State Road 85 Realignment

Public Information Meeting

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study; Okaloosa County and Eglin Air Force Base

Okaloosa County | Contract Number: C20-2975-PW

November 17, 2026









Agenda

1. Study Overview
2. Proposed Realignment
3. Next Steps

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- This meeting was advertised and is being conducted in accordance with state and federal requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.
- Persons wishing to express any concerns about Title VI may do so by contacting:

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Elected & Appointed Officials

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What is a PD&E Study?

- A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is used by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and other transportation agencies to meet the requirements of the **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).**
- Okaloosa County is undertaking this PD&E Study on behalf of FDOT and Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) to satisfy federal and state requirements.



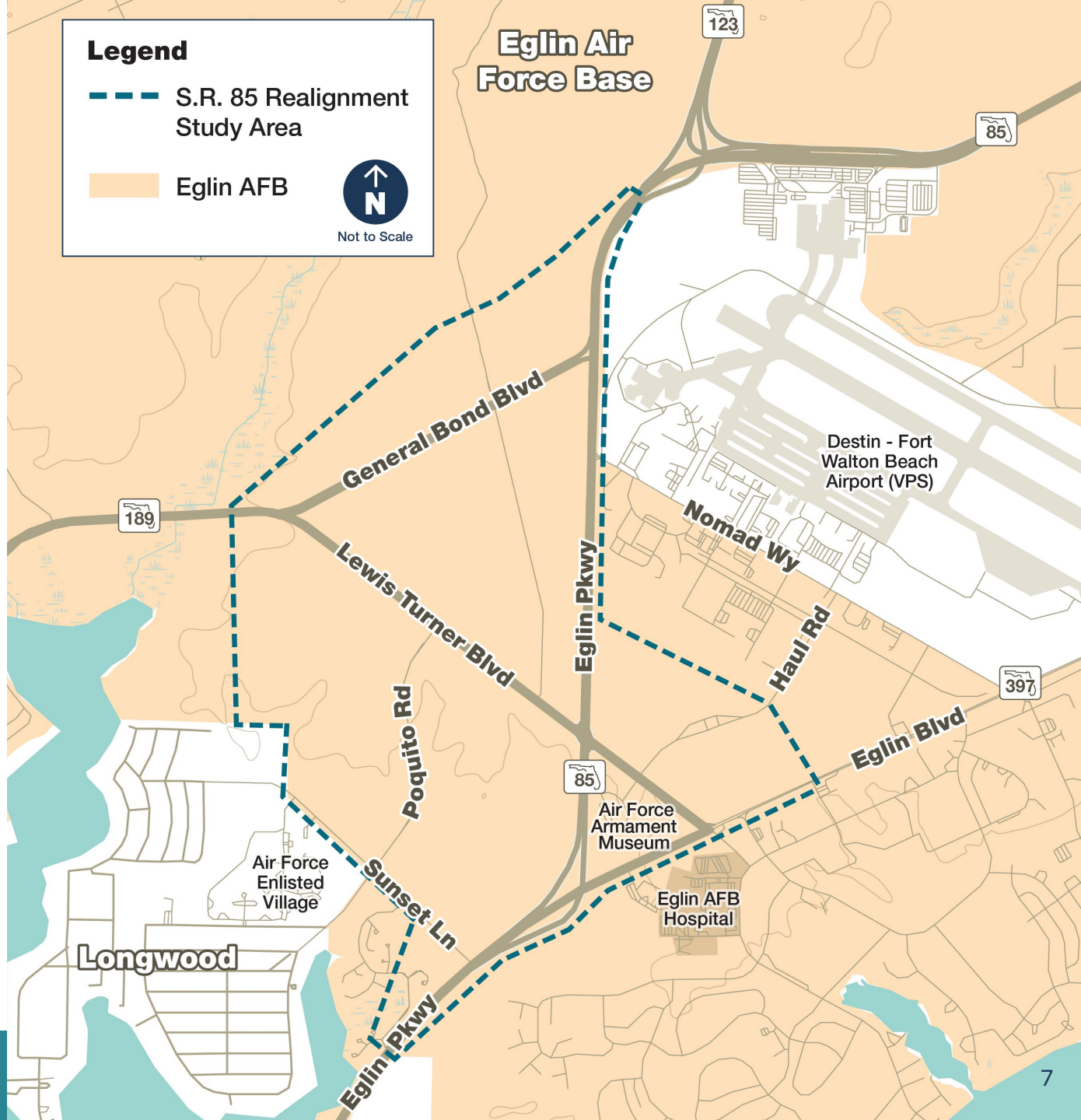
Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Okaloosa County	FDOT	Department of Air Force (DAF) Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC)	Eglin Air Force Base
the Proponent	a Participating Agency	Cooperating Agency with Lead Agency responsibility for NEPA, Endangered Species, and Cultural Resources	the responsible Local Agency

