



## **COMMENTS AND COORDINATION REPORT**

Florida Department of Transportation, District One

S.R. 72 at S.R. 70 PD&E Study

From S.R. 72 from C.R. 661 to S.R. 70 and S.R. 70 from C.R. 661  
to the Peace River Bridge

DeSoto County

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for S.R. 72 at S.R. 70 from S.R. 72 from C.R. 661 to S.R. 70 AND S.R. 70 from C.R. 661 to the Peace River Bridge in DeSoto County, Florida. The project location map, shown in **Figure 1**, illustrates the location and limits of the study.

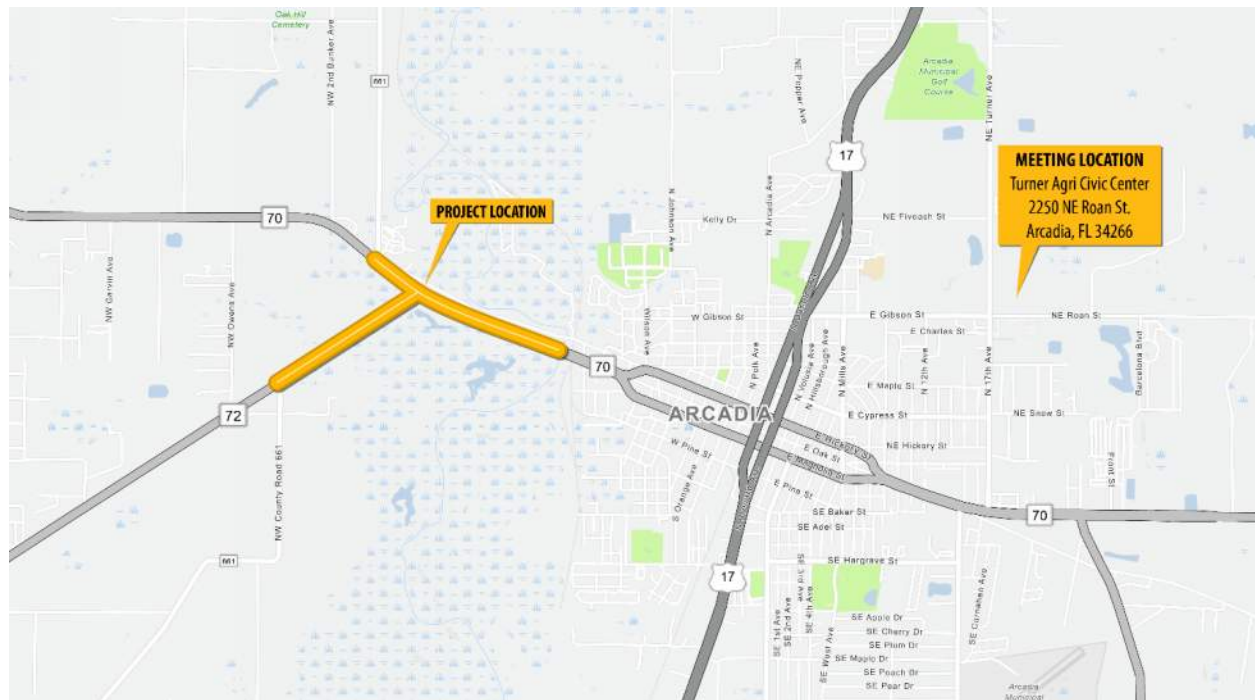
The purpose of the PD&E Study is to provide documented environmental and engineering analyses to assist FDOT's Office of Environmental Management (OEM), the lead federal agency, in reaching a decision on the type, location and conceptual design of the necessary improvements, in order to accommodate future traffic demand in a safe and efficient manner. The PD&E Study also satisfies the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other related state and federal environmental laws and regulations and qualifies the project for federal-aid funding of future development phases of the project.

The purpose of this report is to document the public and local agency participation accomplished throughout the study process. In compliance with State and Federal rules, a Public Involvement Plan was developed and implemented as an integral part of this project. FDOT recognizes that the success of any transportation improvement is dependent upon a comprehensive public outreach effort. The program focused on soliciting community participation regarding local issues and concerns throughout the project development process. The balance of this report describes the following components of the program: public communications (emails, newsletters, website, media coverage, etc.), local agency presentations and stakeholder meetings, and the public hearing.

### 1.1 Project Description

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements, including consideration of a single lane roundabout at the intersection of S.R. 70 and S.R. 72 in Arcadia, Florida. Alternatives evaluated included pedestrian and bicycle crossings, multi-use pathways to provide safe connectivity for the area, shifting the alignment of S.R. 72, and reconstruction of S.R. 70 from C.R. 661 to the Peace River Bridge. The study also evaluated raising the roadway to alleviate flooding caused by the Peace River.

Figure 1: Project Location Map



## **2.0 PROJECT KICKOFF**

### **2.1 Public Involvement Plan**

A Public Involvement Plan (PIP) prepared under separate cover (approved August 24, 2023) was created for this project outlining community outreach efforts. It presents the approach used to involve the public, public officials, the media, and government agencies throughout the project. The plan is in compliance with FDOT's PD&E Manual, Part 1, Chapter 11. All outreach is in compliance with Section 339.155, Florida Statute (F.S.), Section 335.199 F.S., Section 120.525 F.S., Section 286.011 F.S., Federal Highway Act of 1968, as amended, National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450 & 771, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500-1508, 23 United States Code, Section 109(h), Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other Nondiscrimination Laws, Executive Order 13166, Limited English Proficiency, Executive Order 07-01, Section 2, Plain Language Initiative, Section 286.29, FS, Climate-Friendly Public Business (Green Lodging), and other requirements as applicable.

### **2.2 Project Kickoff Notifications**

Project kickoff emails were sent to elected officials by FDOT, District One, District Environmental Administrator, and to Appointed Officials/Agencies by FDOT, District One, District Designee (Adam Rose) on January 12, 2023. These emails provided an overview of the project and public involvement program. They also included the first project newsletter.

The Project Kickoff newsletter, published in English was mailed on January 27, 2023, informing the public of the start of the project and included a discussion of the study process and schedule. The newsletter also encouraged the need for public input and provided information on points of contact within the Department regarding citizen comments and concerns.

This newsletter was mailed to the property owner mailing list which was developed from information in the DeSoto County Property Appraiser's website. It was also distributed to interested parties who had contacted the Department and requested to be added to the project mailing list. The elected/appointed officials email notifications, email distribution list, project kickoff newsletter (newsletter #1) and the full mailing list updated on January 11, 2023, are provided in **Appendix A**.

## **3.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

### **3.1 Public Hearing – December 7, 2023**

FDOT conducted a hybrid public hearing to provide interested persons with information on the preferred alternative selected by FDOT, and to allow the public the opportunity to

comment. The hearing was held on December 7, 2023, at Turner Agri Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan St, Arcadia, FL 34266 and the formal hearing portion was live streamed online through GoToWebinar. The in-person venue was chosen because of proximity to project, ADA accommodations, and responsiveness of venue staff. Meeting materials were posted to the project webpage (<https://www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2>) on November 30, 2023.

The Public Hearing was advertised in the following manner:

- Email to Elected Officials – Distributed on November 9, 2023
- Email to Appointed Officials – Distributed on November 9, 2023
- Email to Interested Parties – Distributed on November 9, 2023
- Newsletter to Property Owners – Mailed on November 10, 2023
- Florida Administrative Register – Published on November 27, 2023
- FDOT Public Notice Website – Published on November 16, 2023
- Legal Advertisements – Published in Sun Newspaper (Port Charlotte) on November 19, 2023, and November 30, 2023.

As attendees entered the hearing, they were provided with a handout and the project team explained the comment process. At the in-person event, an open house was held from 5 – 6 p.m. Members of the study team were available to answer questions and discuss the project during this time. A separate table for roundabout information, project technical reports, and right-of-way information was available to the public.

The following project-related information was on display:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Roll plots of S.R. 72 at S.R. 70 | • Schedule and Funding |
| • Project location map             | • Evaluation Matrix    |
| • Typical Section S.R. and S.R. 70 | • Comment Board        |
| • Floodplain Maps                  | • Title VI             |
| • Roundabout animation station     | • Hearing Statutes     |
| • Welcome and Thank you Boards     |                        |

At 6 p.m. the formal portion of the hearing began for both the in-person and online attendees. A project presentation was played, and the public had the opportunity to provide verbal comments. 4 attendees provided verbal testimony at the in-person event and 1 attendee provided verbal comment through the online event.

In addition to the verbal comments, other comments were submitted either by email, website, or by mail. In-person hearing attendees were also able to leave written comments. 5 comment forms were received at the in-person hearing and 10 during the 10-day comment period following the meeting, ending December 17, 2023.

- Opposition to the roundabout and request for a light instead
  - Request for a traffic light instead
  - Questions about how trucks will utilize a roundabout
- Support for the roundabout

- Request for reduction of proposed right of way needed in front of a single residence
- Concern for bicyclist and pedestrian accommodations (wanting multiple options for various skill levels of bicyclists)

The public hearing notifications, including emails, advertisements, newsletter invite, and mailing list, are provided in **Appendix B**. The sign-in sheets, project presentation, and all hearing materials can be found in **Appendix C**. The comment sheets from the hearing, as well as those received in the 10 days following, can be found in **Appendix D**. A transcript package was also prepared under separate cover.

