



Florida Department of Transportation

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**RE: I-75 PD&E Study from south of State Road (S.R.) 44 to S.R. 326
Financial Project Identification (FPID) Nos: 443623-5 and 443624-5 in
Sumter and Marion Counties**

To Whom it May Concern:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is in the process of conducting Project Development & Environment (PD&E) studies for improvements along Interstate 75 (I-75) from south of S.R. 44 in Sumter County to S.R. 326 in Marion County. The proposed improvements will consist of providing auxiliary lanes on I-75 and interchange improvements at SR 40 and SR 326. The purpose of the PD&E studies is to identify improvements that enhance current transportation safety and modal interrelationships on I-75.

In order to assist with data collection effort, field reviews will be conducting environmental assessments, drainage, soil investigations and survey activities along the corridor. Any necessary access will be temporary, and the Department and its contractors will take reasonable care to ensure that your property is not damaged. Most of the data collection activities will occur at the beginning of the study, starting in August 2023 with an estimated completion by May 2025. The companies summarized in the table on the next page may be in your area in support of data collection activities related to engineering assessments and environmental evaluations. Statute 337.274, Florida Statutes, authorizes FDOT to perform such work on your property after giving reasonable notice. Your cooperation, understanding and accommodation of requests to access your property is very much appreciated.

For more information about the studies and the PD&E Study process, please visit the project websites at www.cflroads.com. Public Informational Meetings will be held throughout the PD&E studies to provide an opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposed improvements.

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 or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Melissa McKinney, FDOT Title VI Coordinator by phone at (386) 943-5077, or via email at Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding these studies or work being done, please do not hesitate to contact me at 386-943-5422 or stephen.browning@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Browning".

Stephen Browning
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Attachment: 337.274 Florida Statutes & Summary of Study Team Table

The 2022 Florida Statutes
















Title XXVI
PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION

Chapter 337
CONTRACTING; ACQUISITION, DISPOSAL,
AND USE OF PROPERTY

337.274 Authority of department agent or employee to enter lands, waters, and premises of another in the performance of duties. – The department and its authorized agents and employees are authorized to enter upon any lands, waters and premises, upon giving reasonable notice to the landowner, for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, drillings, appraisals, environmental assessments, archaeological assessments and examinations necessary to perform its duties and functions; and any such entry shall not be deemed a trespass or an entry that would constitute a taking in an eminent domain proceeding. The department shall make reimbursement for any actual damages to such lands, water and premises as a result of such activities.

History. – s. 2, ch. 84-319; s. 7, sh. 89-232; s. 113, ch. 92-152.

Table of the Agency (FDOT) and Supporting Firms Involved with the Study
You may see vehicles with these logos, and/or field-support staff with business cards having these.

	FDOT is the Government Agency responsible for the project’s development. Personnel from FDOT will routinely visit the project area.
	Volkert, Inc. is the prime consultant under contract with FDOT responsible for the project limits south of State Road (S.R.) 44 to S.R. 200.
	HDR Engineering is the prime consultant under contract with FDOT responsible for the project limits between S.R. 200 and S.R. 326
	Brindley Pieters & Associates, Inc. will perform utility assessments.
BURGESS & NIPLÉ	Burgess & Niple will provide drainage analysis and design.
	Colliers Engineering & Design will conduct topographic surveys.
	DRMP will conduct topographic surveys and mapping.
	Environmental Transportation Planning will conduct noise monitoring and noise wall analysis.
	Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants will conduct geotechnical investigations for proposed bridge and pond locations.
GPI	GPI will provide aerial lidar.
ICON	Icon Consulting Group, Inc. will provide drainage analysis and design.
	Kittelsson & Associates, Inc. will conduct traffic and safety analyses.
	Patel, Greene and Associates will provide drainage analysis and design.
	RES will conduct environmental analysis and surveys.
	Stantec Consulting Services will conduct environmental analysis and surveys.
	SEARCH will perform historical and archaeological investigations.
	SMA will perform right of way control survey and mapping.
	Quality Counts, LLC will conduct traffic counts.