

Speaker: GG

- Welcome everyone and thank you for tuning in this evening. We will be getting started in just a few minutes and plan to give everyone a couple of minutes to filter in before beginning.
- The presentation will start promptly at 5:30 PM.
- Hello again, to begin our presentation, I'd like to transition to our FDOT Project Representative, David Agacinski to introduce our project team and begin our conversation.





Speaker: DA

TOPIC: Welcome from FDOT Project Representative

- Good evening, everyone and welcome to the virtual public meeting for the **State Road 776 from Myakka River to East of Willowbend Drive** project.
- My name is **David Agacinski**, and I am the Project Representative for the Florida Department of Transportation.
- During the meeting, we will present information on the Department's plans to resurface, restore, and rehabilitate the roadway; improve safety; and enhance operations through this project located in northwestern Charlotte County.
- Joining us tonight are our consultant representatives Carrie Strasheim, Project Manager; Mike Fury, a Project Engineer; and Gabriel Gonzalez Jr., our Moderator.
- We encourage and welcome all feedback before, during, and after the presentation. There are multiple ways you can submit your questions and comments to us about this project. I will allow Gabriel to describe those in just a moment.
- All comments and questions will be responded to after the meeting and will become part of the public meeting record so long as they are submitted or postmarked on or before June 12, 2022.
- I will now turn it over to Gabriel and our project team to begin the presentation.



About the Public Meeting			
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Speaker: GG TOPIC: Public Meeting Format

- This meeting is being conducted in a hybrid format over two separate sessions to provide multiple ways for the public to receive information about the project and provide input.
- The first option was held in-person as an open-house meeting at Hope Lutheran Church, 14200 Hopewell Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33981 on June 2, 2022 between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM.
- Attendees could review project materials, interact with the project team, and submit comments about the project using available comment forms.



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- The second option is being held virtually tonight, June 7, 2022 as a live presentation via GoToWebinar from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.
- Participation was made possible by registering via the link above. If you'd like to share it with anyone that may also want to participate, the link is <u>http://bit.ly/3yhGCGv</u>. You may also register by scanning the QR code above or dial directly into the meeting on a phone as a listen-only attendee at +1 (415) 930-5321 with access code 250-245-696 when prompted.
- A recording of the live presentation will be made available on June 12, 2022.
- All other project materials can be reviewed at the project website any time. The website is <u>swflroads.com/sr776/myakkatowillowbend/</u>.



Speaker: GG TOPIC: Submitting Responses

- Information presented at both the in-person and virtual options is identical.
- There is no cost to participate or share feedback regardless of the format you choose. All received comments, questions, and feedback will be considered equal.
- Tonight's participants may submit questions in the Questions toolbar available to you in GoToWebinar and can use the Handouts toolbar or the project website to review project materials. I'll review some additional instructions on those options after this slide.
- Additionally, comments and feedback may be mailed directly to the Project Representative David Agacinski at 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913.
- You may also request additional project information by emailing him at <u>David.Agacinski@dot.state.fl.us</u> or calling him at (239) 225-1924.
- As a note, while you may submit them at any time throughout this project's lifespan, all comments, questions, or feedback that are submitted or postmarked on or before June 12, 2022 will be included in the public record for this meeting.



Speaker: GG TOPIC: GoToWebinar Orientation

- GoToWebinar can be viewed either on a desktop computer screen or through a mobile device.
- For Desktop attendees, the GoToWebinar Control Panel should be visible in the upper-right corner of your computer screen.
- If joining GoToWebinar on your Mobile device, simply tap the screen to display the same options.
- There are two sections to identify on your interfaces: the Questions and Handouts Sections.
- Comments, questions, and feedback can be entered and submitted through the Question section.
- Desktop users that are having trouble finding them can check under the View drop-down menu to verify that the tabs have been enabled.
- The Handouts section includes various project handouts, documents, feedback forms, and this presentation available for review. Simply click on the file name to enlarge the document.
- Dial-in attendees are listen-only will need to contact David Agacinski directly to submit feedback. His contact information will be repeated at the end of this presentation.