Study Area

Roadway Network:

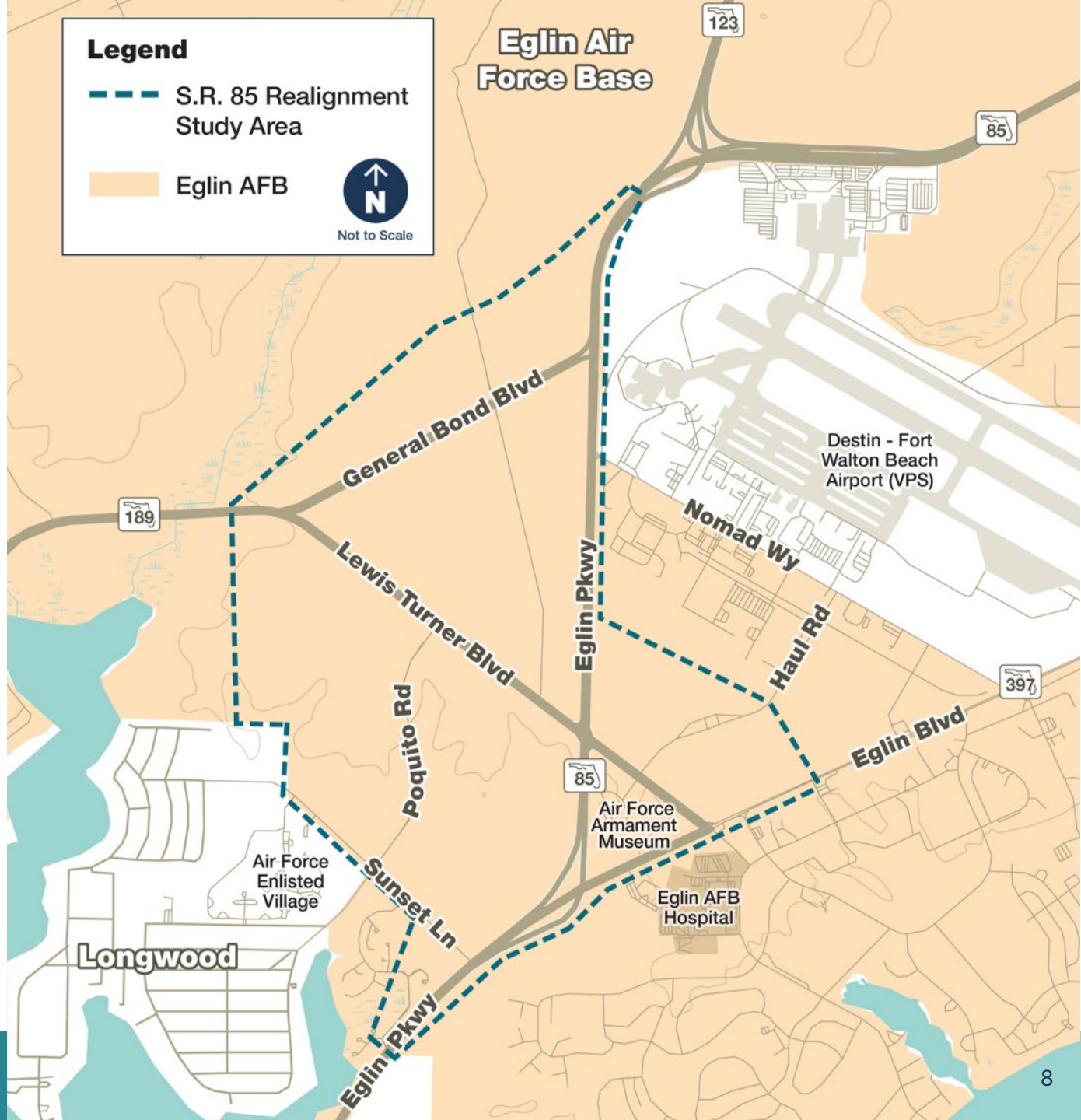
- SR 85 Eglin Parkway
- SR 189 Lewis Turner Boulevard
- SR 397 Eglin Boulevard
- General Bond Boulevard
- Poquito Road
- Sunset Lane
- Haul Road