## **4.0 AGENCY AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION**

### **4.1 Small Group Meetings/Presentations to Stakeholders**

To involve more of the public, meetings were held with various stakeholder groups interested in the project. The team met with representatives from Super Stop Petroleum Inc. on October 5, 2023. There were 5 attendees at the in-person meeting. Exhibits discussed showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. No formal comments were received. A meeting with a representative of the Peace River Campground was held on March 24, 2026. There were 4 attendees at the in-person meeting. Exhibits discussed a general overview of the project, flooding and storm impacts, property and right-of-way concerns, and operations and access. The team received 9 verbal comments from the campground representative. The presentations and additional documentation from these meetings can be found in **Appendix E**.

### **4.2 Local Government Coordination**

Presentations were made to various local government officials interested in the project. The team presented to DeSoto County Board of Commissioners on November 14, 2023. There were 8 attendees at the in-person meeting. The slide presentation showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. The slide presentation showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. During the meeting, commissioners provided comments related to safety, evacuation functionality, design constraints, and future corridor improvements. The team presented to DeSoto County Board of Commissioners on January 23, 2024. There were 7 attendees at the meeting. The team received 13 verbal comments from the commissioners during this presentation, which resulted in the changes to the alignment of S.R. 72 and the placement of the roundabout. The team had two virtual meetings with the DeSoto County Board of Commissioners on August 19, 2024. There were 9 attendees at both virtual meetings at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M. The slide presentation showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. No comments were

received at both meetings. The team had two hybrid-style meetings with DeSoto County Board of Commissioners on August 26, 2024. There were 7 attendees at the 9 A.M. hybrid meeting and 8 attendees at the 10 A.M. hybrid meeting. The slide presentation showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. No comments were received at both meetings. The team presented to DeSoto County on March 11, 2025. There were 5 attendees at the in-person meeting. The meeting detailed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. The presentations and additional documentation from these meetings can be found in **Appendix F**.

### **4.3 Agency Presentations**

FDOT updated local municipalities and agencies throughout the project. These municipalities and agencies were identified as having an interest in the S.R. 72 at S.R. 70 PD&E study. A presentation was provided to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee on November 15, 2023. The slide presentation showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. No comments were received. The team presented to the HRTPO Citizens Advisory Committee on November 16, 2023. The slide presentation showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. No comments were received. The team presented to the HRTPO Board on December 6, 2023. The slide presentation showed the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. No comments were received. Information from these meetings is included in **Appendix G**.

## **5.0 OTHER PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

### **5.1 Project Website**

A project website was available at <https://www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2>. The website was updated regularly to keep the public apprised of the project's status. The website featured a PD&E study focused on proposed safety and roadway improvements at the intersection of S.R. 70 and S.R. 72 in Arcadia. It outlined the purpose of the study, the potential design alternatives being evaluated—such as a single-lane roundabout, pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, multi-use paths, roadway realignment, and raising the roadway to reduce flooding—and summarized public involvement activities, including a December 2023 public hearing. The page also provided access to project documents, engineering reports, roll plots, images, and videos related to the proposed improvements. Screenshots of the initial project website can be found in **Appendix H**.

## **5.2 Additional Public Comment**

Additional public comment was received outside of the public hearing comment period. Details of these comments and copies of the comments are included in **Appendix I**.

## **5.3 Additional Public Outreach**

Based on discussions held during the DeSoto County Board of Commissioners meetings, FDOT refined the project concept to address the concerns raised by local officials and community members. Following these adjustments, FDOT issued notification letters to the two property owners directly affected by the revised concept. Documentation and additional details related to the Board of Commissioners meetings are provided in **Appendix J**.

## **5.4 LDCA Approval**

Upon receipt of Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA) from FDOT's Office of Environmental Management (OEM), a Final Notifications Package will be compiled under separate cover.

## *Appendix A:*

### *Project Kick-off Notifications*

**From:** [Rose, Adam](#)  
**Cc:** [Horne, Abra](#); [Bateman, Patrick](#)  
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### **Project Location Map**



Best regards,  
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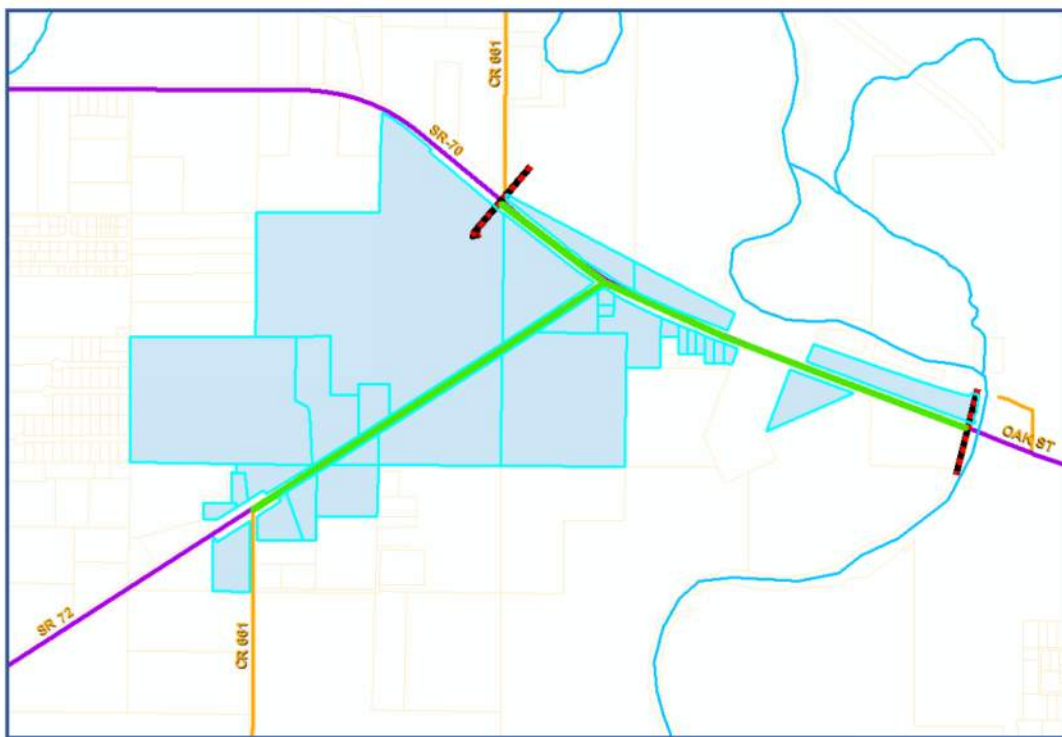
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### FIELD PERMISSION LETTERS MAP



Project Coordination Regarding Property  
Financial Project Number: 443123-2-22-01  
SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge  
DeSoto County

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| <b>BARONE VERONICA J &amp;<br/>ODELL DENALYN C JT/ROS</b><br>3460 NW HWY 72<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                                        | <b>FOUR MARNAN INC</b><br>2998 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                         | <b>DESOTO COUNTY</b><br>201 E OAK ST STE 201<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                        |
| <b>BOMBARDIER SCOTT J &amp;<br/>BOMBARDIER OHILDA C &amp;<br/>MIRABEL RAFAEL ET AL JT/ROS</b><br>1874 NW CO RD 661<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266 | <b>FOUR MARNAN INC</b><br>2998 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                         | <b>POE CHARLES &amp;<br/>POE SAMANTHA</b><br>3528 NW HWY 72<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266         |
| <b>STEWART LAND &amp; CATTLE LLC</b><br>1508 NW CO RD 661<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                                                          | <b>SAMPSON HECTOR Y</b><br>209 S SUMTER AVE<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                      | <b>SUPER STOP PETROLEUM INC</b><br>6221 W ATLANTIC BLVD<br>MARGATE, FL 33063             |
| <b>EQUITY TRUST CO CUSTODIAN<br/>FBO CHRISTINE BASS IRA 20636</b><br>PO BOX 35204<br>SARASOTA, FL 34242                                 | <b>BURTSCHER JOHN E</b><br>3673 NW POULTRY ST<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                    | <b>SUPER STOP PETROLEUM INC</b><br>6221 W ATLANTIC BLVD<br>MARGATE, FL 33063             |
| <b>DESOTO GUN CLUB</b><br>PO BOX 1923<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                                                                              | <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203             | <b>HOWARD EDDYE &amp;<br/>HOWARD KRIS L</b><br>3671 BENEVA OAKS DR<br>SARASOTA, FL 34238 |
| <b>KREIDER SHIRLEY &amp;<br/>KREIDER-MCCLINTOCK PATRICIA</b><br>5317 34TH ST E<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203                                   | <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203             | <b>HOWARD EDDYE &amp;<br/>HOWARD KRIS L</b><br>3671 BENEVA OAKS DR<br>SARASOTA, FL 34238 |
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Re: Project Coordination Regarding Property  
Financial Project Number: 443123-2-22-01  
SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge  
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Dear Property Owner,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) for proposed improvements to along SR 72, along SR 70 and at the intersection of SR 72 & SR 70. If you are receiving this newsletter, it is because FDOT has identified you as someone with property or interests within or near the study area.

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 FHWA and FDOT.

During this PD&E phase, FDOT staff or its authorized agents (listed below) will need to coordinate a meeting with you regarding the project, which abuts your property. Additionally, access to your property may be required for survey, environmental study or other project-related activities.

