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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces an opportunity for a public hearing. Notice is hereby given that interested persons may request a location and design concept public hearing for the:

### CR 664 Bridge over Little Payne Creek - Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Hardee County, Florida

Bridge Number 060034

Financial Project Number: 435830-1-21-01

Federal Aid Project Numbers: D120-044-B, D119-077-B

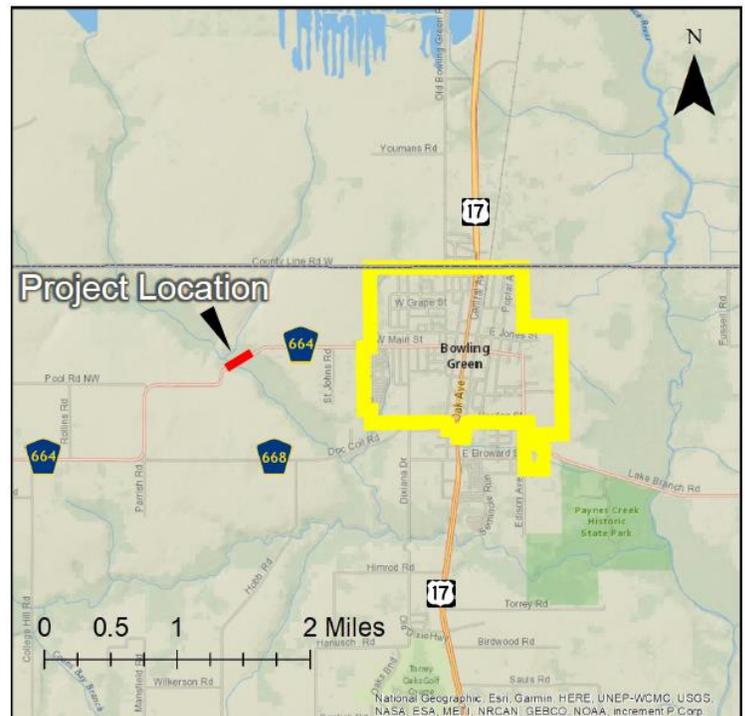
ETDM Number: 14448

**Location:** less than one mile west of the Bowling Green city limits

**Project Type:** Bridge replacement study

**Project Description:** This project recommends to replace the existing one-lane bridge with a new, two-lane bridge. The existing bridge was constructed in 1915 and is now functionally obsolete. The PD&E study is evaluating and documenting potential engineering and natural, physical, socioeconomic, and cultural environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

FDOT is conducting the PD&E study in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable federal and state laws and regulations.



This proposed project involves the use of properties protected under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The CR 664 bridge over Little Payne Creek is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in the area of Engineering (as an example of concrete arch deck bridge in Florida) and is eligible in the area of Transportation (for its connection of Bowling Green to Fort Green). The State Historic Preservation Office concurred with these findings on October 1, 2020 and a Section 106 Case Study is being conducted, as required. The proposed undertaking will result in an “adverse effect” to the NRHP-eligible Little Payne Creek Bridge (8HR00374). Proposed mitigation strategies being discussed include a historic marker documenting the bridge’s history and a Historic American Engineering Record document. **Your input is sought concerning the undertaking’s Adverse Effect to the resource and proposed mitigation.** (cont.)

Persons interested in this project may review the approved **Draft Section 106 Case Study** at the following FDOT office:

Florida Department of Transportation, District One  
801 North Broadway Avenue  
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The draft Case Study can also be reviewed on the project website ([www.swflroads.com/cr664/bridgeoverlittlepaynecreek](http://www.swflroads.com/cr664/bridgeoverlittlepaynecreek)). To schedule a viewing at the FDOT office in person, please contact Project Manager Patrick Bateman, PE, at (863) 519-2792 or [Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us). It is recommended to call or email over mailing, so that we can ensure your request is recorded in a timely manner.

As part of the PD&E study, a letter was sent last summer notifying the public of the start of the study. Upon completion of the study, a third letter will be sent out announcing project approval. A current list of scheduled project activities is below. **If you have questions or comments about the project, please contact me, Patrick Bateman, PE, FDOT Project Manager within the 15-day comment period (from July 2, 2021 through July 16, 2021) to be included in the project record.** Any requests for a public hearing should be included during this period.

Study Begins	Spring 2020
Newsletter #1	Summer 2020
Study completion	Late 2021
Newsletter #3	Late 2021

The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) includes the CR 664 Bridge project in its Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Design is occurring concurrently with the PD&E study. Right of Way acquisition will not be required for the recommended improvement. Construction is funded in fiscal year 2023 of FDOT's Five-Year Work Program and the HRTPO TIP.

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 e-mail at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us).

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 Florida Department of Transportation (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.

Sincerely,



**Patrick Bateman, PE**  
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