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**Time:** 12 PM

**Subject for email:** Public Hearing scheduled for Burnt Store Road PD&E Study on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, FPID 436928-1-22-01, Lee County

**Attachments:** Property Owner Notice- Newsletter 3 (attached)

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**Body:**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the Burnt Store Road Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study from Van Buren Parkway to Charlotte County Line in Lee County on **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**.

FDOT, on behalf of Lee County, is conducting a PD&E Study to evaluate and document the benefits, costs, and impacts of widening Burnt Store Road from the existing two-lane undivided roadway to four lanes, while accommodating a typical section expandable to six lanes to address the deficient operational capacity and future travel demand projected as a result of area-wide population and employment growth. Also evaluated was the addition of paved shoulders/marked bicycle lanes and shared use paths. The public hearing is held to present information about the preferred alternative and engineering and environmental analysis completed to date and to provide the opportunity for the public to offer feedback for the official hearing record.

You can participate in the public hearing live online or in-person. The same materials will be displayed online and in-person, and will also be posted by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 on the project webpage.

**LIVE ONLINE OPTION:** Attend virtually on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and a testimony portion. The formal presentation and testimony portion will begin at 5:30 p.m., with an overview for how to submit comments at 5:15 p.m. Hearing materials will be posted to the project webpage <https://swflroads.com/project/436928-1>) by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. *Please review the materials before attending the virtual event.* **Register in advance** by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/BurntStoreRd> or on the project webpage. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing online.

**IN-PERSON OPTION:** Attend in-person on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at **Northwest Regional Library, 519 Chiquita Blvd N, Cape Coral, FL 33993**. The open-house portion will begin at 4:30 p.m., where attendees can view a copy of the project materials and talk to the project team. The formal presentation and testimony portion will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**WEBSITE:** View all materials and submit comments online at <https://swflroads.com/project/436928-1>. Comments can be provided through the project webpage and questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager Steven A. Andrews at (863) 519-2270.

After reviewing the hearing materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three ways: 1) through the project webpage; 2) email the FDOT Project Manager (Steven A. Andrews) at [Steven.Andrews@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Steven.Andrews@dot.state.fl.us) or 3) mail comments to Steven A. Andrews at FDOT District One, P.O. Box 1249, MS 1-40, Bartow, FL 33831-1249. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to be included in the formal public hearing record.

**A summary of the hearing comments and responses will be available on the webpage approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period.**

Project documents will also be available for public viewing from April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Northwest Regional Library, 519 Chiquita Blvd N, Cape Coral, FL 33993 and FDOT District One, Southwest Area Office, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. They will also be available on the project webpage.

FDOT is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within at least 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project (*see the attached newsletter*).

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](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

*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 FHWA and FDOT.*