Authorized Agents:

- The Balmoral Group, LLC
- ECHO UES, Inc
- Quest Ecology

[www.fdot.gov](http://www.fdot.gov)

If you have any questions about this project, please call me (863) 519-2792 or email me (Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

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## Florida Statutes

### Title XXVI

PUBLIC  
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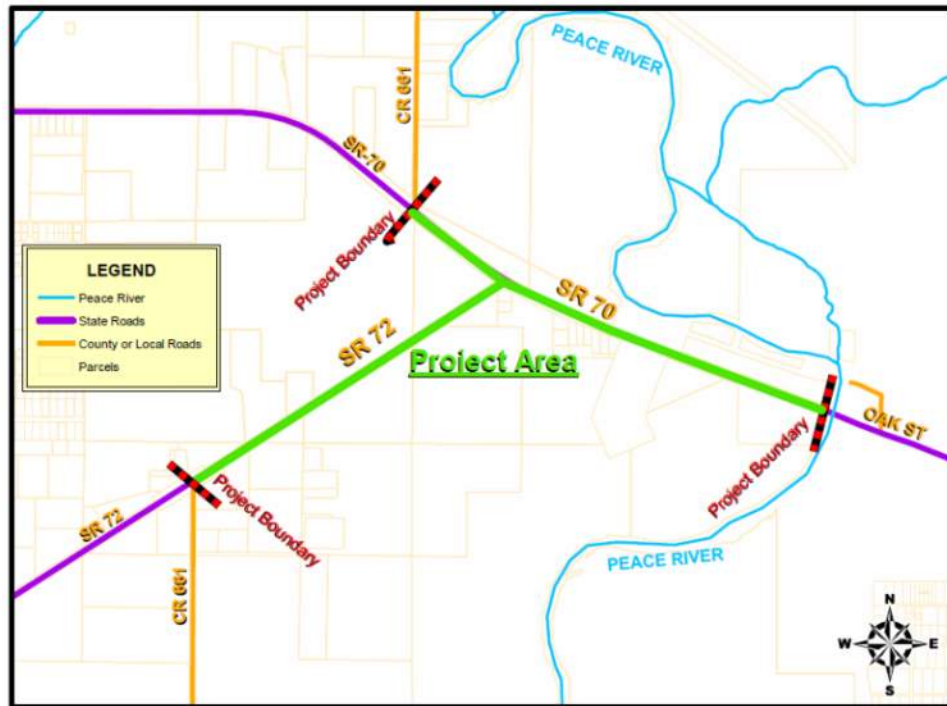
### Chapter 337

CONTRACTING; ACQUISITION, DISPOSAL, AND USE OF  
PROPERTY

**337.274 Authority of department agent or employee to enter lands, waters, and premises of another in the performance of duties.**—The department and its authorized agents and employees are authorized to enter upon any lands, waters, and premises, upon giving reasonable notice to the landowner, for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, drillings, appraisals, environmental assessments, archaeological assessments, and examinations necessary to perform its duties and functions; and any such entry shall not be deemed a trespass or an entry that would constitute a taking in an eminent domain proceeding. The department shall make reimbursement for any actual damages to such lands, water, and premises as a result of such activities.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 84-319; s. 7, ch. 89-232; s. 113, ch. 92-152.

Project Location Map



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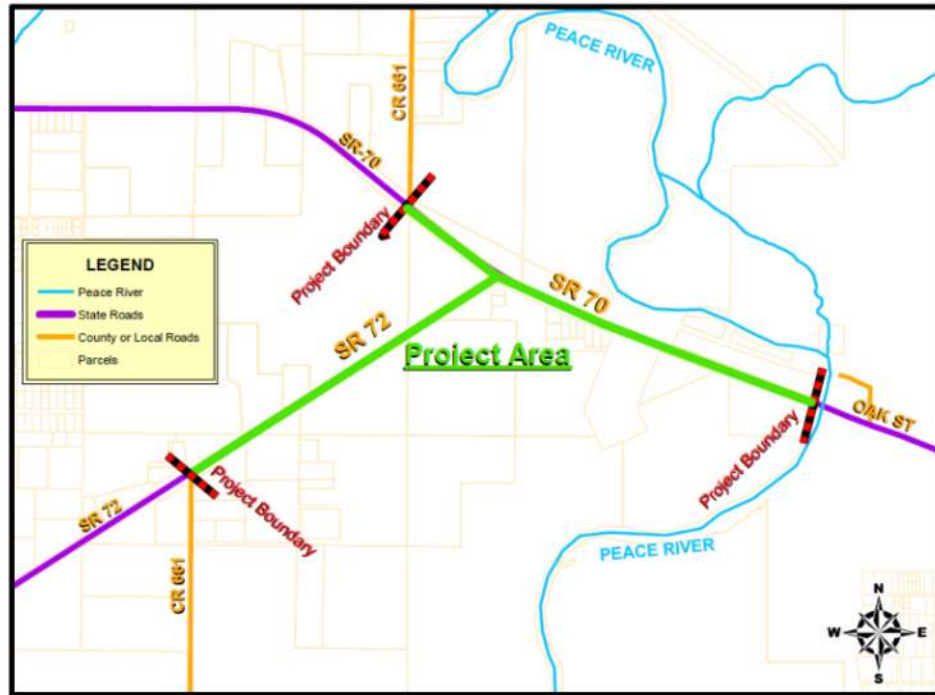
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**Project Location Map**

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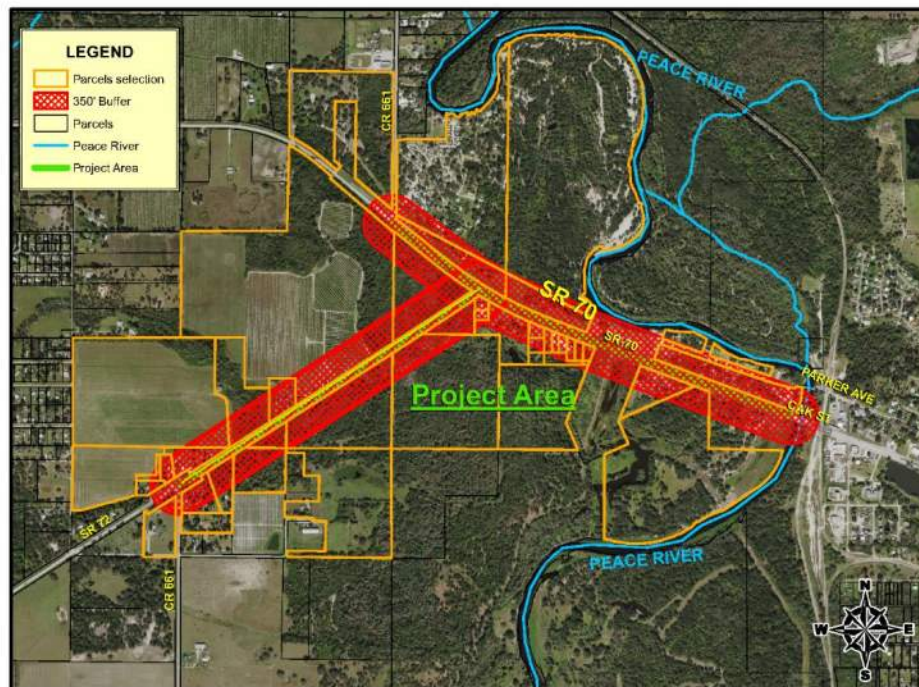
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FDOT District 1

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**SR 72 FROM CR 661 TO SR 70 AND  
SR 70 FROM CR 661 TO THE PEACE RIVER  
PROPERTIES WITHIN 350' OF PROJECT AREA**



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| <b>MARTIN EUGENIA M TR</b><br>2826 NW 2ND BUNKER AVE<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                             | <b>FOUR MARNAN INC</b><br>PEACE RIVER KOA<br>2998 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266          | <b>DESOTO COUNTY</b><br>201 E OAK ST STE 201<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                        |
| <b>PALMETTO ARCADIA-HWY 70 LLC</b><br>PO BOX 1615<br>THOMASVILLE, GA 31799                            | <b>FOUR MARNAN INC</b><br>PEACE RIVER KOA<br>2998 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266          | <b>AMERICAN LEGION POST K-11<br/>INC</b><br>PO BOX 2032<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265             |
| <b>STEWART LAND &amp; CATTLE LLC</b><br>1508 NW CO RD 661<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                        | <b>FOUR MARNAN INC</b><br>2998 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                             | <b>SUPER STOP PETROLEUM INC</b><br>6221 W ATLANTIC BLVD<br>MARGATE, FL 33063             |
| <b>STEWART LAND &amp; CATTLE LLC</b><br>1508 NW CO RD 661<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                        | <b>LEMPENEAU GEORGE &amp;<br/>LEMPENEAU JONICA</b><br>2998 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266 | <b>SUPER STOP PETROLEUM INC</b><br>6221 W ATLANTIC BLVD<br>MARGATE, FL 33063             |
| <b>DESOTO GUN CLUB</b><br>PO BOX 1923<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                                            | <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203                 | <b>HOWARD EDDYE &amp;<br/>HOWARD KRIS L</b><br>3671 BENEVA OAKS DR<br>SARASOTA, FL 34238 |
| <b>KREIDER SHIRLEY &amp;<br/>KREIDER-MCCLINTOCK PATRICIA</b><br>5317 34TH ST E<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203 | <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203                 | <b>HOWARD EDDYE &amp;<br/>HOWARD KRIS L</b><br>3671 BENEVA OAKS DR<br>SARASOTA, FL 34238 |
| <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203                             | <b>PLOOF DANIEL</b><br>PO BOX 117<br>KEMAH, TX 77565                                      | <b>SUNNY SOUTH PACKING CO</b><br>PO BOX 550<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                         |
| <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203                             | <b>PLOOF DANIEL</b><br>PO BOX 1177<br>KEMAH, TX 77565                                     | <b>SUNNY SOUTH PACKING CO</b><br>PO BOX 550<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                         |
| <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR &amp;<br/>LONG PAUL E</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203       | <b>PLOOF DANIEL</b><br>PO BOX 1177<br>KEMAH, TX 77565                                     | <b>LEVINE ROBERT M</b><br>PO BOX 1828<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                               |
| <b>GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR</b><br>1209 44TH AV EAST<br>BRADENTON, FL 34203                             | <b>A S INVESTMENT &amp; FUNDING INC</b><br>2829 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266            | <b>BURTSCHER JOHN E</b><br>3673 NW POULTRY ST<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                       |

