



# I-75 FRUITVILLE ROAD INTERCHANGE

Sarasota, Florida

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## Public Hearing

**Date:**

Thursday  
June 21, 2018

**Time:**

5 p.m.

**Location:**

Selby Library  
1331 1st Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
Jack J. Geldbardt  
Auditorium

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### Welcome

Welcome to the public hearing presented by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, for the I-75 / Fruitville Road Interchange project.

The hearing begins with an open house at 5 p.m. and follows with a formal presentation and public comment period at 6 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 hearing, emailed, or mailed and postmarked by Monday, July 2, 2018, will become part of the official hearing transcript.

### Roadway Improvements

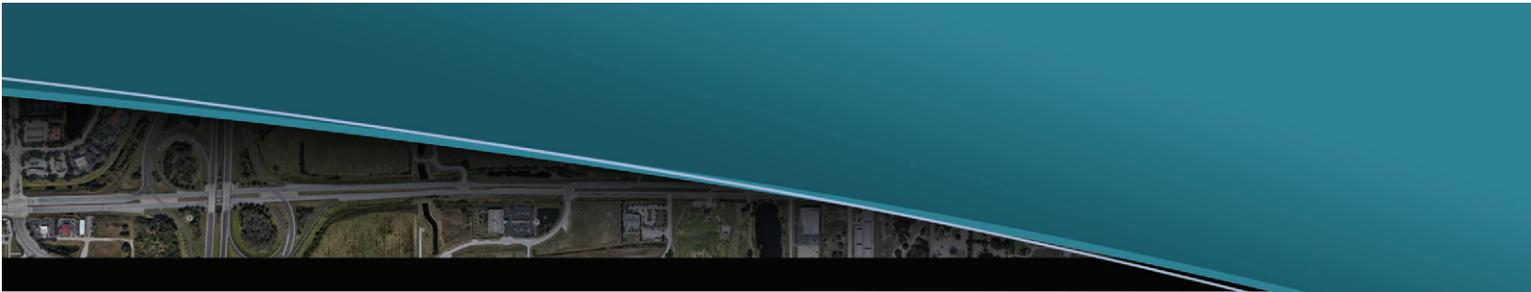
The FDOT, along with Sarasota County, has identified the need to make improvements to the I-75 / Fruitville Road interchange to improve highway operations, safety, and regional mobility.

The recommended alternative is to rebuild the interchange from the existing partial cloverleaf design to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI). This project will also widen about two miles of I-75, from Palmer Boulevard to north of Fruitville Road, to a six-lane highway with three through lanes per direction and will replace the existing bridges over Fruitville Road. It will also widen 1.6 miles of Fruitville Road from Honore Avenue to east of Coburn Road.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the FDOT Project Manager, Ryan Weeks at (863) 519-2837, by e-mail to Ryan.Weeks@dot.state.fl.us or by writing the Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831. For additional information, you may also visit the project web site at [www.swflroads.com/i75/fruitvilleroad](http://www.swflroads.com/i75/fruitvilleroad). FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.



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### ROW Acquisition

This project will not cause any relocation of families or businesses. All right of way acquisition will be conducted in accordance with Florida Statute 339.09 and the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, commonly known as the Uniform Act. The right of way specialists who are supervising this program are here tonight and will be happy to answer your questions. You also can ask about right of way by contacting the District One Right of Way office located at the Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831; telephone (863) 519-2407. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### What are the benefits of a DDI?

The DDI design provides a safety benefit because it reduces the number of potential conflict points through the elimination of potential crossing conflicts between vehicles turning left onto the freeway and opposing arterial traffic. Although traffic signals are used to separate conflicts between vehicles, and other roadway design features, such as signs and markings, are intended to reduce the probability of driver errors that may result in crashes, safety performance generally is better when the number of conflict points is minimized.

Besides the potential safety benefits of the DDI, the design also offers operational and cost benefits over alternatives at grade-separated interchanges. In locations where the DDI has been implemented, construction costs are approximately half as much as a conventional diamond interchange retrofit because the additional turn lanes typically required during an interchange improvement would require widening the overpassing bridge. Furthermore, traffic modeling suggests that a DDI operates at a much higher level of service and capacity.

### Environmental Impacts?

The proposed design presented this evening will not result in significant changes in environmental effects within the I-75 at Fruitville Road interchange project limits. Effects previously studied included wetlands, floodplains, threatened and endangered species, noise, hazardous materials and petroleum contamination, and right of way acquisition.

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 FHWA and FDOT.

Funding for I-75 / Fruitville Road	
Plans Production	FDOT Work Program
Phase II	June 2018
Final ROW Requirements	Fall 2018
Phase III	Early 2019
Phase IV	Mid 2019
Final	Late 2019
ROW Acquisition	Fiscal Year 2019
<b>Construction Cost (Est.)</b>	<b>\$88.2 Million Not Yet Funded</b>

### How Can You Participate?

We welcome your comments concerning the proposed design. You can do so this evening at the microphone, which will be recorded by a court reporter, or you can make your comments in writing. Please complete a comment sheet and leave it with us this evening, or you can take it home, complete it and mail it to us by Monday, July 2, 2018. Please mail your comments to Ryan Weeks, Project Manager, at the address shown on the back of the comment sheet. You can also email your comments to [ryan.weeks@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ryan.weeks@dot.state.fl.us). All comments are part of the project record and are available for viewing by the public and media.