



Little Ringling (State Road 789)

from Bird Key Drive to Sarasota Harbour West | Sarasota, FL
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

March 2024

Financial Project ID: 436680-1

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to a public hearing for the Little Ringling (State Road 789) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from Bird Key Drive to Sarasota Harbour West on **Thursday, March 21, 2024**. The in-person open-house will begin at 5 p.m. The virtual and in-person hearing and testimony portion will begin at 6 p.m.

The Little Ringling PD&E Study is evaluating alternatives to address structural integrity due to the age and operational deficiencies of the existing bridges. The proposed improvements will enhance safety, improve traffic operations, add a transit lane, replace the existing sidewalks with shared use paths, harden infrastructure, and increase the bridge's resilience to storm events.

This hearing is being conducted to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send all comments by April 4, 2024, to be included in the public hearing record.

Upcoming Hearing

The FDOT offers multiple ways to participate in the public hearing: in-person, virtually, or by viewing hearing materials.

1. The in-person event will be held at St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, 40 N. Adams Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236, starting at 5 p.m.
2. The virtual event can be accessed online through GoToWebinar at <https://bit.ly/LittleRinglingPublicHearing> starting at 5:45 p.m.
Please note that registration is required in advance.

From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., in-person attendees will be able to view project materials and speak with the team in an open house format. The virtual and in-person hearing and testimony portion will begin at 6 p.m. Both in-person and virtual attendees will be able to view the project presentation and provide feedback on the proposed alternative.

3. All meeting materials, including the presentation, will be available online at www.swflroads.com/project/436680-1 by March 14, 2024. Comments can be provided through the project website.

Project documents will also be available for public viewing from February 29, 2024, to April 4, 2024, at two locations:

- Selby Public Library, 1331 1st Street, Sarasota, FL 34236
- FDOT District One Manatee Operations Center, 14000 East SR 64, Bradenton, FL 34212

For more information, contact:

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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 hearing.

Online Registration

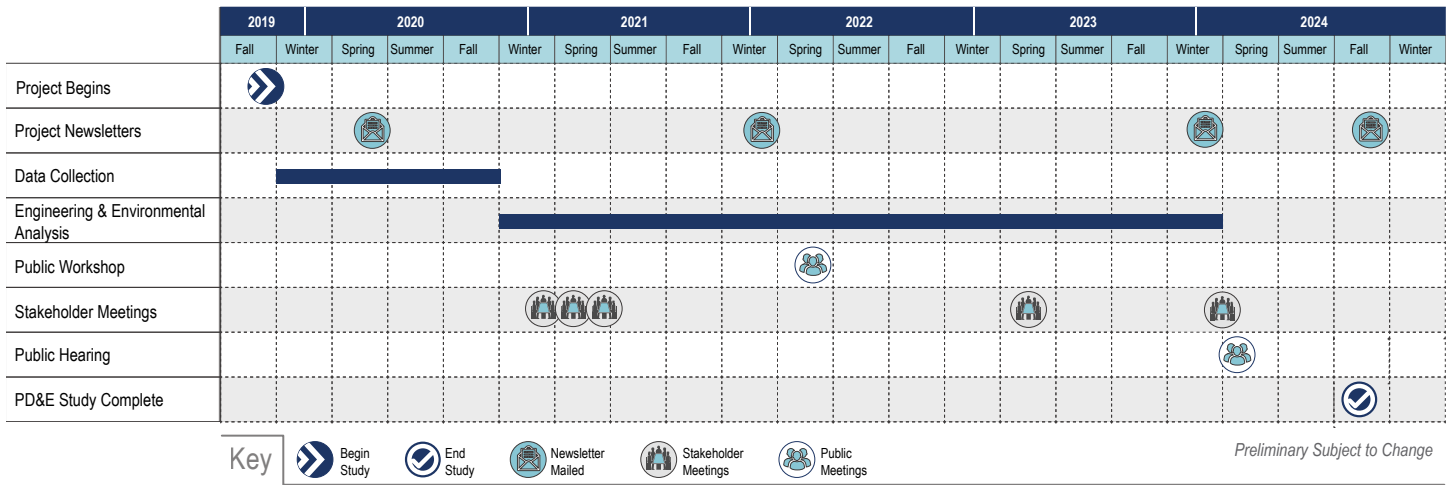
To attend virtually from a computer, tablet or mobile device on **March 21, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.**, please register in advance by:

- Visiting <https://bit.ly/LittleRinglingPublicHearing>
- Visiting the project website www.swflroads.com/project/436680-1
- Scanning the QR code below

Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing online.

Please note that registration and attendance via the website links work best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser.

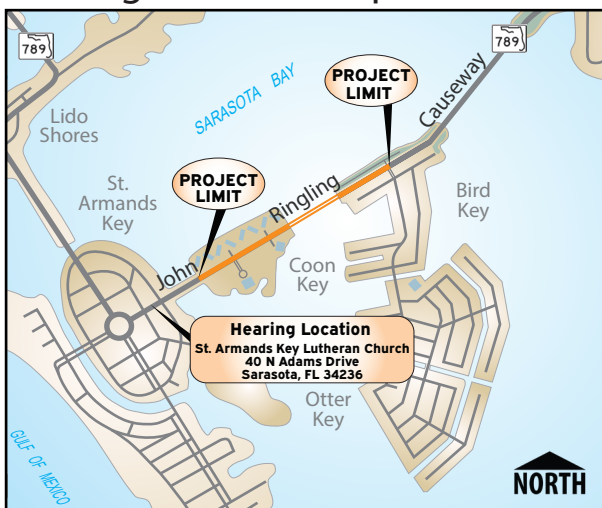




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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

Hearing Location Map



Public Hearing Information

In-person Hearing

Online Hearing



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