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| <b>TURNER EUGENE H FAMILY<br/>PARTNERSHIP LTD</b><br>P O BOX 789<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                                                   | <b>BARONE VERONICA J &amp;<br/>ODELL DENALYN C JT/ROS</b><br>3460 NW HWY 72<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266        | <b>POE CHARLES &amp;<br/>POE SAMANTHA</b><br>3528 NW HWY 72<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                                                        |
| <b>GARCIA ARNULFO &amp;<br/>RODRIGUEZ SYLVIA</b><br>3548 NW HWY 72<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                                                 | <b>GARCIA ARNULFO &amp;<br/>RODRIGUEZ SYLVIA</b><br>3548 NW HWY 72<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                 | <b>TURNER EUGENE H FAMILY<br/>PARTNERSHIP LTD</b><br>P O BOX 789<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                                                   |
| <b>SAMPSON HECTOR Y</b><br>209 S SUMTER AVE<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                                                                        | <b>FICO FRANK JOHN &amp;<br/>EGAN MIRANDA JT/ROS</b><br>1826 NW CO RD 661<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266          | <b>BOMBARDIER SCOTT J &amp;<br/>BOMBARDIER OHILDA C &amp;<br/>MIRABEL RAFAEL ET AL JT/ROS</b><br>1874 NW CO RD 661<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266 |
| <b>BOMBARDIER SCOTT J &amp;<br/>BOMBARDIER OHILDA C &amp;<br/>MIRABEL RAFAEL ET AL JT/ROS</b><br>1874 NW CO RD 661<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266 | <b>EQUITY TRUST CO CUSTODIAN<br/>FBO CHRISTINE BASS IRA 20636</b><br>PO BOX 35204<br>SARASOTA, FL 34242 | <b>HOWARD EDDYE &amp;<br/>HOWARD KRIS L</b><br>3671 BENEVA OAKS DR<br>SARASOTA, FL 34238                                                |
| <b>SUNNY SOUTH PACKING CO</b><br>PO BOX 550<br>ARCADIA, FL 34265                                                                        | <b>KISELA JOHN A</b><br>3114 NW HWY 70<br>ARCADIA, FL 34266                                             |                                                                                                                                         |



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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

January 27, 2023

KISELA JOHN A  
3114 NW HWY 70  
ARCADIA, FL 34266

Re: Project Kickoff  
Financial Project Number: 443123-2-22-01  
SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge  
DeSoto County

Dear Property Owner,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements, including consideration of a single lane roundabout at the intersection of SR 70 and SR 72 in Arcadia, Florida.

The purpose of this PD&E study is to evaluate and document potential engineering and environmental effects of any proposed safety improvements considered, including right of way in DeSoto County, Florida. Alternatives to be evaluated shall include pedestrian and bicycle crossings, multi-use pathways to provide safe connectivity for the area, shifting the alignment of SR 72, and reconstruction of SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge. The project area is being evaluated for resilient design concepts that would raise the roadway to alleviate flooding caused by the Peace River.

You are encouraged to participate in the SR 72 PD&E study and we invite your questions and comments! During the study, we will host a public hearing (anticipated for mid 2023) to provide project information and receive your comments. We are also available to meet with your community or neighborhood association.

The project website ([www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2](http://www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2)) will include all study-related documents and announcements. You can submit comments or questions at any time during the study through the project website.

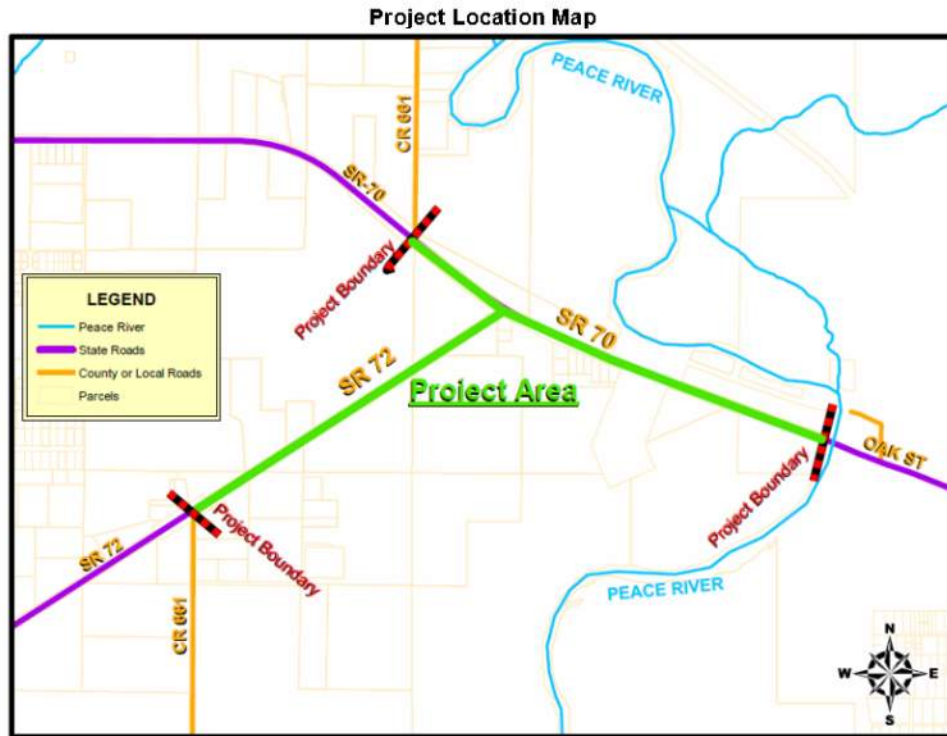
If you have any questions about this project or would like to schedule a meeting, please call me (863) 519-2792 or email me ([Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us)).

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*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 FHWA and FDOT.*

Sincerely,

Patrick Bateman, PE  
Project Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation  
(863) 519-2792  
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**From:** [Bronce Stephenson](#)  
**To:** [Gale, Siobhan](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Seidel](#)  
**Subject:** SR 72/70 PD&E - Property Owner Kickoff Letter & Field Permission Letter Packages  
**Date:** Friday, January 27, 2023 6:12:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [Field Permission Letter Package.pdf](#)  
[Property Owner Kickoff Letter Package.pdf](#)

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Good evening Siobhan,  
Please find the attached packages for each mailout, completed and mailed from Winter Park USPS - 1/27/2023.  
Let me know if you need any additional items.  
Thank you,

**Bronce L. Stephenson, MPA**  
**Lead Planner**



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# SR 72/SR 70 PD&E Appointed Officials Mailing List