Speaker: GG TOPIC: Title VI Compliance

- This public meeting was advertised and is being conducted in accordance with state and federal requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.
- Persons wishing to express their concerns about Title VI may do so by contacting Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, by mail at 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830-3809, by phone at 863-519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us. You may also contact Jacqueline Paramore, State Title VI Coordinator, by mail at 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 65, Tallahassee, FL, 32399-0450 by phone at 850-414-4753 or email at Jacqueline.Paramore@dot.state.fl.us.
- This information was shown on a sign at the in-person location, on the project website, and in the meeting notifications.
- Carrie Strasheim, our project manager, will now take us thorough the project details. Keep in mind, you are encouraged to submit your comments, questions, and feedback at anytime during this presentation.





Speaker: CS TOPIC: Regional Project Location

As mentioned, the project is in northwest Charlotte County...





Speaker: CS TOPIC: Local Project Location

...along SR 776, also known as El Jobean Road. SR 776 is a four-lane urban divided arterial with raised medians and sidewalk along both sides of the roadway. The posted speed is 55 mph. There are multiple median breaks along the project limits to allow for turning movements for side streets and u-turns along SR 776.

The project extends from the east end of the Myakka River bridge to just east of Willowbend Drive. The project involves milling and resurfacing this stretch of roadway and minor other improvements such as replacing broken sidewalk sections and curb ramps. Sturkie Avenue is located at the west end of the project limits. The median opening at this intersection with SR 776 will be reconstructed. Next, we'll go into a few more details about the purpose of this project and this location, specifically.



Speaker: CS TOPIC: Purpose of Project

The existing pavement along SR 776 is heavily cracked. Milling and resurfacing will improve ride quality for drivers and extend the life of the pavement.

We are making a change to the intersection with Sturkie Avenue to improve safety. FDOT District 1 had identified this as a location where a significant number of crashes occur. Left turning movements from SR 776 onto Sturkie and Pambar Avenues conflict with drivers attempting to turn onto or cross SR 776 from the side streets. The proposed improvements aim to reduce these conflicts.





Speaker: CS TOPIC: Existing and Proposed Conditions

The top image is the existing intersection with Sturkie and Pambar Avenues. Currently, drivers can turn left from SR 776 onto westbound Sturkie Avenue and left onto Pambar Avenue eastbound. Drivers can turn left from Sturkie Avenue onto eastbound SR 776. Drivers on Pambar Avenue are able to turn left on westbound SR 776 and travel through onto westbound Sturkie Avenue. Channelizing islands are intended to restrict the ability to travel across on Sturkie Avenue. This configuration creates several vehicle conflict points in the median and has resulted in a large number of crashes.

The intersection of SR 776 and Sturkie Avenue will be reconstructed to a dual directional left turn. This means left turns will be permitted from SR 776 onto Sturkie Avenue in both the eastbound and westbound direction. Traffic on Sturkie Avenue heading toward SR 776 will be permitted to turn right onto SR 776. A driver wishing to travel the other direction will turn right and u-turn. Access for Pambar Avenue will be restricted to a right in / right out configuration.

This layout will simplify movements at the intersection and limit vehicle conflicts, improving safety.

Milling and resurfacing will cause minor traffic disruptions through short term lane closures. While the Sturkie intersection is being reconstructed, the speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph and a barrier wall will be in place along the median to protect the construction activities. This will make construction safer for both workers and drivers.

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Speaker: CS TOPIC: Project Schedule

- Our project team has recently submitted 60% design plans.
- We anticipate a February 2023 letting date.
- I'll now hand it back to Gabriel to remind everyone how to participate and submit any comments or feedback.



Speaker: GG TOPIC: Reminder on Submitting Responses

- On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation, thank you for taking the time to participate in this hybrid public meeting.
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- These presentation slides will now remain on loop for the duration of the meeting. We welcome all submissions during this time and will remain available to respond until 7:30 PM.