Existing Conditions

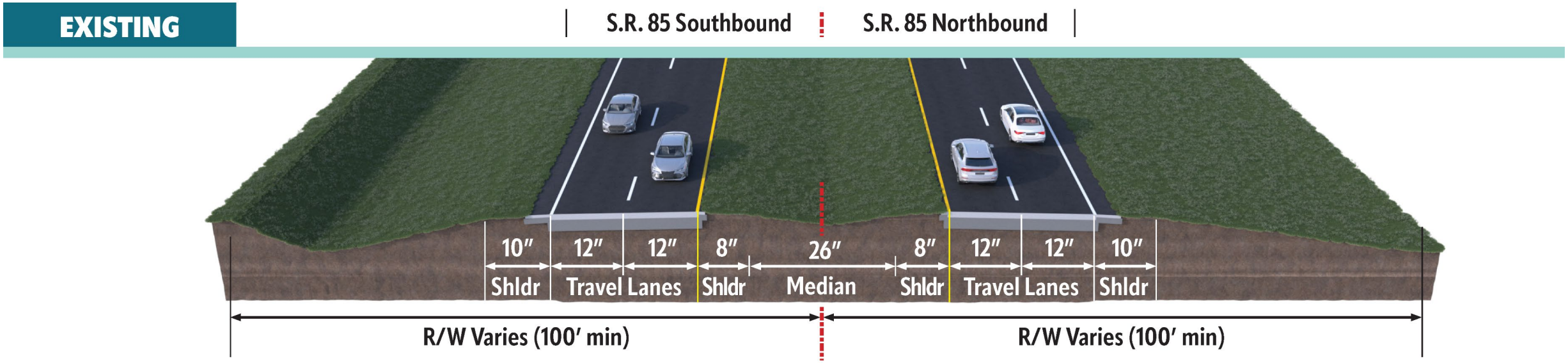
Corridor Conditions:

- Located within Eglin Air Force Base
- Right-of-Way width ±200 feet
- Part of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)