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Last Updated: 1/11/2023

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| <b>Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)</b> |              |                |          |                               |                                                                                                  |                                                                                    |
| Ms.                                                                    | Patricia     | Steed          |          | HRTPO Staff Services Director | Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)                                  | <a href="mailto:psteed@cfrpc.org">psteed@cfrpc.org</a>                             |
| Ms.                                                                    | Marybeth     | Soderstrom     |          | Transportation Director       | HRTPO                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:msoderstrom@cfrpc.org">msoderstrom@cfrpc.org</a>                   |
| Mr.                                                                    | Kyle         | Emanuel        |          | Communications Coordinator    | HRTPO                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:kemanuel@cfrpc.org">kemanuel@cfrpc.org</a>                         |
| Mr.                                                                    | Tim          | Stanley        |          | Chair                         | HRTPO Governing Board & Glades County Commission                                                 | <a href="mailto:tstanley@myfloridastates.com">tstanley@myfloridastates.com</a>     |
| Ms.                                                                    | Noey         | Flores         |          | Vice Chair                    | HRTPO Governing Board & Hardee County Commission                                                 | <a href="mailto:bcc@hardeecounty.net">bcc@hardeecounty.net</a>                     |
| Mr.                                                                    | Elton        | Langford       |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Desoto County Commission                                                 | <a href="mailto:elangford@desotoboccc.com">elangford@desotoboccc.com</a>           |
| Mr.                                                                    | Jerod        | Gross          |          | Boardmember (Alternate)       | HRTPO Governing Board & Desoto County Commission                                                 | <a href="mailto:j.gross@desotoboccc.com">j.gross@desotoboccc.com</a>               |
| Ms.                                                                    | Sandra       | Weeks          |          | Boardmember (Alternate)       | HRTPO Governing Board & Hardee County Commission                                                 | <a href="mailto:bcc@hardeecounty.net">bcc@hardeecounty.net</a>                     |
| Mr.                                                                    | Michael      | Wills          |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Hendry County Commission                                                 | <a href="mailto:bcc3@hendryfla.net">bcc3@hendryfla.net</a>                         |
| Mr.                                                                    | Ramon        | Iglesias       |          | Boardmember (Alternate)       | HRTPO Governing Board & Hendry County Commission                                                 | <a href="mailto:bcc4@hendryfla.net">bcc4@hendryfla.net</a>                         |
| Mr.                                                                    | Terry        | Burroughs      |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Okeechobee County Commission                                             | <a href="mailto:tburroughs@co.okeechobee.fl.us">tburroughs@co.okeechobee.fl.us</a> |
| Ms.                                                                    | Kelly        | Owens          |          | Boardmember (Alternate)       | HRTPO Governing Board & Okeechobee County Commission                                             | <a href="mailto:kowens@co.okeechobee.fl.us">kowens@co.okeechobee.fl.us</a>         |
| Mr.                                                                    | Chris        | Campbell       |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Highlands County (Unincorporated) & the City of Lake Placid Commissioner | <a href="mailto:CCampbell@highlandsfl.gov">CCampbell@highlandsfl.gov</a>           |
| Mr.                                                                    | Scott        | Kirouac        |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Highlands County (Unincorporated) & the City of Lake Placid Commissioner | <a href="mailto:skirouac@highlandsfl.gov">skirouac@highlandsfl.gov</a>             |
| Ms.                                                                    | Kathy        | Rapp           |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Highlands County (Unincorporated) & the City of Lake Placid Commissioner | <a href="mailto:krapp@highlandsfl.gov">krapp@highlandsfl.gov</a>                   |
| Mr.                                                                    | Kevin        | Roberts        |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Highlands County (Unincorporated) & the City of Lake Placid Commissioner | <a href="mailto:kroberts@highlandsfl.gov">kroberts@highlandsfl.gov</a>             |
| Ms.                                                                    | Arlene       | Tuck           |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Highlands County (Unincorporated) & the City of Lake Placid Commissioner | <a href="mailto:atuck@highlandsfl.gov">atuck@highlandsfl.gov</a>                   |
| Ms.                                                                    | Shelly       | Mercure        |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Avon Park City Council                                                   | <a href="mailto:mmmercure@avonpark.city">mmmercure@avonpark.city</a>               |
| Mayor                                                                  | Garrett      | Anderson       |          | Boardmember (Alternate)       | HRTPO Governing Board & Avon Park City Council                                                   | <a href="mailto:ganderson@avonpark.city">ganderson@avonpark.city</a>               |
| Mr.                                                                    | Roland       | Bishop         |          | Boardmember                   | HRTPO Governing Board & Sebring City Council                                                     | <a href="mailto:rolandbishop@mysebring.com">rolandbishop@mysebring.com</a>         |
| Clerk                                                                  | Kathy        | Healey         |          | Boardmember (Alternate)       | HRTPO Governing Board & Sebring City Council                                                     | <a href="mailto:kathyhealey@mysebring.com">kathyhealey@mysebring.com</a>           |
| <b>Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC)</b>               |              |                |          |                               |                                                                                                  |                                                                                    |
| Ms.                                                                    | Patricia     | Steed          |          | Executive Director            | CFRPC                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:psteed@cfrpc.org">psteed@cfrpc.org</a>                             |
| Ms.                                                                    | Jennifer     | Codo-Salisbury | MPA, ACP | Deputy Director               | CFRPC                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org">jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org</a>             |
| Mr.                                                                    | Keith        | Keene          |          | Chair                         | CFRPC Council & Arcadia City Council                                                             | <a href="mailto:kkeene@arcadia-fl.gov">kkeene@arcadia-fl.gov</a>                   |
| Ms.                                                                    | Kathleen     | Rapp           |          | Vice-Chair                    | CFRPC Council & Highlands County Commission                                                      | <a href="mailto:krapp@highlandsfl.gov">krapp@highlandsfl.gov</a>                   |
| Mr.                                                                    | Rick         | Wilson         |          | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Polk County Commission                                                           | <a href="mailto:rickwilson@polk-county.net">rickwilson@polk-county.net</a>         |
| Mr.                                                                    | Nathaniel J. | Birdsong       |          | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Winter Haven City Commission                                                     | <a href="mailto:nbirdsong@mywinterhaven.com">nbirdsong@mywinterhaven.com</a>       |
| Ms.                                                                    | Kelly        | Owens          |          | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Okeechobee County Commission                                                     | <a href="mailto:kowens@co.okeechobee.fl.us">kowens@co.okeechobee.fl.us</a>         |
| Ms.                                                                    | Judith       | George         |          | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Hardee County Commission                                                         | <a href="mailto:bcc@hardeecounty.net">bcc@hardeecounty.net</a>                     |
| Mr.                                                                    | Morris       | West           |          | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & City of Haines City Commission                                                   | <a href="mailto:MWest@HainesCity.com">MWest@HainesCity.com</a>                     |

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| Ms.                                                | Donna      | Howerton        |    |  |                               | CFRPC Council & Highlands County Gubernatorial Appointee |                                                                                    |
| Mr.                                                | Robert     | Kincart         |    |  | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee      |                                                                                    |
| Ms.                                                | Ashley     | Coone           |    |  | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & DeSoto County Commission                 | <a href="mailto:a.coone@desotobocc.com">a.coone@desotobocc.com</a>                 |
| Mr.                                                | Noel       | Gandler         |    |  | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Okeechobee City Council                  | <a href="mailto:nchandler@cityofokeechobee.com">nchandler@cityofokeechobee.com</a> |
| Mr.                                                | Chad       | McLeod          |    |  | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Lakeland City Commission                 | <a href="mailto:chad.mcleod@lakelandgov.net">chad.mcleod@lakelandgov.net</a>       |
| Ms.                                                | Neda       | Cobb            |    |  | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Wauchula City Commission                 | <a href="mailto:nobb@cityofwauchula.com">nobb@cityofwauchula.com</a>               |
| Mr.                                                | Lenard     | Carlisle        |    |  | Councilmember                 | CFRPC Council & Sebring City Council                     | <a href="mailto:lenardcarlisle@mysebring.com">lenardcarlisle@mysebring.com</a>     |
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| <b>DeSoto County</b>                               |            |                 |    |  |                               |                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Ms.                                                | Mandy      | Hines           |    |  | County Administrator          | DeSoto County                                            | <a href="mailto:m.hines@desotobocc.com">m.hines@desotobocc.com</a>                 |
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| Mr.                                                | Troy       | Hughes          |    |  | Road & Bridge Director        | DeSoto County                                            | <a href="mailto:t.hughes@desotobocc.com">t.hughes@desotobocc.com</a>               |
| Ms.                                                | Tara       | Anderson        |    |  | Parks and Recreation Director | DeSoto County                                            | <a href="mailto:tanderson@desotobocc.com">tanderson@desotobocc.com</a>             |
| Dr.                                                | Bobby      | Bennett         |    |  | Superintendent of Schools     | DeSoto County School Board                               | <a href="mailto:info@desotoschools.com">info@desotoschools.com</a>                 |
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| Ms.                                                | Penny      | Delaney         |    |  | City Clerk                    | City of Arcadia                                          | <a href="mailto:pdelaney@arcadia-fl.gov">pdelaney@arcadia-fl.gov</a>               |
| Mr.                                                | Steve      | Underwood       |    |  | Public Works Director         | City of Arcadia                                          | <a href="mailto:publicworks@arcadia-fl.gov">publicworks@arcadia-fl.gov</a>         |
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| Mr.                                                | A.J.       | Bendt           |    |  | Utilities Director            | City of Arcadia                                          | <a href="mailto:aj@arcadia-fl.gov">aj@arcadia-fl.gov</a>                           |
| Mr.                                                | Matthew A. | Anderson        |    |  | Police Marshall               | City of Arcadia                                          | <a href="mailto:andersonmat1@flin.net">andersonmat1@flin.net</a>                   |
| <b>Chambers of Commerce</b>                        |            |                 |    |  |                               |                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Ms.                                                | Debbie     | Wertz           |    |  | Executive Director            | DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce                        | <a href="mailto:chamber@desotochamberfl.com">chamber@desotochamberfl.com</a>       |

