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431298-1-22-01



State Road (SR) 31 Extension

Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Feasibility Study

From SR 70 to US 17 in DeSoto County, Florida

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SR 31 EXTENSION CORRIDOR PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is hosting a corridor public information meeting to discuss the Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Feasibility Study to identify the need and to evaluate a potential new alignment for the extension of State Road (SR) 31 in DeSoto County. The study area begins on SR 31 south of SR 70 and extends north to US 17 between Fiveash Street and Moore Avenue.

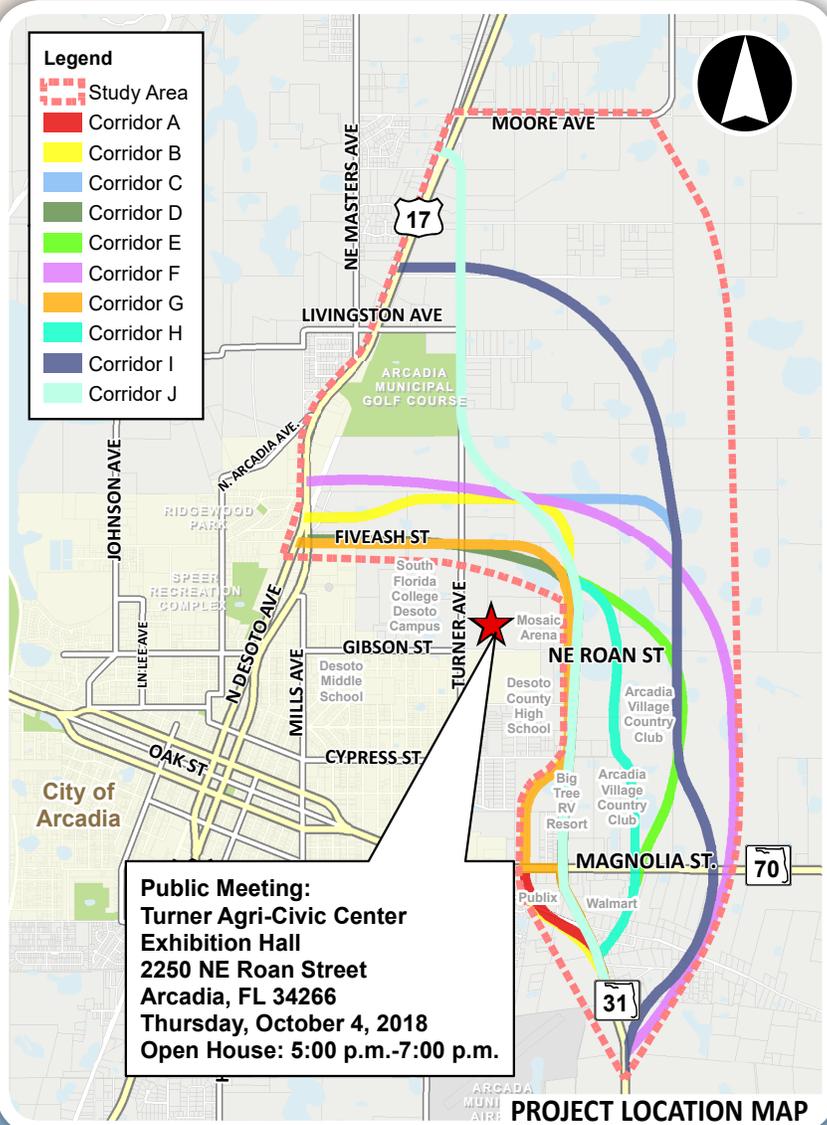
The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center, Exhibition Hall, 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The public can drop by from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to view displays and talk with FDOT staff.

In the event that the meeting cannot be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 due to severe weather or other unforeseen conditions, it will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at the Turner Agri-Civic Center, Exhibition Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to present potential corridor alternatives identified by the study team and to obtain comments. The objective of the SR 31 Extension ACE Feasibility Study is to identify and to establish the purpose and need, as well as viability of the project. Since beginning the study, FDOT has been conducting analyses, meeting with stakeholders, and identifying corridor alternatives.

FDOT solicits public participation 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, Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287 or by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Services, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the 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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Interested parties may submit written comments at the meeting or at a later date to Gwen Pipkin, FDOT Project Manager, at P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831-1249, by telephone at 863-519-2375 or toll-free at 1-800-292-3368 Ext. 2375, or by e-mail to Gwen.Pipkin@dot.state.fl.us. Comments can also be submitted by visiting the study website at www.swflroads.com/sr31extension/sr70tous17.

PARA INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL

Si tuviese preguntas, comentarios, o simplemente deseara más información, póngase en contacto con Marlon Bizerra por correo electrónico a Marlon.Bizerra@dot.state.fl.us, por teléfono al (863) 519-2375, o envíe un correo a FDOT District One, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

FDOT began this feasibility study in May 2017 and it is tentatively anticipated to be complete in November 2018. If an extension of SR 31 is determined to be feasible, a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study will be initiated. The alternatives recommended for further evaluation as a result of the ACE Feasibility Study will be evaluated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the evaluation results will be documented in the PD&E Study. Consideration will be given to minimizing impacts to the natural, social, cultural and physical environment. The no-build alternative will remain an option throughout the ACE Feasibility Study and PD&E Study.

