

SR 72 (Clark Road) PD&E Study From East of I-75 to Lorraine Road

June 2025

Sarasota County - FPID No.: 444634-1

PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 26, 2025

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the public hearing for the State Road (SR) 72 (Clark Road) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

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. You can participate live online or in-person. The information presented during either format will be the same and all attendees will have opportunity to comment.

In accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, FDOT is seeking comments concerning the effects of the project on the activities, features, and attributes of Twin Lakes Park.

IN-PERSON OPTION:

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Anytime between 5 - 6 p.m. Open house | 6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

Covenant Mennonite Fellowship 5420 Ashton Road, Sarasota, FL 34233

Displays will be available starting at 5 p.m. to review at your own pace and the formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. The project team will be available for discussion.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION:

Register in advance: fdot.cc/SR72_Public_Hearing_Registration

Thursday, June 26, 2025

5:45 p.m. Overview for how to submit comment | 6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment



This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and the formal comment portion. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event (swflroads.com/project/444634-1).

Materials will be posted by June 19, 2025.

Project Overview

FDOT, District One, began a PD&E study in March 2022 along SR 72 (Clark Road) from east of I-75 to Lorraine Road in Sarasota County. The purpose of the project is to identify and evaluate potential improvements to this 3.4-mile segment of SR 72. These improvements are intended to improve capacity to accommodate future travel demand projected as a result of area-wide population and employment growth. Other goals include enhancing safety conditions and accommodating bicycle and pedestrian activity.

SR 72 plays an important role in the transportation network as it facilitates east-west movement within Sarasota County for both local and regional traffic,



including commercial traffic. SR 72 from east of I-75 to Lorraine Road is currently a two-lane undivided roadway with intermittent right-turn and left-turn lanes. Improvements may include widening to a four-lane divided roadway as well as bicycle and pedestrian accommodations such as a shared-use path.



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Contact Us

FDOT encourages the public to participate in the SR 72 (Clark Road) PD&E public hearing. If you have questions regarding the hearing, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, Steven A. Andrews at:



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Por favor contacte a Karina Della Sera para información en español: Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us o 863-519-2750

Register to Attend Virtually

Scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public hearing online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this live online event.



VIEW PROJECT DOCUMENTS

Project documents will be available for public viewing from Thursday, June 5, 2025, through Monday, July 7, 2025, at the following locations:

swflroads.com/project/444634-1

In-Person Locations:

Gulf Gate Public Library 7112 Curtiss Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34231

Monday – Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County

6700 Clark Road Sarasota, FL 34241

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Copies will also be displayed at the in-person hearing.

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.

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 the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.