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Subject: Notification of Public Hearing

US 17 at Spirit Lake Road Intersection Improvements Project (from south of Spirit Lake Road to north of Spirit Lake Road)
Polk County, Florida
Financial Project ID Number: 439826-1-52-01

Dear Property Owner or Other Interested Stakeholder:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to attend a public hearing to learn about the proposed intersection improvement project on US 17 from south of Spirit Lake Road to north of Spirit Lake Road in Polk County, Florida. The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the existing asphalt pavement with rigid concrete pavement within the limits of US 17 at the Spirit Lake Road intersection. The scope also includes closing an existing median opening, resurfacing, adding sidewalk to connect the Bartow Municipal Airport entrance with Bomber Road, transit pads, new signalization at Spirit Lake Road, signing and pavement marking upgrades and intersection lighting.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and will consist of a hybrid format with combined face-to-face and virtual components. The public is invited to participate in the hearing virtually at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8664248794013633808>, or visit the public viewing location at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Burnham-McCall Training Center, 2201 Old Bartow Eagle Lake Road, Bartow, FL, 33830. An open house will begin at 5:30 p.m., where attendees may review project displays and speak with project team members. The formal portion of the hearing will begin at 6 p.m. and will include an opportunity for attendees to make public comments. Following the formal portion of the hearing, the informal open house will resume and continue until 7 p.m.

A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting before and after the formal portion of the hearing. You may submit written comments at the hearing or send your written comments to Alex Carlson, E.I., FDOT District One, 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL, 33830, or email to alex.carlson@dot.state.fl.us. Comments must be postmarked by December 4, 2020 to become part of the public hearing record.

Draft project documents and plans will be available for public review from November 4 to December 4, 2020 on the project website, <http://swflroads.com/us17/spiritlakerd/>, or by contacting Alex Carlson, E.I., at 863-519-2572 or via email at alex.carlson@dot.state.fl.us.

FDOT is sending notices to property owners located within at least 300 feet of the US 17 corridor within the project limits, in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 339.155(5)(c). FDOT encourages all interested people to attend and express their views regarding the design.

Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Alex Carlson, E.I., by phone at 863-519-2572 or via email at alex.carlson@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are

hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator, by email at cynthia.sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex E. Carlson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alex" and last name "Carlson" clearly legible.

Alex E. Carlson, E.I.
FDOT Project Manager
Florida Department of Transportation, District One

Enclosures: Project Fact Sheet