

Project Development & Environment Study

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public workshop for the Old Dixie Trail Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study in Polk County. The virtual public workshop will be held on **September 16, 2021** with a live Q&A component from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The live event can be accessed online through the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/trails/odt/home.html>.

Your input on the project is valuable and we invite you to respond to our survey by visiting the project website, or <http://metroquestsurvey.com/jy43q>. Additionally, an in-person alternatives public workshop will be held on **September 23, 2021** at the Lake Alfred Lions Club at 175 N. Nekoma Ave, Lake Alfred, FL, 33850. The in-person workshop will be an open house format from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The proposed trail will connect the trailheads of the Auburndale-TECO Trail and the Haines City Trail, for a distance of approximately 12 miles. The Old Dixie Trail PD&E Study is intended to provide regional connectivity that will offer recreational and economic development benefits. You can participate in the public workshop virtually or in-person. The public workshop is being held to present information about the



proposed alternatives and engineering and environmental analysis completed to date. The workshop provides the public an opportunity to offer feedback on the proposed alternatives for the official workshop record. All workshop materials will be available on the project website through October 7, 2021. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person workshop. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments.

For more information on all options of the upcoming public workshop, visit the project website or contact the project manager (listed below).

FDOT is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300-feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project. If you have any questions about the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Steven Andrews, by phone at (863) 519-2270, email at steven.andrews@dot.state.fl.us.

After reviewing the public workshop materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website; 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager, Steven Andrews at steven.andrews@dot.state.fl.us; or 3) mailing comments to Steven Andrews at FDOT District One, Post Office Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831-1249. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by October 7, 2021, to be included in the formal public comment record. A summary of the workshop comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period.

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 workshop. 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.