



# U.S. 98 PUBLIC HEARING

## Project Development & Environment Study

from Portside Drive in Santa Rosa County to Mary Esther Boulevard in Okaloosa County

Financial Project IDs:  
220426-2-22-01  
220196-2-22-01

### Public Hearing:

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
Open House: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CST  
Formal Presentation: 6:30 p.m. CST

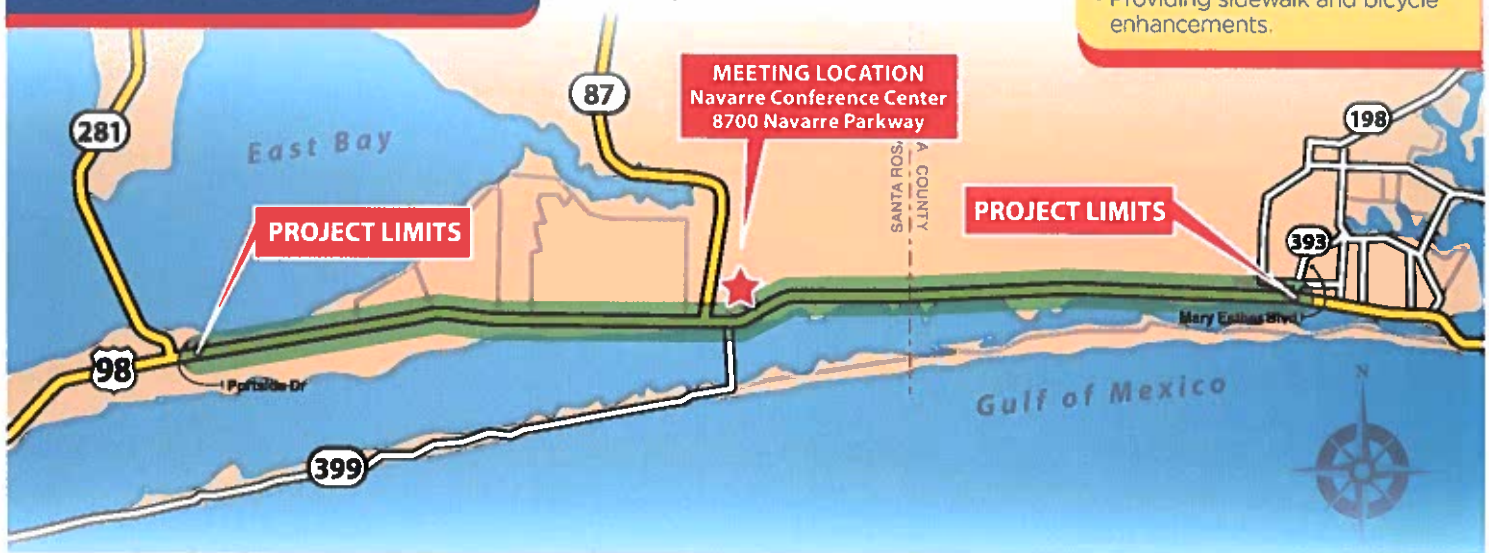
### Location:

Navarre Conference Center  
8700 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, Florida 32566

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a public hearing regarding the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to provide interested persons the opportunity to review the analysis findings and to receive input on the Recommended Alternative and safety improvements.

### The study has investigated the following:

- Widening the existing facility throughout the project limits.
- Improving the efficiency of intersection operations.
- Improving safety with access management features.
- Providing interchanges at State Road (S.R.) 87 and S.R. 399
- Providing sidewalk and bicycle enhancements.



The project extends from Portside Drive in Santa Rosa County to Mary Esther Boulevard in Okaloosa County, a distance of 24.5 miles. This study is evaluating roadway safety, access management features, the efficiency of intersection operations, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the corridor. Access management changes along U.S. 98 include modifying, closing, and creating new median openings. The project includes an evaluation of environmental impacts and anticipated *de minimis* finding (minimal impact) under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act. The hearing will begin in an open house format at 5:30 p.m. CST, with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a public comment period. Interested persons will have the opportunity to review proposed improvements and provide input.

The draft study documents will be available at the hearing, online at [www.nwflroads.com](http://www.nwflroads.com) and at the following locations from December 19, 2018 through January 25, 2019:

#### Mary Esther Public Library

100 Hollywood Boulevard, Mary Esther, Florida 32569

Monday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday-Saturday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED
December 22- January 2	CLOSED

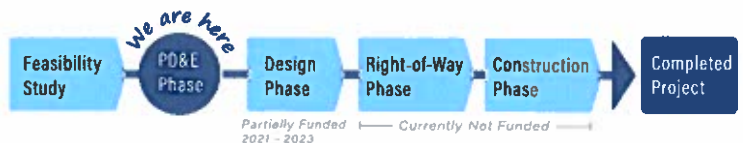
#### Navarre Public Library

8484 James Harvell Road, Navarre, Florida 32566

Monday-Wednesday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED
December 24-25 & January 1	CLOSED



### Transportation Development Process



The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by FHWA and FDOT

## Portside Drive to West of Mary Esther (45 mph)



## City of Mary Esther (45 mph)



The PD&E study has evaluated a number of "Build" and "No Action" alternatives. Based on the social, cultural, and environmental impacts, a Recommended Alternative has been selected. The recommended alternative has the following features:

- Widening U.S. 98 to six lanes via standard urban (45 mph) design criteria;
- Continuous bicycle lanes and new sidewalks;
- Interchanges at S.R. 87 and S.R. 399 in Navarre;
- Access management improvements, including adjustments to median openings and turning lanes;
- Widening U.S. 98 to six lanes in Mary Esther using a 126-foot standard urban (45 mph) design criteria;
- Mary Esther improvements include reconfiguration of the median, new sidewalks and the addition of bike lanes.

In the Navarre area, the Recommended Alternative features an elevated roadway for U.S. 98 through traffic with interchanges and frontage roads at S.R. 87 and S.R. 399 to accommodate local and residential properties. There will be a signalized intersection at S.R. 87 and a non-signalized roundabout at S.R. 399.

U.S. 98 at S.R. 87 - Looking southeast



U.S. 98 at S.R. 399 - Looking south



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