Existing Conditions

- Existing SR 85 Typical Section



Purpose and Need

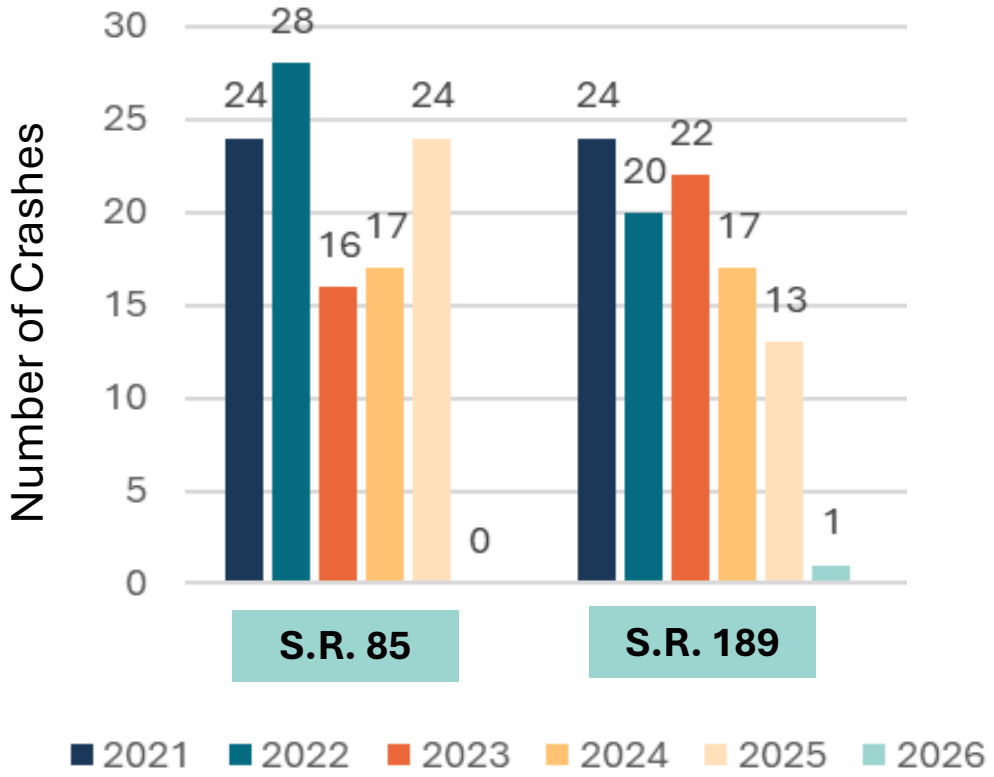
- **What is the purpose of the study?**
  - Identify the most appropriate location for realigning SR 85 farther to the west
- **Why is the project needed?**



Support
Future
Mission
Expansion



Address
Regional
Transportation
Needs



Previous Planning Efforts

- **Eglin Westside Expansion Plan** (May 2022) completed by Okaloosa County and Eglin AFB
- **10 roadway realignment configurations** were evaluated
- **Alternative 2A was selected** by Eglin which forms the planning basis for this PD&E Study
- **The intent is to realign SR 85 to the west, on Eglin AFB**, to provide room for future mission expansions



Alternatives Development Process

1 Data Collection

Data Collection & Analysis
- Land & Water Surveys
- Traffic
- Roadway
- Structures
- Environmental
- Geotechnical
- Drainage

2 Alternatives Development

Typical Section Analysis
- Lane Widths
- Bike / Ped Features
- Constructability

Traffic & Safety
- Existing Conditions
- Future Demand Forecasting
- Build Conditions
- Safety Analysis

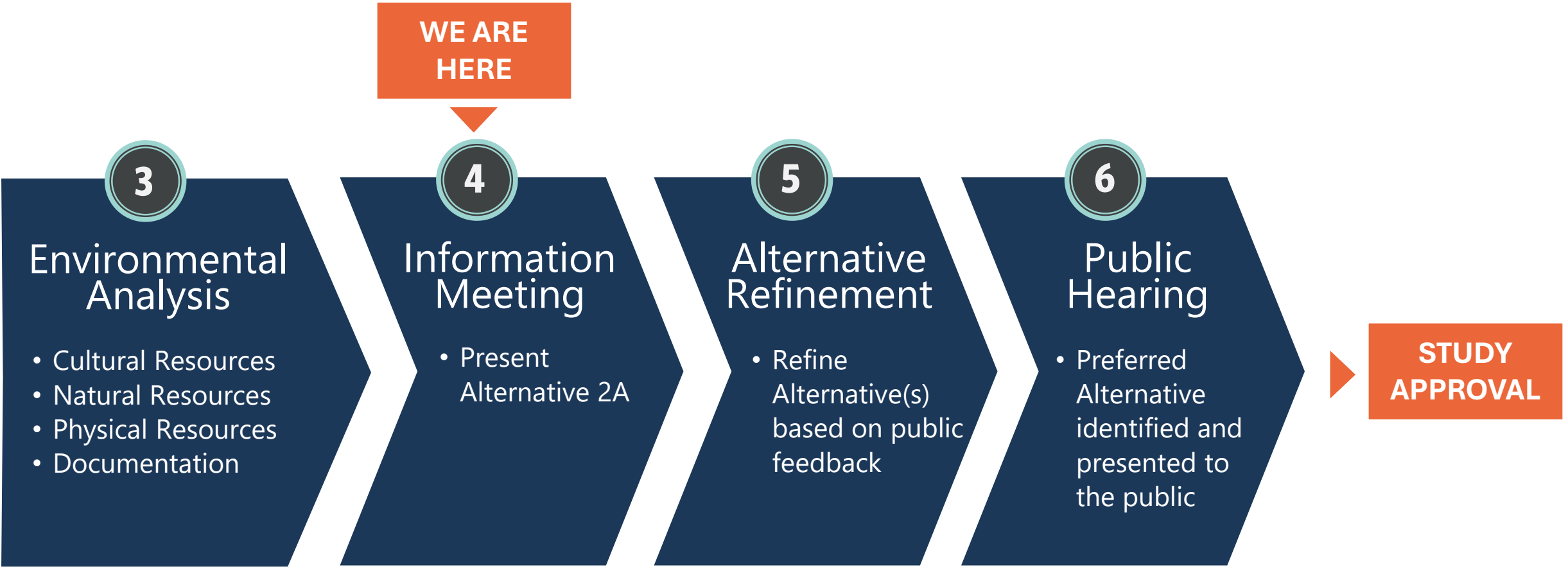
Engineering Analysis
- Structures
- Roadway / Interchanges
- Drainage
- Phasing

