PUBLIC MEETING

SR 555 (US 17) at Crystal Beach Road; SR 544 (Martin Luther King Boulevard) from 5th Street NW to 1st Street N; SR 544 (Havendale Boulevard NW) at US 17

Polk County, Florida

FPID: 447854-1, 447877-1, 447874-1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One is proposing safety improvements on three projects: State Road (SR) 555 (US 17) at Crystal Beach Road in Eagle Lake (FPID: 447854-1); SR 544 (Martin Luther King Boulevard) from 5th Street Northwest to 1st Street North in Winter Haven (FPID: 447877-1); and SR 544 (Martin Luther King Boulevard) at US 17 in Winter Haven (FPID: 447874-1).

For the first project on SR 555 at Crystal Beach (447854-1), FDOT proposes building a directional median for drivers turning left to and from northbound SR 555 at the side street. The project also involves additional modifications to the median on SR 555.

PUBLIC COMMENT

FDOT is holding a public meeting on January 11, 2022. FDOT invites the public to submit questions or comments on these projects. Any comments received by January 21, 2022 will become part of the public meeting record.

DIRECT PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS TO:

Joe Lauke, Project Manager (Consultant) Florida Department of Transportation - District One 801-A N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 Joe.Lauk@dot.state.fl.us 863-519-2525

The second project (447877-1) recommends replacing the two-way left turn lanes with a raised median on SR 544 from 5th Street Northwest to 1st Street North. Directional median openings are also being evaluated as part of this project. The third project (447874-1) is an intersection improvement project at SR 544 and US 17 which includes the closing of the existing median openings at SR 544 and 10th and 9th Street NW.



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DATE: December 2021



UBLIC MEETING

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Polk County, Florida



PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One invites you to attend a public meeting on **January 11, 2022**, as part of the design process for proposed safety improvements for three projects: State Road (SR) 555 (US 17) at Crystal Beach Road in Eagle Lake (FPID: 447854-1); SR 544 (Martin Luther King Boulevard) from 5th Street Northwest to 1st Street North in Winter Haven (FPID: 447877-1); and SR 544 (Havendale Boulevard NW) at US 17 in Winter Haven (FPID: 447874-1).

An Open House from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. will present an opportunity for in-person attendees to view project exhibits and speak with FDOT staff. During that time remote attendees may view project exhibits at <u>www.swflroads.</u> <u>com/COMBINED/SR555ANDSR544/</u> and may log into GoToWebinar or dial in to the meeting audio. There will be a looping presentation at the in-person location which will include details on the projects. That same presentation will be shown to virtual attendees shortly after the meeting opens at 5:30 p.m.

REGISTER TO ATTEND

Advance registration will allow the project team to anticipate social distancing needs and discuss remote participation options with attendees. All in-person attendees are requested to register in advance of the public meeting by calling or emailing.

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Be prepared with your name, email address and phone number. Register for online attendance at <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/</u> <u>register/5072071747770128395</u>.

PROVIDE COMMENTS

In-person and online attendees will have the opportunity to offer comments during the public meeting. Comments received by or postmarked to the Project Manager by **January 21, 2022**, will be included in the public record.

PARTICIPATE

- In Person at Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One, Conference Center, 801-A
 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830. All inperson attendees will be encouraged to follow
 Centers for Disease Control guidelines, including social distancing. Masks are optional. Participants who are not feeling well should utilize a remote attendance option.
- Online using an electronic device such as a computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Over the phone by requesting the presentation slides at least seven (7) days in advance of the event and dialing 1-562-247-8422 and code 122-641-037 upon the start of the event. This will enable over-the-phone attendees to review the slides while listening to the presentation.
- After the event by viewing a recording of the public meeting presentation, public comments, and project exhibits on the project website <u>www.swflroads.com/COMBINED/SR555ANDSR544/</u> under "Documents and Publications."

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This meeting has been developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. 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 Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287 or at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the Public Meeting. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may use the Florida Relay Service (TDD: 1-800-955-8771 or Voice: 1-800-955-8770) to contact FDOT regarding this project.

Comuníquese con nosotros: Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, o simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestra representante en español es: Juan Martin, 786-535-9455.