# SR 72/SR 70 PD&E Elected Officials Mailing List

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| Congressman             | Scott             | Franklin         | Congressman, Florida District 18                  | United States House of Representatives | <a href="mailto:Spencer.Roach@myfloridahouse.gov">Spencer.Roach@myfloridahouse.gov</a>                 |
| <b>State of Florida</b> |                   |                  |                                                   |                                        |                                                                                                        |
| Senator                 | Ben               | Albritton        | Senator, District 27                              | Florida Senate                         | <a href="mailto:albritton.ben.web@flsenate.gov">albritton.ben.web@flsenate.gov</a>                     |
| Representative          | Spencer           | Roach            | Representative, District 76                       | Florida House of Representatives       | <a href="mailto:Melony.Bell@myfloridahouse.gov">Melony.Bell@myfloridahouse.gov</a>                     |
| <b>DeSoto County</b>    |                   |                  |                                                   |                                        |                                                                                                        |
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| Commissioner            | J.C.              | Deriso           | Commissioner, District 2                          | DeSoto County Board of Commissioners   | <a href="mailto:jc.deriso@desotoboccc.com">jc.deriso@desotoboccc.com</a>                               |
| Commissioner            | Judy              | Schaefer         | Commissioner, District 3                          | DeSoto County Board of Commissioners   | <a href="mailto:j.schaefer@desotoboccc.com">j.schaefer@desotoboccc.com</a>                             |
| Commissioner            | Elton             | Langford         | Commissioner, District 4                          | DeSoto County Board of Commissioners   | <a href="mailto:elangford@desotoboccc.com">elangford@desotoboccc.com</a>                               |
| Commissioner            | Steve             | Hickox           | Commissioner, District 5                          | DeSoto County Board of Commissioners   | <a href="mailto:s.hickox@desotoboccc.com">s.hickox@desotoboccc.com</a>                                 |
|                         | Nadia K.          | Daughtrey        | Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller | DeSoto County                          | <a href="mailto:CustomerService@DesotoClerk.com">CustomerService@DesotoClerk.com</a>                   |
|                         | David A.          | Williams         | Property Appraiser                                | DeSoto County                          | <a href="mailto:appraiser@desotopa.com">appraiser@desotopa.com</a>                                     |
| Sheriff                 | James F.          | Porter           | Sheriff                                           | DeSoto County                          | <a href="mailto:TWhitney@DeSotoSheriff.org">TWhitney@DeSotoSheriff.org</a>                             |
|                         | Mark F.           | Negley           | Supervisor of Elections                           | DeSoto County                          | <a href="mailto:jmnegley@votesoto.com">jmnegley@votesoto.com</a>                                       |
|                         | Debra L.          | Burtscher        | Tax Collector                                     | DeSoto County                          | <a href="mailto:dlburtscher@desotocountytaxcollector.com">dlburtscher@desotocountytaxcollector.com</a> |
| <b>City of Arcadia</b>  |                   |                  |                                                   |                                        |                                                                                                        |
| Mayor                   | Keith             | Keene            | Mayor                                             | City of Arcadia                        | <a href="mailto:kkeene@arcadia-fl.gov">kkeene@arcadia-fl.gov</a>                                       |
| Deputy Mayor            | Lorenzo           | Dixon            | Deputy Mayor                                      | City of Arcadia                        | <a href="mailto:ldixon@arcadia-fl.gov">ldixon@arcadia-fl.gov</a>                                       |
| Councilor               | Mike              | Hall             | Council Member                                    | City of Arcadia                        | <a href="mailto:mhall@arcadia-fl.gov">mhall@arcadia-fl.gov</a>                                         |
| Councilor               | Robert            | Heins Jr.        | Council Member                                    | City of Arcadia                        | <a href="mailto:rheins@arcadia-fl.gov">rheins@arcadia-fl.gov</a>                                       |
| Councilor               | Judy              | Wertz            | Council Member                                    | City of Arcadia                        | <a href="mailto:jwertz@arcadia-fl.gov">jwertz@arcadia-fl.gov</a>                                       |
| <b>Tribal Contacts</b>  |                   |                  |                                                   |                                        |                                                                                                        |
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|                         | Corrain           | Loe-Zepeda       | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer              | Muscogee (Creek) Nation                | <a href="mailto:section106@mtn-nsn.gov">section106@mtn-nsn.gov</a>                                     |
|                         | Larry D.          | Hailey           | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer              | Poarch Band of Creek Indians           | <a href="mailto:lhailey@pbi-nsn.gov">lhailey@pbi-nsn.gov</a>                                           |
|                         | Bradley           | Mueller          | Compliance Review Supervisor                      | Seminole Tribe of Florida              | <a href="mailto:bradley.mueller@semtiribe.com">bradley.mueller@semtiribe.com</a>                       |
|                         | Ben               | Yahola           | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer              | Seminole Nation of Oklahoma            | <a href="mailto:Yahola.b@sn-nsn.gov">Yahola.b@sn-nsn.gov</a>                                           |

## *Appendix B:* *Public Hearing Notifications*

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| RAPIER THERESA B                                    | PO BOX 1547            | ARCADIA     | FL |
| GARCIA ARNULFO &<br>RODRIGUEZ SYLVIA                | 3548 NW HWY 72         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| GARCIA ARNULFO &<br>RODRIGUEZ SYLVIA                | 3548 NW HWY 72         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| POE CHARLES &<br>POE SAMANTHA                       | 3528 NW HWY 72         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| TURNER EUGENE H FAMILY<br>PARTNERSHIP LTD           | P O BOX 789            | ARCADIA     | FL |
| TURNER EUGENE H FAMILY<br>PARTNERSHIP LTD           | P O BOX 789            | ARCADIA     | FL |
| BARONE VERONICA J &<br>ODELL DENALYN C JT/ROS       | 3460 NW HWY 72         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| BURTSCHER JOHN E                                    | 3673 NW POULTRY ST     | ARCADIA     | FL |
| LEVINE ROBERT M                                     | PO BOX 1828            | ARCADIA     | FL |
| LAND SOUTH DESOTO LLC                               | PO BOX 6165            | LAKELAND    | FL |
| LAND SOUTH DESOTO LLC                               | PO BOX 6165            | LAKELAND    | FL |
| MARTIN EUGENIA M TR                                 | 2826 NW 2ND BUNKER AVE | ARCADIA     | FL |
| KISELA JOHN A                                       | 3114 NW HWY 70         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| PALMETTO ARCADIA-HWY 70<br>LLC                      | PO BOX 1615            | THOMASVILLE | GA |
| FOUR MARNAN INC<br>PEACE RIVER KOA                  | 2998 NW HWY 70         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| FOUR MARNAN INC<br>PEACE RIVER KOA                  | 2998 NW HWY 70         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| LEMPENEAU GEORGE &<br>LEMPENEAU JONICA              | 2998 NW HWY 70         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| FOUR MARNAN INC                                     | 2998 NW HWY 70         | ARCADIA     | FL |
| DESOTO COUNTY                                       | 201 E OAK ST STE 201   | ARCADIA     | FL |
| AMERICAN LEGION POST K-11<br>INC                    | PO BOX 2032            | ARCADIA     | FL |
| LAND SOUTH EQUITIES LLC                             | PO BOX 6165            | LAKELAND    | FL |
| LAND SOUTH EQUITIES LLC                             | PO BOX 6165            | LAKELAND    | FL |
| DESOTO GUN CLUB                                     | PO BOX 1923            | ARCADIA     | FL |
| HOWARD EDDYE &<br>HOWARD KRIS L                     | 3671 BENEVA OAKS DR    | SARASOTA    | FL |
| GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR                              | 1209 44TH AV EAST      | BRADENTON   | FL |
| GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR                              | 1209 44TH AV EAST      | BRADENTON   | FL |
| PLOOF DANIEL                                        | PO BOX 117             | KEMAH       | TX |
| HOWARD EDDYE &<br>HOWARD KRIS L                     | 3671 BENEVA OAKS DR    | SARASOTA    | FL |
| KREIDER SHIRLEY &<br>KREIDER-MCCLINTOCK<br>PATRICIA | 5317 34TH ST E         | BRADENTON   | FL |
| GLASGOW HARRIS LOYD TR                              | 1209 44TH AV EAST      | BRADENTON   | FL |
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| PLOOF DANIEL                                                                 | PO BOX 117              | KEMAH      | TX |
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| SRI GMR PROPERTIES LLC                                                       | 1118 CASEY KEY RD       | NOKOMIS    | FL |
| SUPER STOP PETROLEUM INC                                                     | 6221 W ATLANTIC BLVD    | MARGATE    | FL |
| SUPER STOP PETROLEUM INC                                                     | 6221 W ATLANTIC BLVD    | MARGATE    | FL |
| HOWARD EDDYE &<br>HOWARD KRIS L                                              | 3671 BENEVA OAKS DR     | SARASOTA   | FL |
| HOWARD EDDYE &<br>HOWARD KRIS L                                              | 3671 BENEVA OAKS DR     | SARASOTA   | FL |
| KIMWORTH ESTATES LLC                                                         | PO BOX 1526             | ARCADIA    | FL |
| HOWARD EDDYE &<br>HOWARD KRIS L                                              | 3671 BENEVA OAKS DR     | SARASOTA   | FL |
| BURTSCHER JOHN E                                                             | 3673 NW POULTRY ST      | ARCADIA    | FL |
| EQUITY TRUST CO CUSTODIAN<br>FBO CHRISTINE BASS IRA 20636                    | PO BOX 35204            | SARASOTA   | FL |
| BOMBARDIER SCOTT J &<br>BOMBARDIER OHILDA C &<br>MIRABEL RAFAEL ET AL JT/ROS | 1874 NW CO RD 661       | ARCADIA    | FL |
| FICO FRANK JOHN &<br>EGAN MIRANDA JT/ROS                                     | 1826 NW CO RD 661       | ARCADIA    | FL |
| SAMPSON HECTOR Y                                                             | 209 S SUMTER AVE        | ARCADIA    | FL |
| JENNIFER DORNING                                                             | 15723 CALOOSA CREEK CIR | FORT MYERS | FL |

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**Cc:** [Bateman, Patrick](#)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing scheduled for SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study on December 7, 2023, FPID 443123-2, DeSoto County  
**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 3:38:32 PM  
**Attachments:** [SR 72 at SR 70 Newsletter.pdf](#)

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2250 NE Roan Street

Arcadia, FL 34266

**Anytime between 5 – 6 p.m.** Open house

**6 p.m.** Formal presentation and comment

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.

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Register in advance: <http://bit.ly/3PKFLqb>

**5:45 p.m.** Overview for how to submit comment

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*Best regards,*

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**Abra Horne**  
**Administrator**  
**District Environmental Management Office**  
Florida Department of Transportation  
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Bartow, FL 33831-1249  
(863) 519-2239 (Office)



## Section V

### Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### Securities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 09, 2023, the Florida Office of Financial Regulation, received a petition for Waiver of Paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code from Paulina Sepulveda Welcker. The petition seeks a Waiver of Paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b) which requires an associated person of an investment adviser or federal covered adviser to provide the Office with one of the following:

1. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65); or 2. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the General Securities Representative Examination (Series 7), the Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66), and proof of passing within four years of the date of application for registration, the Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) Examination. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850) 410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850) 410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

## Section VI

### Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation, District One announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIMES:** Thursday, December 7, 2023; Virtual: 5:45 p.m. start; In-person 5:00 p.m. open house, 6:00 p.m. presentation start

**PLACE:** <http://bit.ly/3PKFLqb> or Turner-Agri Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

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Participate in the December 7 public hearing:

**In-Person Option:** at Turner-Agri Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, FL 34266,

Anytime between 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open house

6:00 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

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#### AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

The Agency for Health Care Administration announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Florida Center 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308

#### VIRTUAL

#### ATTENDANCE:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/83887586-52c9-45b8-acd2-7a958039bb78@583c5f19-3b64-4ced-b59e-e8649bd04aa6>

CALL IN INFORMATION: available upon registration.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council (SCHIP Advisory Council) to which all interested parties are invited. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the business of the SCHIP Advisory Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Crystal Ritter (850)412-3763, [crystal.ritter@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:crystal.ritter@ahca.myflorida.com) or by visiting the SCHIP Advisory Council Website: State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council ([myflorida.com](http://myflorida.com))

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

##### Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Open Voice-PCP-Public 1-888-585-9008; Access Code 508-909-666#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Reconsideration of cases for which a determination of probable cause has already been made.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [www.floridasmassagetherapy.gov](http://www.floridasmassagetherapy.gov)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the board office at [mqa.massagetherapy@flhealth.gov](mailto:mqa.massagetherapy@flhealth.gov). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: the board office at [mqa.massagetherapy@flhealth.gov](mailto:mqa.massagetherapy@flhealth.gov)

#### MOFFITT CANCER CENTER & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 5, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Moffitt International Plaza, 4101 Jim Walter Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the general business of the Joint Finance Committee.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kathy McKinley, Administration, Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612.

