

Public Hearing October 16, 2018

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is designing improvements for the SR 15/700 (US 98/441) at SE 18th Terrace intersection. The primary purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow and safety. FDOT conducted a signal warrant analysis at the intersection to determine if a signal is needed to reduce delay. Subsequently, an evaluation was performed to determine if a roundabout would reduce delay and increase safety.

In a September 18, 2014 FDOT Memorandum titled “Phase 1 Roundabout Feasibility Screening”, the Discussion of Findings included the below statements.

- A roundabout has the potential to provide safety benefits including a reduction in all crashes by 71 percent and a reduction in severe (injury and fatal crashes) by 87 percent. Over a 10-year period, a roundabout has the potential to reduce a total of 10 crashes, with 4 of those being fatal or injury.
- A signal has the potential to reduce all crashes by 50 percent and injury/fatal crashes by 40 percent. This results in the potential to reduce a total of 7 crashes, with 3 of those being fatal or injury over a 10-year period.

Based on the evaluations conducted for the intersection, FDOT elected to design a roundabout for this intersection. Roundabouts provide many operational benefits when compared to traditional intersections. These benefits include less delay, less expense to maintain, sufficient capacity to accommodate fluctuating traffic counts, longer life span and fewer, less severe crashes.

The roundabout plans are available at the Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34974. The library hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday.





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SR 15/700 (US 98/441) at SE 18th Terrace Roundabout Project Okeechobee County



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Time: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. open house
6 p.m. public hearing
When: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Where: Pier II Resort
2200 US 441 SE
Okeechobee, FL 34974

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