

# SOUTHPORT CONNECTOR EXPRESSWAY

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY

SPRING 2021

In August 2020, CFX began a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study of the Southport Connector Expressway. The study is evaluating the feasibility of a proposed limited-access tollway between Poinciana Parkway and Canoe Creek Road in Osceola County.

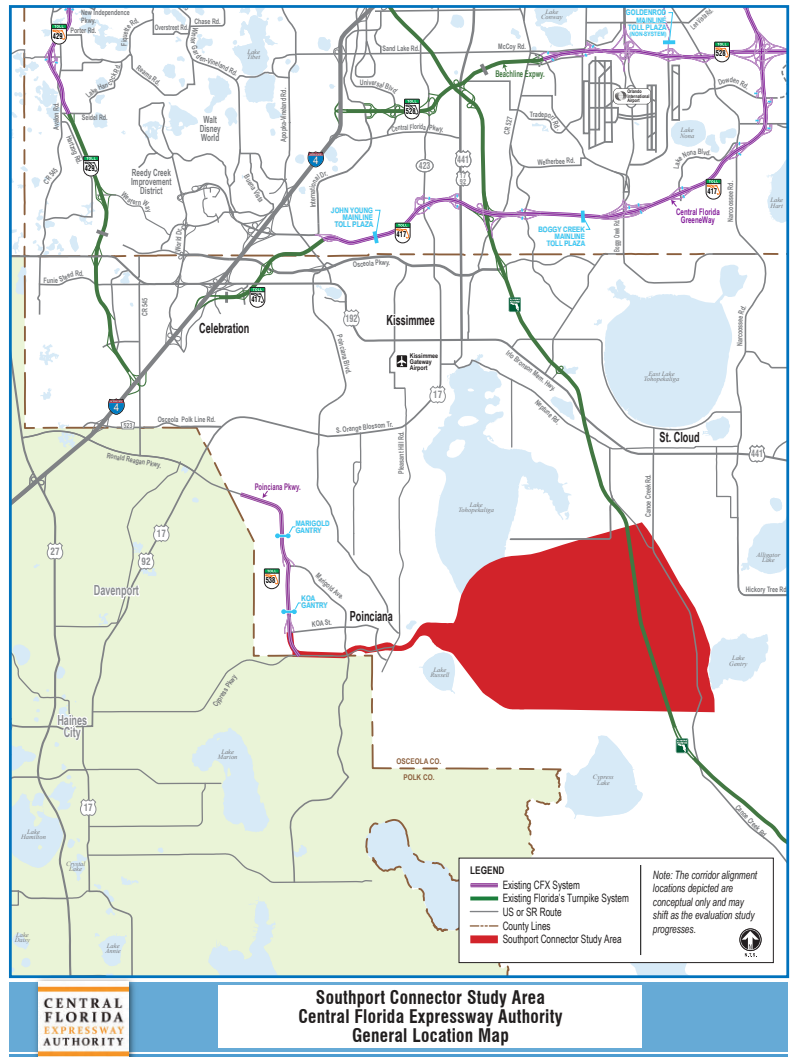
In March 2021, an alignment crossing Lake Tohopekaliga was added following input from CFX's Environmental Stewardship Committee and the study's Environmental Advisory Group. The study area boundary was expanded to consider this additional alignment.

### STUDY DESCRIPTION

The Southport Connector Expressway is a proposed east-west divided four-lane expressway, connecting Poinciana Parkway with Canoe Creek Road. The 15-mile expressway extends from Poinciana Parkway on the west to Canoe Creek Road on the east, including an interchange at Florida's Turnpike.

The 23-month study will develop and evaluate several transportation alignments to identify a preferred alternative, using the results of the previous Concept, Feasibility, and Mobility (CF&M) Study as a foundation. The study area is bounded by Poinciana Parkway on the west continuing east, following along the existing Cypress Parkway corridor to the north and south and crossing Reedy Creek. The northern boundary of the study area runs east of Reedy Creek in a northeast direction across Lake Tohopekaliga to Kissimmee Park Road, crossing the Florida's Turnpike to the Canoe Creek Estates community in St. Cloud. The southern boundary runs east of Lake Russell in a southeast direction along the north edge of the Southport Mitigation Bank, crossing the Florida's Turnpike and Canoe Creek Road east to the southwestern edge of Lake Gentry.