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## Biden signs a bill averting a government shutdown for now

COLLEEN LONG  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — President Joe Biden signed a temporary spending bill a day before a potential government shutdown, pushing a fight with congressional Republicans over the federal budget into the new year, as war-time aid for Ukraine and Israel remains stalled.

The measure passed the House and Senate by wide bipartisan margins this week, ensuring the government remains open until after the holiday season, and potentially giving lawmakers more time to sort out their considerable differences over government spending levels.



President Joe Biden speaks while sitting next to other leaders during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference, Thursday in San Francisco.

for the current budget year. Biden signed the bill Thursday in San Francisco, where he was hosting the Asia-Pacific Economic

Cooperation summit. News of the signing came late at night. The president signed the bill at the Legion of Honor

building at current levels for roughly two more months while a long-term package is negotiated. It splits the deadlines for passing full-year appropriations bills into two dates: Jan. 19 for some federal agencies and Feb. 2 for others, creating two dates when there will be a risk of a partial government shutdown.

The two-step approach was championed by new House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, and was not favored by many in the Senate, though all but one Democrat and 10 Republicans supported it because it ensured the government would not shut down for now. Johnson has vowed that

he will not support any further stopgap funding measures, known as continuing resolutions. He portrayed the temporary funding bill as setting the ground for a spending "fight" with the Senate next year.

The spending bill does not include the White House's nearly \$106 billion request for war-time aid for Israel and Ukraine. Nor does it provide humanitarian funding for Palestinians and other supplemental requests, including money for border security. Lawmakers are likely to turn their attention more fully to that request after the Thanksgiving holiday in hopes of negotiating a deal.

## California fugitive sentenced for killing Florida woman in 1984

TAMPA (AP) — A 65-year-old California fugitive who eluded authorities for nearly four decades before his arrest in June has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for killing a Florida woman.

Donald Santini pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a deal with prosecutors to avoid a first-degree murder charge. Circuit Judge Samantha Ward approved the deal before issuing the sentence in Tampa on Thursday. The case had been set to go to trial in two weeks.

"Good luck," the judge told Santini, who has been in jail without bond since his arrest in June at his home near San Diego.

"Thank you, Your

Honor," Santini, whose hands were cuffed in front of him, replied.

Before his arrest, Santini had lived in California under the name of William Simmons. He was president of a local water board in Campo, a tiny suburb of San Diego, and he regularly appeared at public board meetings.

The life he had built in California came to an end thanks to a tip from the Florida Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force. That led U.S. marshals to Campo, where Santini was taken into custody.

In 1984, Santini was known as Charles Michael Stevens, which was an alias he used to outrun a warrant for a crime committed in Texas. Hillsborough

County Sheriff's officials said he used at least 13 aliases over the years.

Prosecutors, who were prepared to present new facts about the case to jurors, said Santini was the last person to be seen with Cynthia "Cindy" Ruth Wood, 33, on June 6, 1984, and her body was found in a water-filled ditch three days later.

Assistant State Attorney Scott Harmon said during Thursday's hearing that Wood told friends and associates she was going on a date on June 5, 1984, and neighbors later told investigators they saw a van parked in her driveway.

Harmon said a woman who was in a relationship with Santini told investigators that he borrowed a van to go on the date.

He advised that he was taking her on a date to make sure she was intoxicated and then drop her in front of a police station," Harmon said.

A witness told investigators that Santini had said the family of Wood's

husband paid him to get damaging character evidence, which could be used in a custody battle over the couple's young children. Santini told the women the next morning that he had killed Wood and dumped her body, Harmon said.

"That witness would have been able to identify the defendant," Harmon said.

After the hearing, Hillsborough Assistant Public Defender Jamie Kane declined to comment on the case.

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### Public Hearing

SR 72 at SR 70  
PD&E Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the State Road (SR) 72 at SR 70 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study (FPID 443123-2) from SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to Peace River Bridge in DeSoto County. This study will evaluate intersection and roadway improvements to address safety and flooding.

This hearing is held 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. The information presented during either format will be the same and all attendees will have opportunity to comment.

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#### Thursday, December 7, 2023 Public Hearing

**Live Online Option**  
**Time:** 5:45 p.m. how to comment online  
6 p.m. formal presentation & comment  
**Register:** Scan QR code to the right  
or visit <http://bit.ly/3PKFKLq>



**In-Person Option**  
**Time:** Anytime between 5-6 p.m. open house  
6 p.m. formal presentation & comment  
**Place:** Turner-Agri Civic Center Exhibit Hall  
2250 NE Roan Street,  
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**DAMIAN J. TROISE**  
and **ALEX VEIGA**  
AP Business Writers

The S&P 500 closed 0.1% lower after having been up by 0.7% earlier in the day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average had

Automakers were among the bright spots. General Motors surged 9.4% after the company announced a big stock buyback, raised its

dividend and told investors it won't have any trouble absorbing the costs of its new labor contract. The stock is still down 6.1% for the year, while the S&P 500 is up more than 18%.

All told, the S&P 500 fell 4.31 points to 4,550.58, the Dow rose 13.44 points to 35,430.42, and the Nasdaq dropped 23.27 points to 14,258.49.

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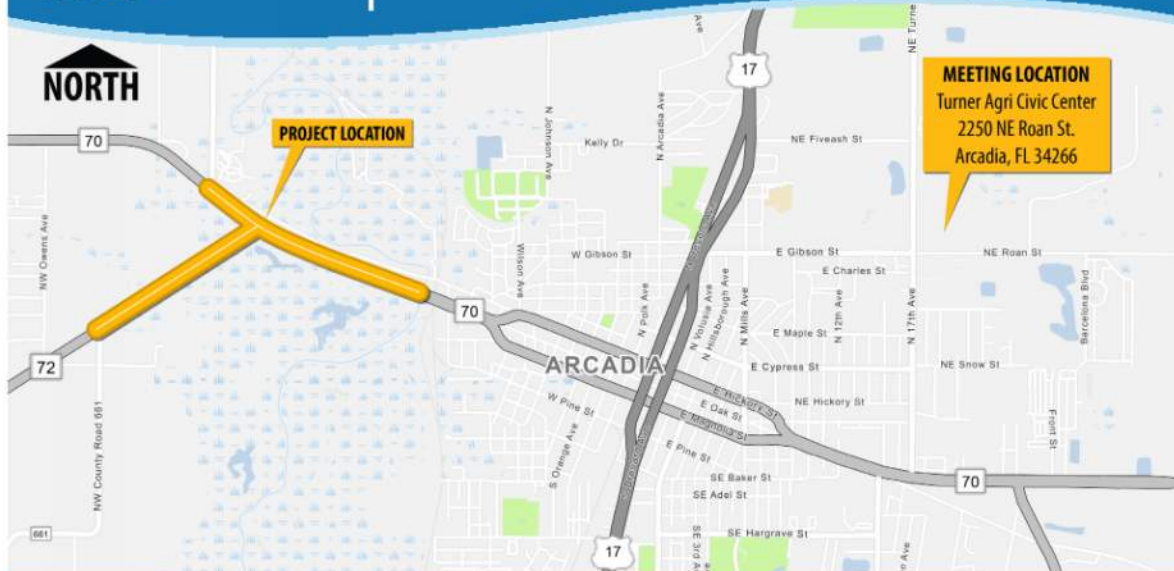
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## SR 72 at SR 70 Public Hearing

### Project Development & Environmental Study

Financial Project ID: 443123-2



Project Location Map

## Public Hearing December 7, 2023

In Person Location: Turner Agri Civic Center  
2250 NE Roan St  
Arcadia, FL 34266

Live-Online Link: <http://bit.ly/3PKFLqb>  
(Starting at 5:45 p.m.)

Scan QR code to  
register in advance!



5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Open House

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Public Hearing  
and Testimony

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the State Road (SR) 72 at SR 70 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) public hearing on Thursday, December 7, 2023. For your convenience, FDOT is providing two ways to participate:

### IN-PERSON OPTION: December 7, 2023

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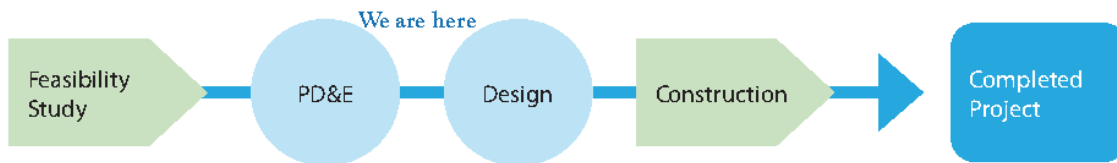
All hearing materials, including the project video, will be available online by November 30, 2023. You do not have to attend a live event in order to submit a comment. Comments can be submitted at the live hearing, through the website, or by mail or email (see the Project Manager's information on the back page).

