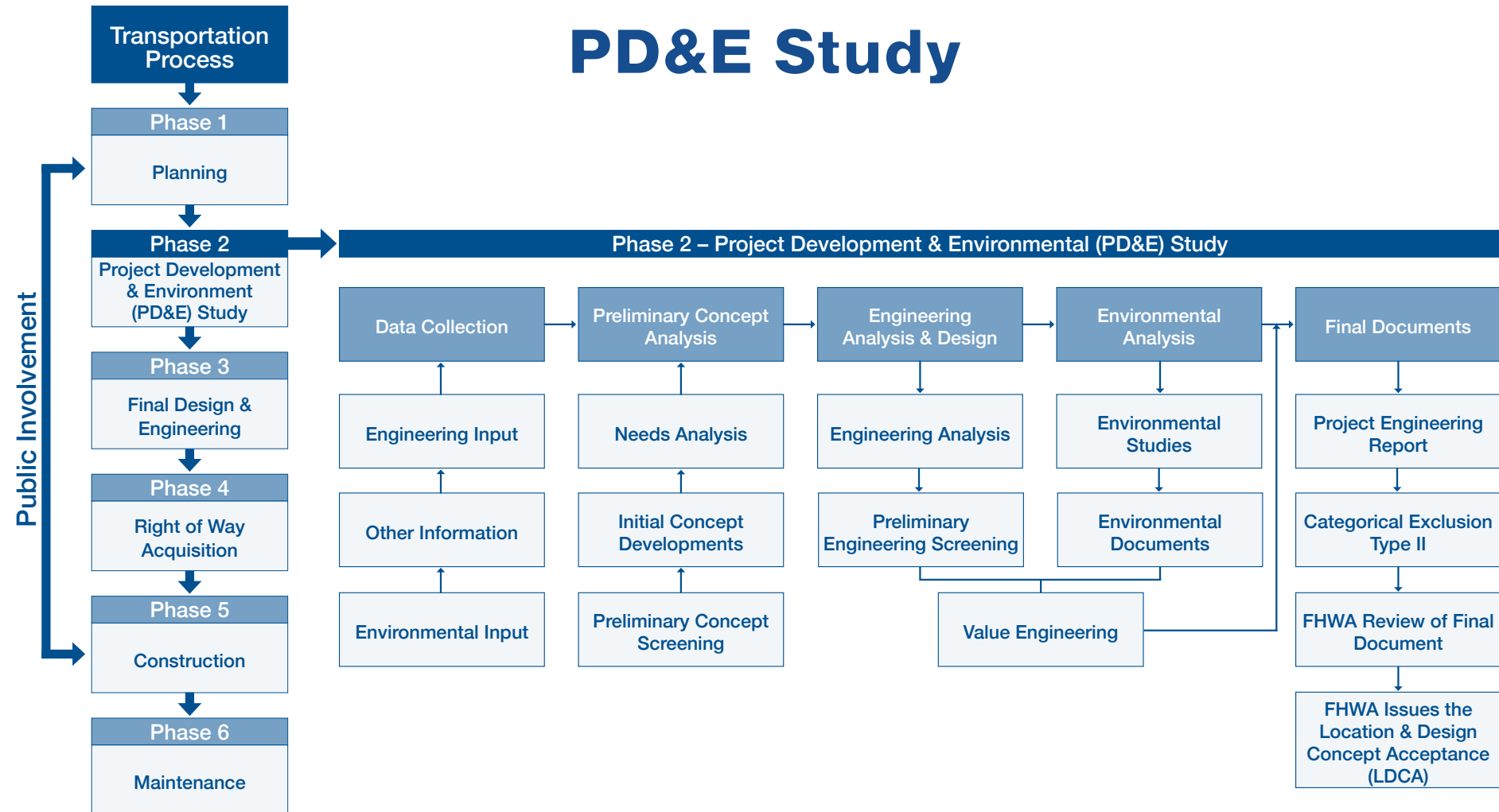


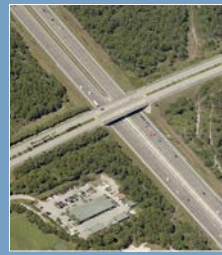
## Daily Delay Reduction (Hours)





## PD&E Study





## Alternatives to be Considered

- No-Build
- Transportation System Management (TSM)
- Improvements to PGA Boulevard Interchange
- New Interchange at Central Boulevard
- Improvements to Arterial Street Intersections