Determine Typical Section
- # of lanes
- Lane widths
- Shoulder widths
- Ped / Bike features

Determine Intersection / Interchange Types

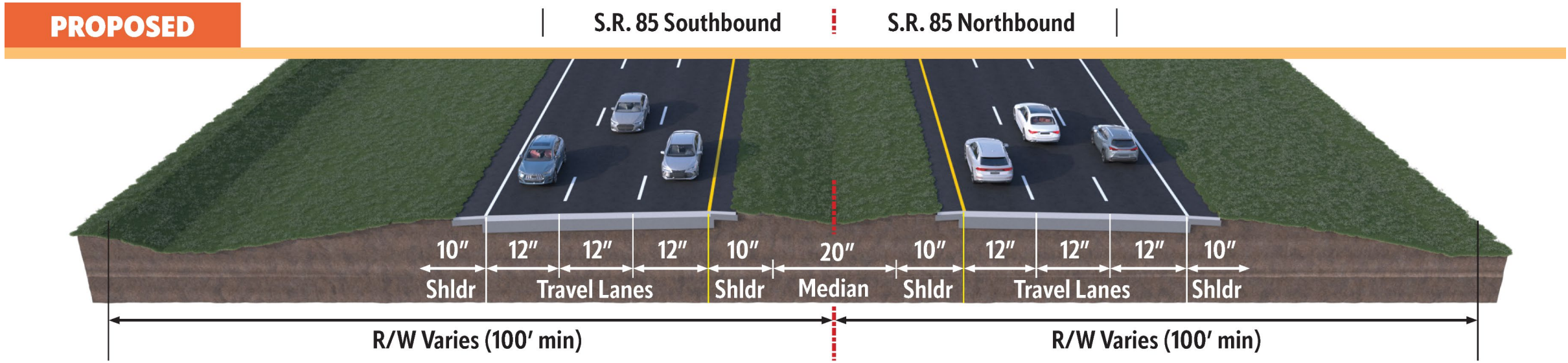
Analyze Constructability

Alternatives Development Process



Alternative 2A - Typical Section

- Proposed SR 85 Typical Section



Working Concept

(Placeholder)



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- Project builds from Alternative 2 as planning basis
- [go through plans from south to north]



Environmental Overview

Social

- Land Use
- Relocations
- Aesthetics
- Mobility
- Consistency with Local Plans

Cultural

- Archaeological Sites
- Historic Properties
- Parks and Recreational Lands
- Trails

