



# US 92 (New Tampa Highway)

from County Line Road to Wabash Avenue  
Polk County

**FDOT**  
Financial  
Project Number:  
433558-1-22-01

## Public Hearing

The Lakeland Center - Lake Hollingsworth Ballroom

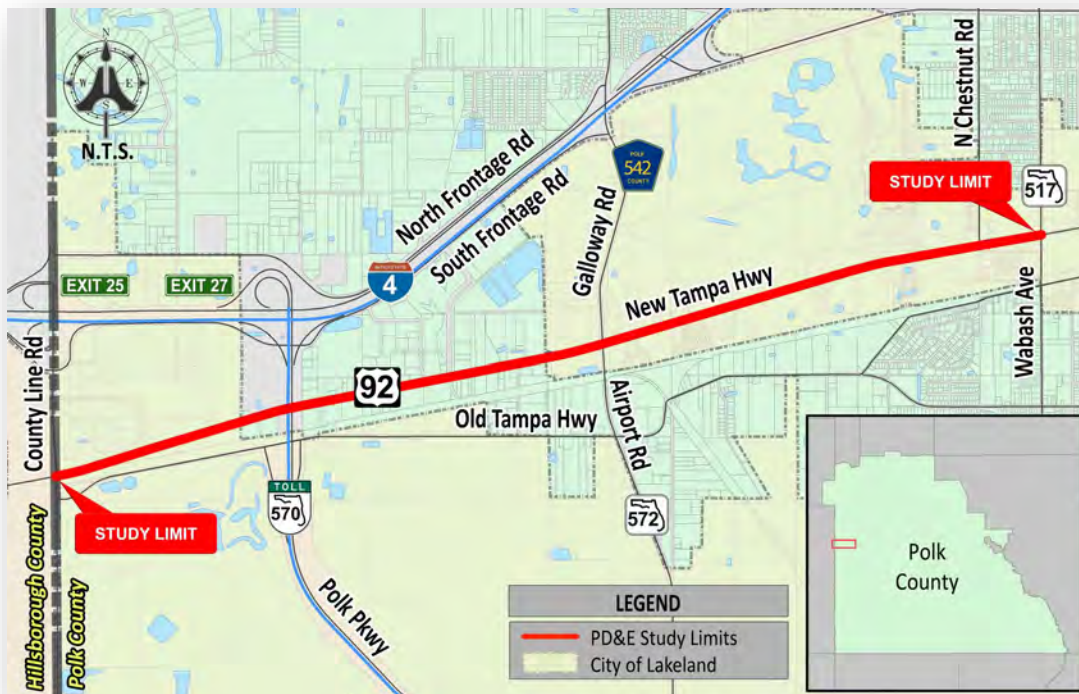
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Welcome to the public hearing for the US 92 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is holding this public hearing in cooperation with FDOT Office of Environmental Management (OEM) and the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). The purpose of this hearing is to provide you the opportunity to review project information, ask questions and offer comments about proposed improvements to US 92 from County Line Road to Wabash Avenue, in Polk County. Maps, display boards and other project information are on display here this evening. Project representatives are available to discuss the study and answer questions.

A comment form is included in this handout. We encourage you to complete the form and drop it in one of the boxes provided, or if you prefer, you may mail or email your comments, written statements, or exhibits, postmarked by April 24, 2017, to the address on the comment form.

### Introduction

FDOT is preparing a PD&E study to evaluate widening US 92 from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway. The project is approximately 4 miles in length. The objectives of this PD&E study are to evaluate and document engineering and environmental considerations that will assist the department in reaching a decision about the type and location of necessary improvements to US 92. The study is conducted and completed according to requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.



## Need for improvement

US 92 is a major east-west road that provides regional access to County Line Road and Interstate 4. It is also designated as an emergency evacuation route and connects the downtown Lakeland area with the West Regional Industrial Park. Widening US 92 will better connect Interstate 4 to economic centers, enhance safety along the project corridor, and improve emergency evacuation.