## Key Project Issues

- **Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) #13748**
- Effective/timely decision making without compromising environmental quality
- Enables agencies and public to provide early input about the potential effects of proposed transportation projects

### Project Effects

Natural													Cultural			Community				Secondary and Cumulative Effects
Air Quality	Coastal and Marine	Contaminated Sites	Farmlands	Floodplains	Infrastructure	Navigation	Special Designations	Water Quality and Quantity	Wetlands	Wildlife and Habitat	Historic and Archaeological Sites	Recreation Areas	Section 4(f) Potential	Aesthetics	Economic	Land Use	Mobility	Relocation	Social	
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Alternative #1  
From: South of PGA Blvd To: North of Central Blvd  
DRAFT: un-published version (reviewed from 10/05/2012 to 11/19/2012)

### Degree of Effect Legend

N/A	N/A / No Involvement	0	None	1	Enhanced	2	Minimal	3	Moderate	4	Substantial	5	Dispute Resolution
		(after 12/5/2005)				(after 12/5/2005)						(Programming)	

- Class of Action – **Categorical Exclusion Type II**
- **For more ETDM information regarding this project please visit:**

<https://etdmpub.flas-etat.org/>

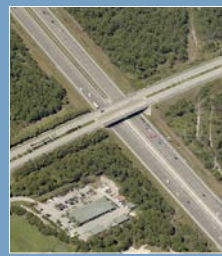


## Key Project Issues

### Natural Resources

- Natural Wetlands outside of current R/W
- Drainage features with wetland vegetation within R/W
- Other Surface Waters - Drainage District Canal
- Lake Worth Lagoon – Palm Beach Coast impaired watershed
- Threatened and Endangered Species

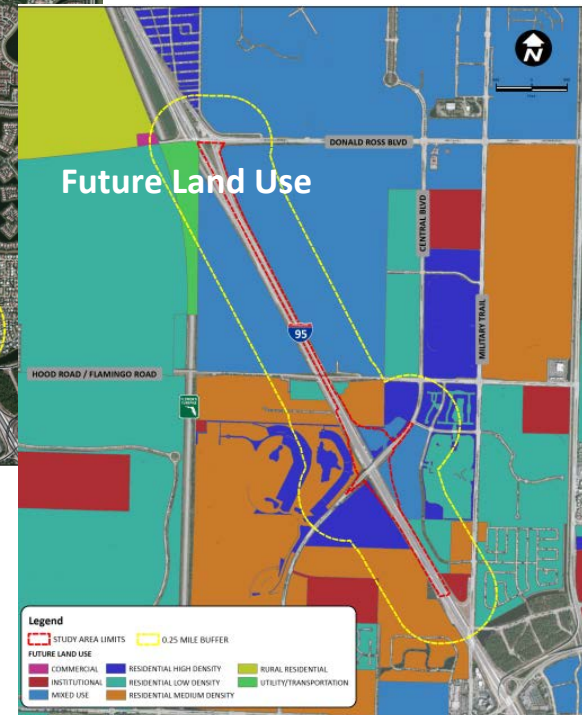


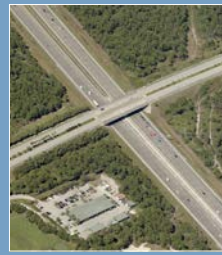


## Key Project Issues

### Socio-economic Benefits

- No relocations anticipated
- No impacts to community facilities
- Increase mobility and access

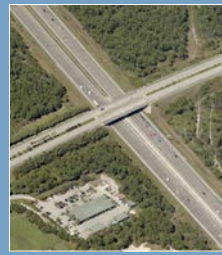




## Key Project Issues

### Noise

- Potential noise sensitive receptors will be identified.
- A Noise Study Report will be prepared.
- Noise abatement will be considered if reasonable and feasible.



