

SR 70 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY

FROM CR 29 TO LONESOME ISLAND ROAD NEWSLETTER #2 - September 2023

Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number: 414506-5-22-01

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the public hearing for the State Road (SR) 70 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study on *Thursday, September 28, 2023*.

This hearing is being conducted to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

You can participate live online or in-person. The information presented during either format will be the same and all attendees will have opportunity to comment.



Public Hearing Information

Thursday, September 28, 2023

5 p.m. In-Person Open House 6 p.m. Formal Presentation Public Testimony

Virtual:

In-Person:



Lake Placid Conference Center 2665 Placid View Drive Lake Placid, FL 33852

https://www.swflroads.com/project/414506-5

Para Materiales del Proyecto En Español

Para ver este boletín y otros materiales del proyecto en español, visite el sitio web del proyecto en <u>www.swflroads.com/project/414506-5</u> o contacte Sra. Karina Della Sera del Departamento de Transportación de Florida por teléfono al (863)519-2750. También puede usar el correo electrónico: Karina.Dellasera@dot.state.fl.us.

IN-PERSON OPTION SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Lake Placid Conference Center 2665 Placid View Drive Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Anytime between 5 – 6 p.m. Open house 6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

Displays will be available starting at 5 p.m. to review at your own pace and the formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. The project team will be available for discussion.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Register in advance:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/597 800506978398549

5:45 p.m. Overview for how to submit comment

6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and the formal comment portion. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event (www.swflroads.com/project/414506-5). Materials will be posted by September 21, 2023.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

FDOT, District One, began a PD&E study in June 2018 for SR 70 from CR 29 to Lonesome Island Road in Highlands County. The purpose of the PD&E study is to evaluate widening the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway and the need for capacity improvements to address existing roadway deficiencies, emergency evacuation, operational conditions, vehicular safety conditions, and economic development.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

SR 70 PD&E Study From CR 29 to Lonesome Island Road David C. Turley, P.E. Florida Department of Transportation Environmental Management Office 801 M. Broadway Avenue Bartow, FL 33830



CONTACT US

FDOT encourages the public to participate in the SR 70 PD&E public hearing. If you have questions regarding the hearing, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, David C. Turley, P.E at:

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PROJECT DOCUMENTS

Project documents will be available for public viewing from Thursday, September 7, 2023, through Thursday, October 12, 2023, at the following locations:

www.swflroads.com/project/414506-5

In-Person Locations:

Lake Placid Memorial Library
205 West Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
(863) 699-3705
Call for Hours/Times Vary

District One Headquarters
801 N. Broadway Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830
(800) 292-3368
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Copies will also be displayed at the in-person hearing.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public hearing.