

Public Hearing is March 14, 2019

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75 public hearing on **Thursday, March 14, 2019**, at the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, 25550 Harborview Road, Meeting Rooms A-B, Port Charlotte, FL 33980. The hearing begins with an open house at 4 p.m. and follows with a formal presentation and public comment period at 5 p.m. People attending the hearing can review project displays and speak one-on-one with project team members. Written statements or exhibits submitted at the public hearing, emailed, or mailed and postmarked by Monday, March 25, 2019, will become part of the official hearing transcript.

FDOT will present the preferred improvements to Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75 in Charlotte County.

In March 2018, FDOT held an alternatives public meeting to present alternatives for widening Harborview Road from two lanes to four lanes. Based on comments from the public and feedback from project staff, FDOT selected a preferred widening alternative that will construct four (4) eleven-foot travel lanes, curb and gutter, and a thirty-foot wide grassed median. Six-foot sidewalks and seven-foot buffered bicycle lanes will accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the corridor. The proposed widening

should enhance safety along the corridor and improve emergency evacuation.

The proposed improvements will require FDOT to acquire right-of-way, or property, for road widening and stormwater management areas. Existing access to properties along Harborview Road will change due to the addition of a median, a result of widening the road. The no-build alternative, where no improvements other than routine maintenance are made to Harborview Road through 2045, will remain viable throughout the remainder of this study.

Funding for the design phase is included in fiscal year 2020 of the FDOT's Adopted Five-Year Work Program. Right of way acquisition is currently included in fiscal year 2023. There is currently no funding for the construction phase of this project.

Project information and graphics showing the location and proposed improvements will be available for public viewing at two locations from February 21, 2019 to March 25, 2019, at the Port Charlotte Public Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952. Please call the library for hours of operation (941) 764-5562. In addition, The other location is the FDOT District One Headquarters, 801 North Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33831. Please contact FDOT Project Manager, Steven A. Andrews, by phone at (863) 519-2270 or by email at Steven.Andrews@dot.state.fl.us.



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Visit the project website: <http://www.swflroads.com/harborview/melbournesttoi75>

This public hearing was advertised consistent with federal and state requirements, **Section 335.199, F.S.**

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Steven Andrews, Project Manager, (863) 519-2270 or email Steven.Andrews@dot.state.fl.us at least (7) days prior to the meeting.

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 December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Contact Us

We encourage you to participate in the Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75 Public Hearing. If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact:

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