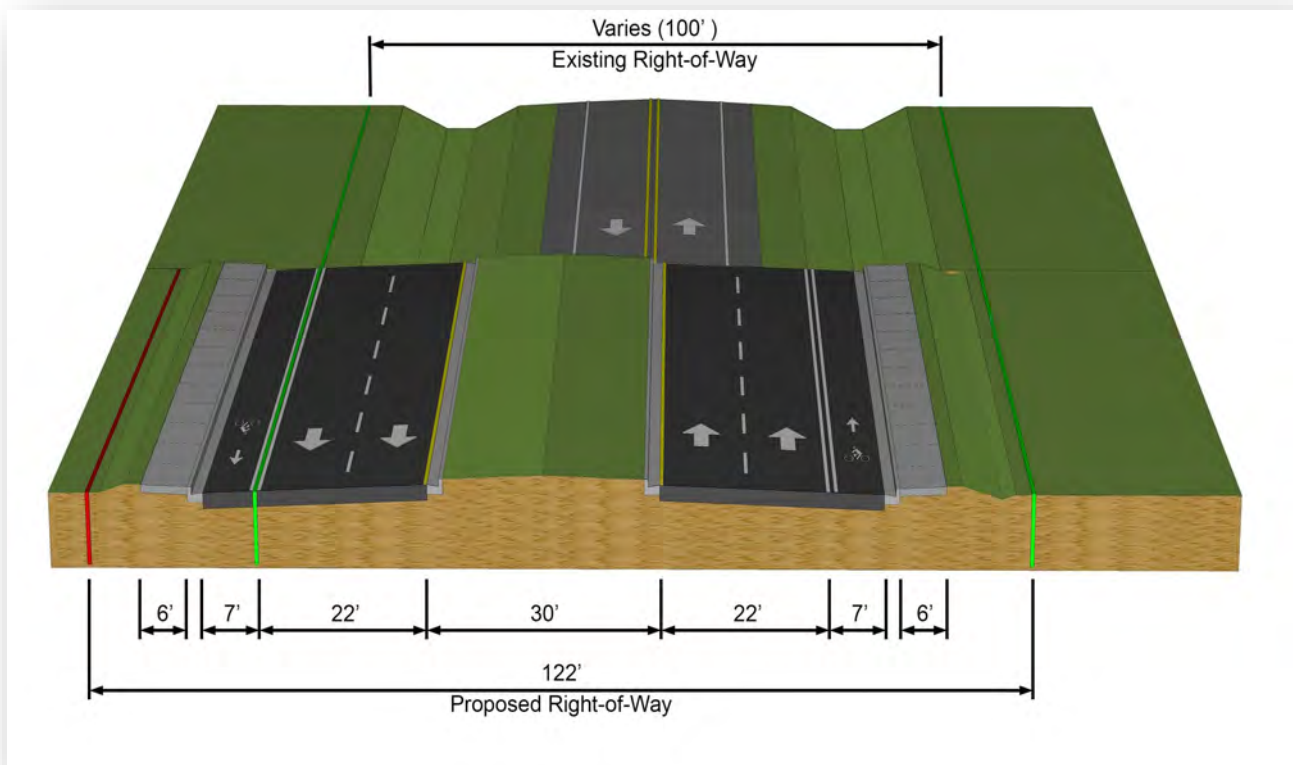
The need for the proposed widening of US 92 is reflected in the Polk TPO's Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2016 to 2020. The need is also indicated by traffic volumes projected to increase from the current volume of 10,300 to 16,300 vehicles per day to 36,800 to 39,500 vehicles per day by 2040.

## Recommended alternative

The recommended widening for US 92 includes four 11-foot travel lanes, seven-foot buffered bike lanes, curb and gutter, six-foot sidewalks, and a 30-foot grass median. A total of 122 feet of right-of-way is needed to accommodate the proposed improvements. Additional right-of-way is also needed for offsite stormwater management areas.

The recommended alignment alternative involves constructing four new travel lanes, without saving existing pavement. The majority of the proposed alignment shifts north of the existing roadway and requires approximately 22 feet of additional right-of-way along the north side of the roadway within the project limits. The alignment shifts to widening along the existing alignment under the Polk Parkway bridges and south of the existing roadway from Twin Lakes Circle East to Wabash Avenue to minimize impacts.

### Recommended Alternative



US 92 currently falls under Access Management Classification 3 from County Line Road to Airport Road/Galloway Road and Access Management Classification 5 from Airport Road/Galloway Road to Wabash Avenue. FDOT proposes to change the existing Access Management Classification for US 92 from County Line Road to Airport Road/Galloway Road from Access Class 3 to Access Class 5. These changes are presented in compliance with Section 335.199 Florida Statutes (Transportation projects modifying access to adjacent property.)