



# U.S. 17 Project Development and Environment Study

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Welcome to the first edition of the U.S. 17 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to share information and let you know that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a study in your area. As shown on the project location map below, the study involves a new multi-use trail along U.S. 17 from State Road (S.R.) 40 to the Volusia/Putnam County line, just north of Seville.

## Project Overview

This study, known as a Project Development and Environment Study, is part of an effort to complete the St. Johns River to Sea (SJR2C) Loop - a 260-mile multi-use trail

system that connects Volusia, Putnam, St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia, and Brevard counties.

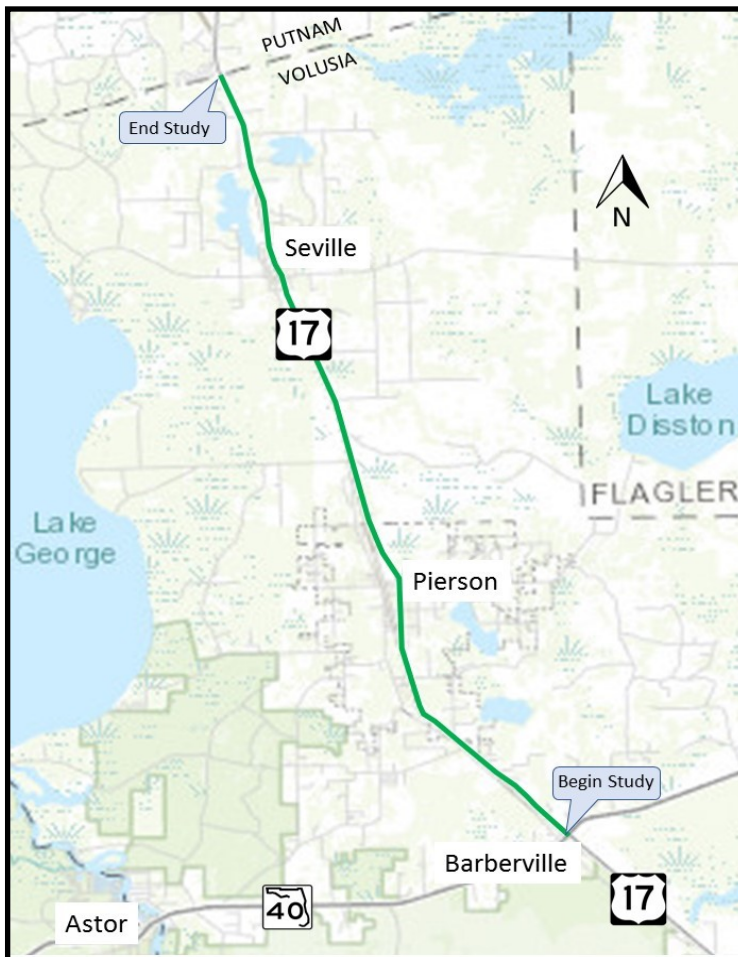
The purpose of this study is to evaluate a multi-use trail that meets the objectives of the FDOT Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Program, described in greater detail below. The need for this project is to provide pedestrian and bicycle accommodations for local and regional users by providing a multi-use trail that fills a key gap in the planned five-county SJR2C Trail. During the PD&E Study, the FDOT will evaluate the impacts of developing the trail, as well as take the first steps toward designing the trail and determining its alignment (placement of the trail).

### Continuing the Trail

South of S.R. 40, a multi-use trail is being designed as part of the four-lane widening of U.S. 17 between Ponce DeLeon Springs Boulevard and S.R. 40 (FPID # 410251-1). The segment of the SJR2C along U.S. 17 north of the Volusia/Putnam County line is anticipated to be studied in the future.

### Florida SUN Trail Program

This project is part of the statewide goal of supporting the transportation and recreational needs of bicyclists and pedestrians. As such, the State of Florida is dedicating \$25 million annually to the development of a statewide network of multi-use trails. Currently, the SJR2C Loop is a top priority. More information about the SUN Trail program can be found by visiting <http://floridasuntrail.com>.



Project Location Map

### What is a Multi-Use Trail?

A paved, shared use path, typically 12 feet wide. Trails are meant for non-motorized travel, such as by pedestrians and bicyclists.





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## What is a PD&E Study?

A PD&E Study is part of a planning process that evaluates the social, natural, cultural, and physical impacts of proposed transportation improvements, in this case a multi-use trail along U.S. 17 between S.R. 40 and the Volusia/Putnam County line north of Seville. The PD&E Study process, which addresses state and federal requirements, is a combination of transportation planning, engineering evaluations, environmental analysis, and public involvement. The design should be finalized in fiscal year 2021. The remaining phases (right of way and construction) are not currently funded.

## How can you get involved?

Public comments and questions are welcome at any time throughout this study. If you have questions, comments, or would like to learn more about the project, please contact:

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For regular updates about the U.S. 17 PD&E Study, please visit [www.CFLRoads.com](http://www.CFLRoads.com) (search by number 439876-1). You can also submit comments or ask questions through the website, and you can request to be added to the mailing list. This study is being developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related amendments. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jennifer Smith, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator at [jennifer.smith2@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:jennifer.smith2@dot.state.fl.us).

## PROJECT PROCESS

PHASE 1	Planning
PHASE 2	PD&E Study (we are here)
PHASE 3	Final Design
PHASE 4	Right of Way Acquisition
PHASE 5	Construction
PHASE 6	Maintenance

## Study Schedule

The PD&E Study schedule is shown below. This study began in December 2017, and is anticipated to be completed in October 2019. This is the first of three newsletters that will be mailed and distributed during the course of this study to keep you informed about its progress. Additionally, a public meeting is expected to be held in late 2018 – additional information will be provided closer to the meeting.

