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Public Meeting for the Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction In-Person: April 11 any time from 5 - 7 p.m.; Online: April 11 at 6 p.m.

BARTOW, **Fla.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public meeting for the **Pine Island Causeway and Bridge Reconstruction (FPID # 451937-2) in Lee County on April 11, 2024, any time from 5 – 7 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to review the Little Pine Island Bridge design, view the video presentation and exhibits, meet the project team, and provide comment.**

FDOT provides multiple ways to participate, either in-person, online, or reviewing materials on the project website. https://www.swflroads.com/project/451937-2 All meeting materials, including the project video, will be available online.

In-Person Option: Any time 5 – 7 p.m. at the Pine Island United Methodist Church, 5701 Pine Island Road NW, Bokeelia, FL 33922. The video presentation will replay continuously and be available on the project website.

Online Option: 6 p.m. Attend from a computer, tablet or mobile device. Register in advance by visiting: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4701770543186602584 Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to participate. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar.

FDOT sent notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within a 300-foot area from the project limits. If you have any questions or comments, contact: FDOT Public Information Officer Jason Heironimus, (239) 225-1983, jason.heironimus@dot.state.fl.us or mail Jason Heironimus, Florida Department of Transportation, Southwest Area Office, 10041 Daniels Parkway Ft. Myers, Florida 33913. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by April 21, 2024, to be included in the meeting record.

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 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 May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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