

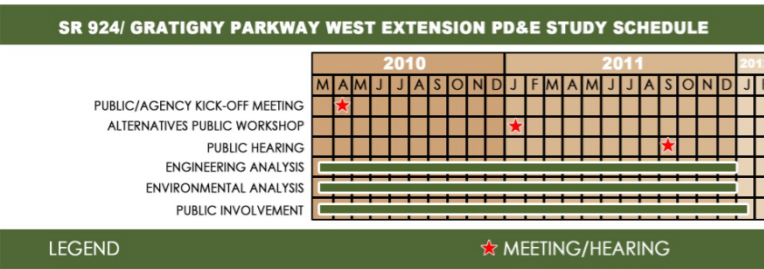
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

All of the natural issues will be assessed as part of the environmental documents including: wetlands/surface waters, floodplains, wildlife and habitat, recreation areas, section 4(f) potential (parks and historic sites), aesthetics, and secondary and cumulative impacts. Physical issues, such as potential noise and air quality impacts, as well as contamination, in the area surrounding the project corridor are also being assessed during this study. Historical and archeological sites are being assessed as part of the ongoing Cultural Resource Assessment Survey.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PROJECT SCHEDULE



The Alternatives Public Workshop will have an open house meeting format where the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the MDX representatives on a one-to-one basis. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop by contacting Tere Garcia at the email or phone number listed above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).



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MDX SR 924/GRATIGNY PARKWAY WEST EXTENSION

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Westland Gardens Park Community Center

13501 NW 107th Avenue

Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018

Si necesita esta información en español favor contactar a Tere Garcia al 786-277-9292.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE

MDX has initiated a Project Development and Environmental Study for the proposed SR 924/Gratigny Parkway West Extension from SR 826/Palmetto Expressway to the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike (HEFT). This study will evaluate alternatives that would relieve congestion and improve safety within the study area, improve system linkages and enhance future transit in South Florida. The project will be developed in cooperation with other transportation and land use plans in the study area, including the NW 138th Street Roadway Widening Project (from I-75 to NW 107th Avenue), currently underway in Hialeah, and the Florida Department of Transportation I-75 PD&E Study, which will analyze improvements on I-75 from south of SR 826/Palmetto Expressway in Miami-Dade County to I-595 in Broward County.

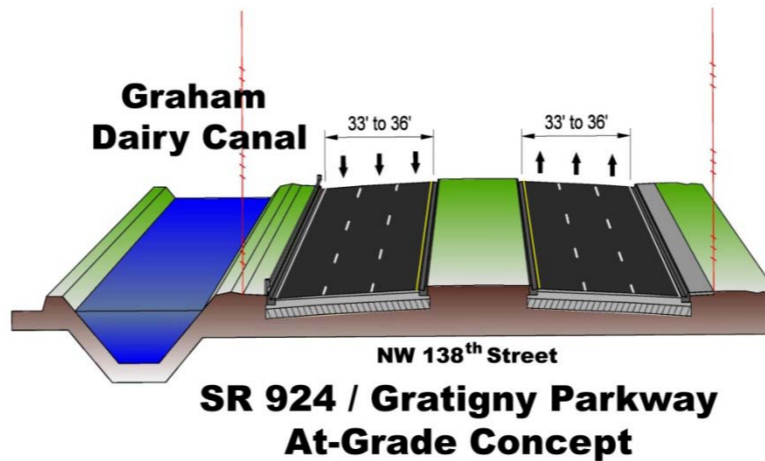


STUDY OBJECTIVES

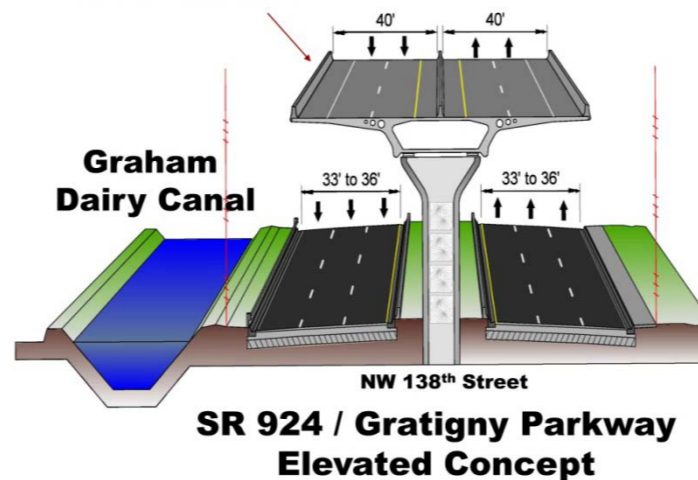
The objectives of a PD&E Study are: 1) collecting all existing engineering and environmental data required to identify deficiencies, such as highway capacity, safety and drainage; 2) developing alternatives to address and resolve the deficiencies identified; 3) documenting the analysis and conclusions in reports and plans; 4) recommending preferred alternatives; and 5) obtaining Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Location Design Concept Acceptance for the preferred alternative. The PD&E study is the last step before final design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVES

As part of the PD&E process, the project team will utilize input from local governments, key stakeholders, and the public to develop engineering solutions that complement and enhance their vision for the community. Context sensitive design principles will be implemented in combination with an interactive alternative development process, which includes the community as an integral part. Access impacts will be addressed through the development of an access management plan that will be a key element of the public outreach process.



SR 924 Extension



All conceptual alternatives being developed include extending the existing SR 924/Gratigny Parkway corridor (just east of SR 826/Palmetto Expressway) west through I-75 and along the NW 138th Street corridor, which is currently under construction by the City of Hialeah to become a six-lane, divided roadway. The following alternatives will be developed as part of the study process:

- The No-Build Alternative
- A Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative to include operational improvements along the corridor and at intersections
- An at-grade, six-lane, divided facility that utilizes the new NW 138th Street corridor currently under construction
- A four-lane, elevated expressway along the median of NW 138th Street

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

MDX is committed to actively engaging the community, businesses, and other project stakeholders in an ongoing open dialogue about ideas, comments and concerns relating to the SR 924/Gratigny West Extension PD&E Study. The study team has identified the required project stakeholders with a possible direct interest in this project. These stakeholders include: property owners within the project limits; federal, state, regional and local agencies and elected officials; the freight community; parks, schools, and community organizations.

It is the policy of MDX to promote public involvement opportunities and information exchange activities for all projects with special considerations given to the communities surrounded by the proposed project. With this goal in mind, MDX will be proactively seeking your input concerning this project during the public outreach meetings. These meetings include the Project Kick-off Meeting, Alternatives Public Workshop, and a Public Hearing. Additional public outreach meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary or when requested by stakeholder groups.