### STUDY MAP



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FLORIDA  
EXPRESSWAY  
AUTHORITY



The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) is an independent agency of the State of Florida that operates and maintains a regional network of expressways for 3.3 million residents of Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties and more than 75 million annual visitors to Central Florida. CFX's 125-centerline mile, user-funded system which includes 73 interchanges, 14 mainline toll plazas, 5 mainline gantries, 76 ramp toll plazas and 343 bridges. On average, more than 1.3 million toll transactions are recorded daily, over 95 percent of them electronically. CFX operates E-PASS, the first electronic toll collection system in Florida, with more than 800,000 E-PASS accounts. For more information, visit CFXway.com.

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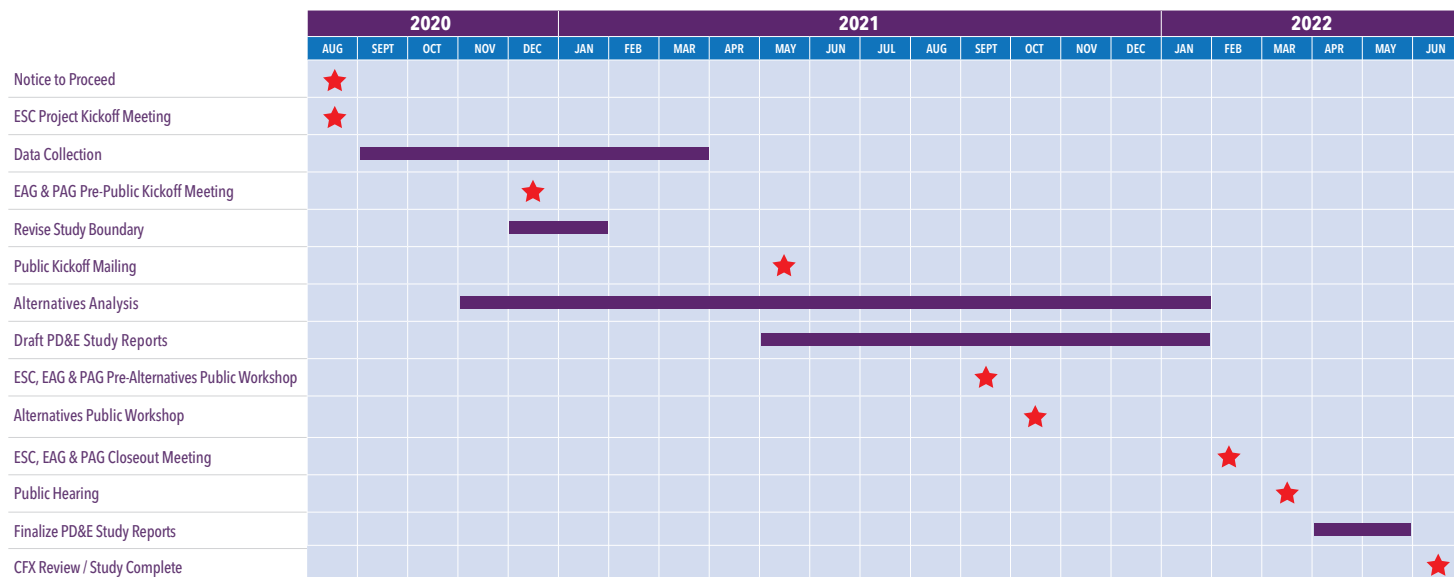
### ★ STUDY GOALS

The goals of the Southport Connector Expressway PD&E Study include:

- Enhance mobility for the area's growing population and economy.
- Provide a limited-access facility from the Poinciana area to Florida's Turnpike and Canoe Creek Road.
- Provide connections between existing and future potential expressways within the study area.
- Promote regional connectivity.



### Southport Connector Expressway PD&E Study Study Schedule (Subject to Change)



VISIT THE STUDY WEBPAGE AT: <https://rb.gy/mnta4y>

### 📄 STUDY PARTICIPATION

We value your input. Public involvement and interagency coordination is integral to the PD&E study, and opportunities for public participation will be provided. CFX anticipates holding three public meetings as part of this study.

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