## Key Project Issues

### Cultural Resources

- No National Register-listed sites
- One potential historic site
- No known archaeological sites

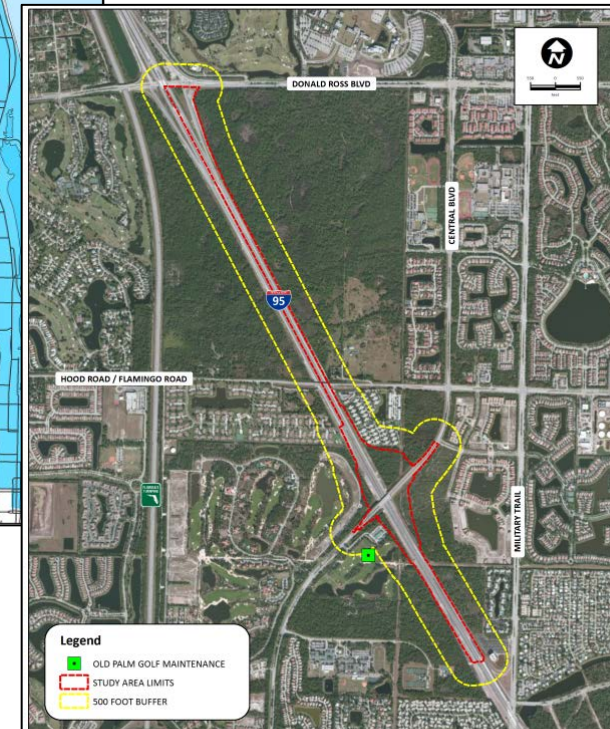
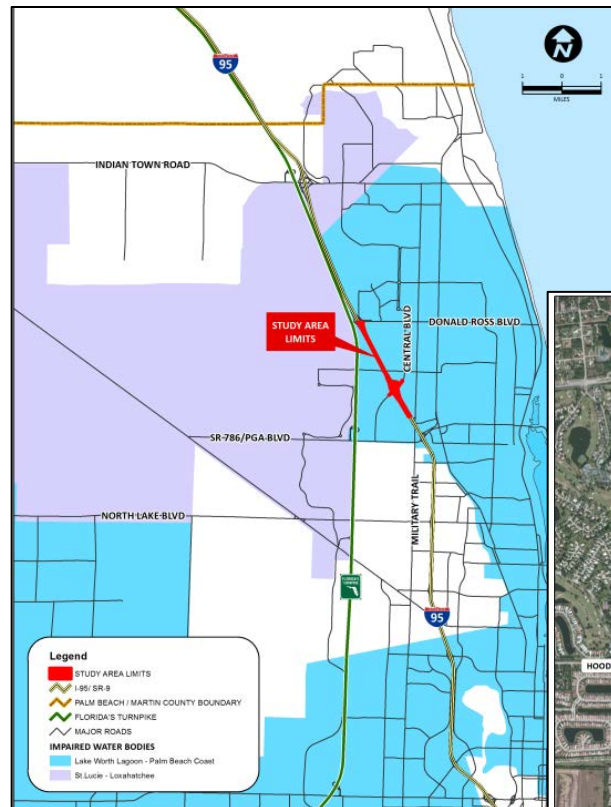
### Recreational Sites

- Palm Beach Gardens District Nature Park
- City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center



## Key Project Issues

- Additional Environmental Analysis will be completed
- Anticipate minor or no impacts to:
  - Water Quality/Floodplains
  - Contamination
  - Air Quality
  - Construction Impacts
  - Aesthetics





# Project Schedule

PHASE I Interchange Justification Process	2015												2016			
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Interchange Justification FHWA Review																
Interchange Justification FHWA Approval																

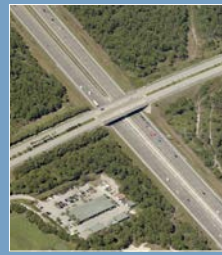
IJR Process

PHASE 2 PD&E Study	2015												2016			
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Notice to Proceed	★															
Project Kick-Off Meeting																
Public Kick-Off Meeting																
Engineering Analysis																
Environmental Analysis																
Alternatives Public Meeting																
Public Hearing																
Federal Highway Administration Review																
Location Design Concept Acceptance																
Public Involvement																

Meetings

Analysis

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# Public Involvement Meetings and Project Schedule

## Public Meetings

- Project Kick Off (January 29, 2015)
- Alternatives Workshop (Summer 2015)
- Public Hearing (Fall 2015)

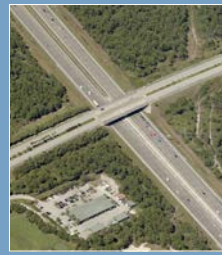
## Newsletters

- Project Status Update after the Alternatives Workshop

Comment Cards are available here tonight!

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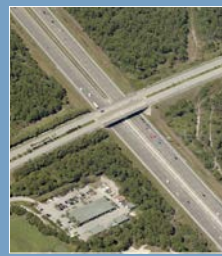


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# Public Comments