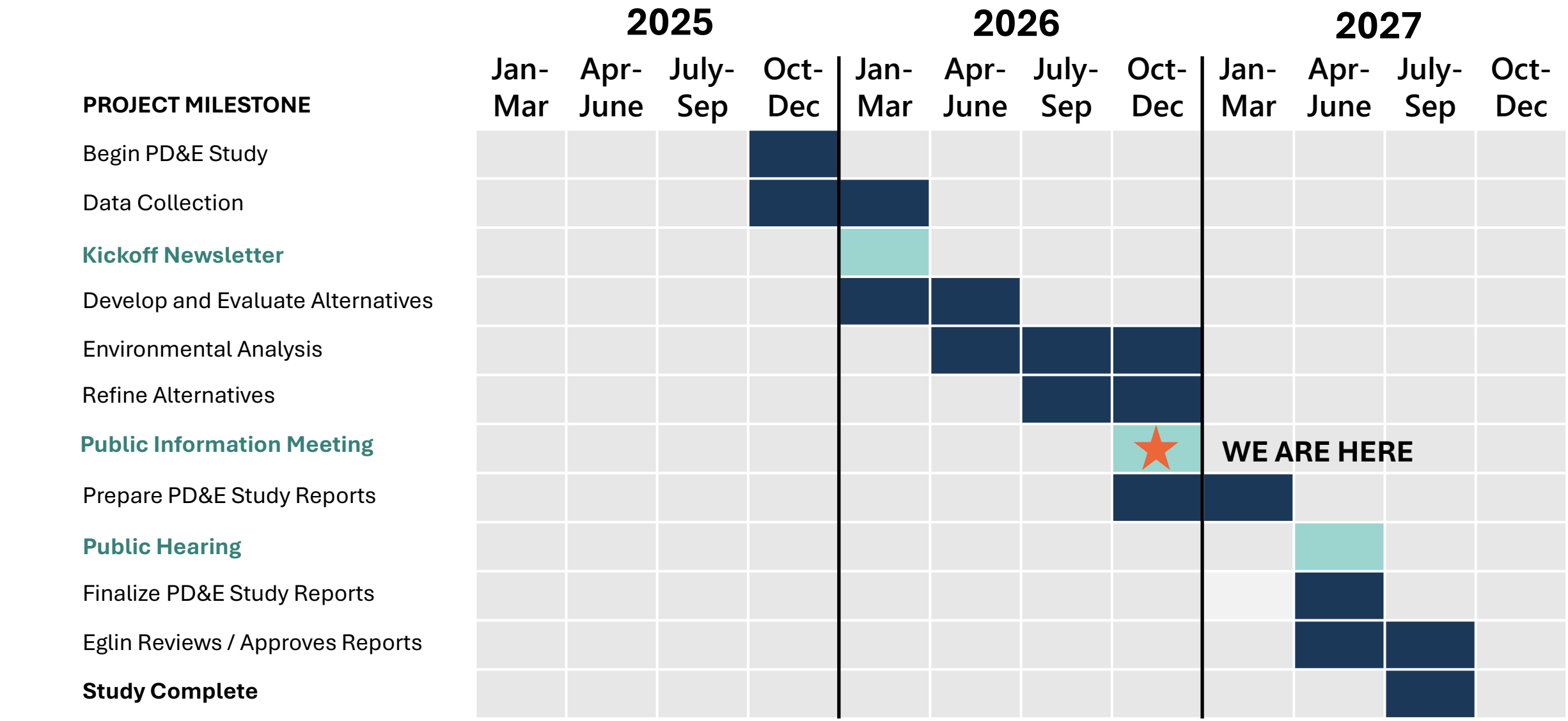
Natural

- Wetlands
- Water Quality
- Floodplains
- Essential Fish Habitat
- Protected Habitat and Species

Physical

- Air Quality
- Noise
- Contamination
- Utilities
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Navigation
- Traffic
- Emergency Management

Schedule



*Schedule is Subject to Change

Stay Involved

Your input is an important part of this project. There are multiple ways for you to participate:

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All written comments received by **12/01/2026**, will become part of the public meeting record.

THANK YOU!

for attending this public meeting and providing your input on this project.