This hearing gives interested people the opportunity to express their views about the proposed improvements along SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to Peace River Bridge in DeSoto County. Written statements or exhibits submitted at the hearing, emailed, or postmarked by December 17, 2023, will become part of the official hearing transcript.

## Transportation Development Process

### About the Project

FDOT, District One, began a PD&E study in January 2023 for. The purpose of the PD&E study is to improve the intersection of SR 72 and SR 70 to address safety concerns and flooding concerns that were revealed during the last major storm system.



### Project Documents

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<https://www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2>

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125 N Hillsborough Ave,  
Arcadia, FL 34266

FDOT District One  
Headquarters, 801 N.  
Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL  
33830

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

## Contact Us!

### Patrick Bateman, MS 1-40

FDOT Project Manager  
801 N. Broadway Ave.

Bartow, FL 33830

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#### Para Materiales del Proyecto En Español

Para ver este boletín y otros materiales del proyecto en español, visite el sitio web del proyecto en <https://www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2> o contacte Sra. Karina Della Sera del Departamento de Transportación de Florida por teléfono al (863) 519-2750. También puede usar el correo electrónico: [Karina.Dellaser@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Karina.Dellaser@dot.state.fl.us).

## *Appendix C:*

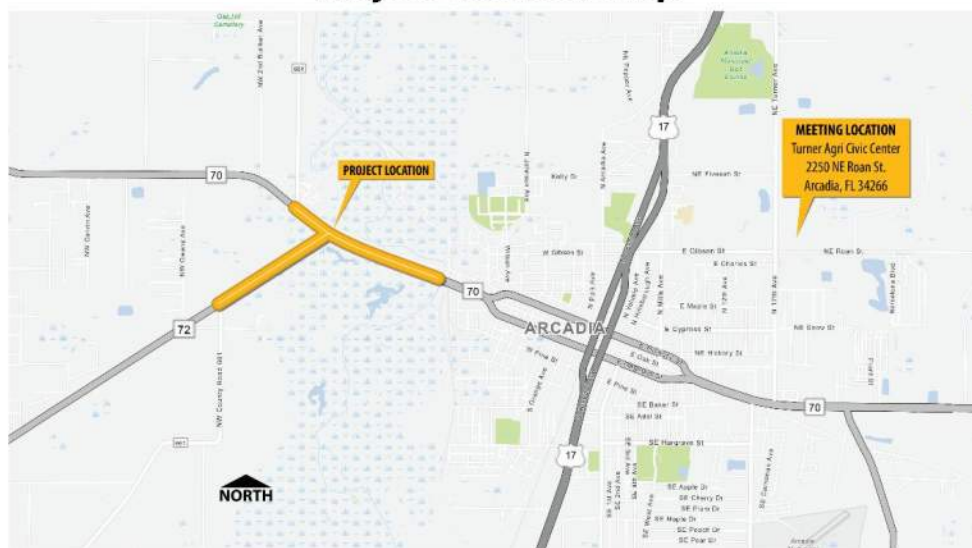
### *Public Hearing Materials*



# Welcome to the Public Hearing!



## Project Location Map





SR 72 at SR 70 Public Hearing  
Project Development & Environmental Study  
Financial Project ID: 443123-2

## Project Schedule





## Evaluation Matrix

| Evaluation Criteria                                                    | No-Build Alternative                                                              | Build Alternative                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purpose & Need Met?                                                    |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Addresses roadway resiliency and long-term maintenance                 |  |  |
| Enhances emergency evacuation and response                             |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Addresses roadway flooding on SR 72                                    |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Addresses flooding of the Strategic Intermodal System Facility (SR 70) |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Increases Intersection Safety at SR 72 and SR 70                       |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Creates connectivity for pedestrians and bicycles                      |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Project Costs                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Engineering Design                                                     | \$0                                                                               | \$1.15 million                                                                     |
| Right-Of-Way Acquisition                                               | \$0                                                                               | \$1.25 million                                                                     |
| Construction                                                           | \$0                                                                               | \$10.21 million                                                                    |
| Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)                          | \$0                                                                               | \$1.22 million                                                                     |
| Wetland Mitigation                                                     | \$0                                                                               | \$704,000 for wetland mitigation credits                                           |
| Utility Relocation Cost                                                | \$0                                                                               | \$0 (3 relocations)                                                                |
| Potential Right-Of-Way Impacts                                         |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Number of Parcels                                                      | 0                                                                                 | 11                                                                                 |
| Number of Relocations                                                  | 0                                                                                 | 0                                                                                  |
| Potential Environmental Impacts                                        |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Archaeological/ Historic Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                    | N/A                                                                               | Low                                                                                |
| Public Recreation Resources                                            | N/A                                                                               | 0                                                                                  |
| Wetlands                                                               | N/A                                                                               | 8.88 acres of primary wetland impacts.<br>2.69 acres of secondary wetland impacts  |
| Other Surface Waters                                                   | N/A                                                                               | 0.89 acres of surface water impacts                                                |
| Species Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                                     | N/A                                                                               | Low                                                                                |
| Floodplains Impact (Low/ Med/ High)                                    | N/A                                                                               | Low                                                                                |
| Contamination Sites                                                    | N/A                                                                               | 0 High   2 Medium Risk                                                             |
| Utility Impact (Low / Med/ High)                                       | N/A                                                                               | Low                                                                                |
| Traffic Safety & Operations                                            |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Level of Service (LOS) (in 2045)                                       | LOS F                                                                             | LOS C                                                                              |
| Safety (2045 Design Year, Predicted Crash Frequency)                   | 9.52 crashes/ year                                                                | 1.85 crashes/ year                                                                 |

*Preliminary Analysis, Subject to Change*



SR 72 at SR 70 Public Hearing  
Project Development & Environmental Study  
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## Please provide your comments by December 17, 2023

Drop the comment form in the comment box  
at this hearing

OR

Mail or email your comment to:

Patrick Bateman, MS 1-40

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# Thank you for Attending!

SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to Peace River Bridge  
FPID: 443123-2 DeSoto County



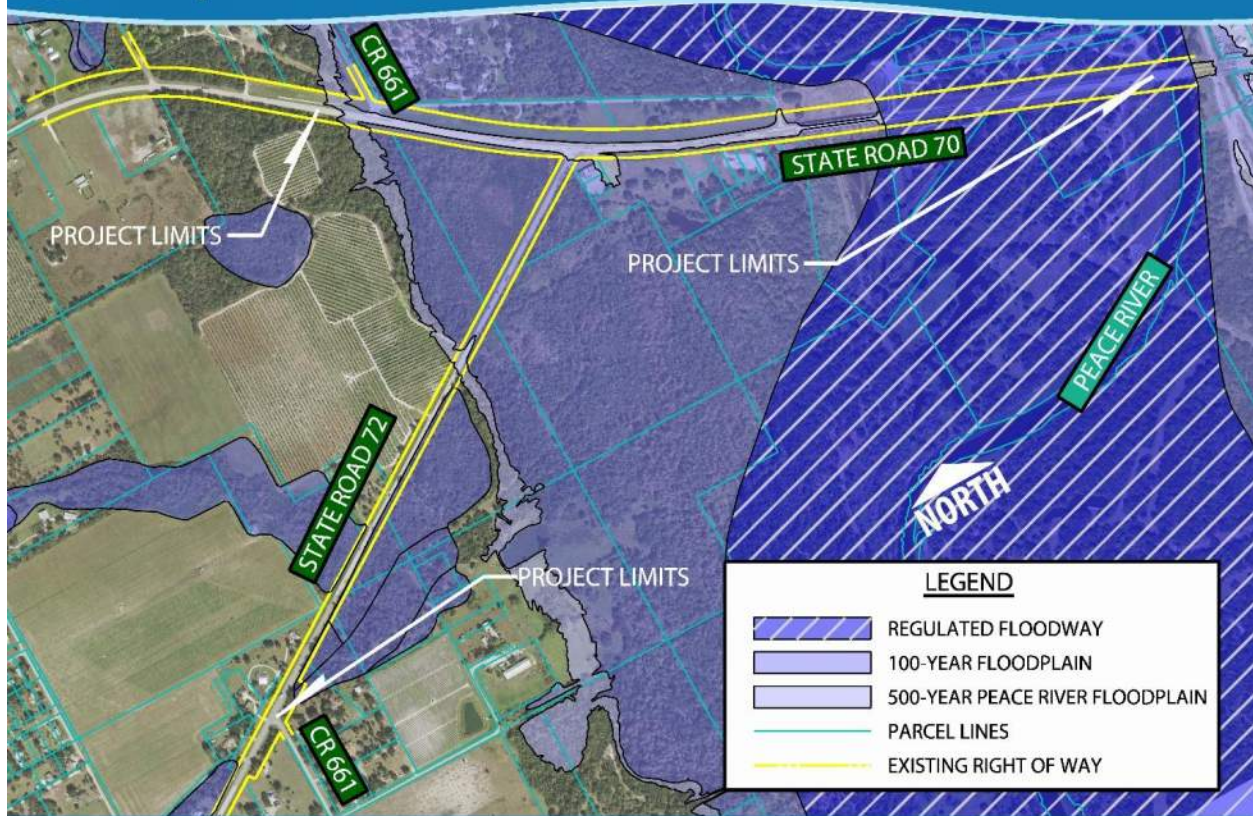
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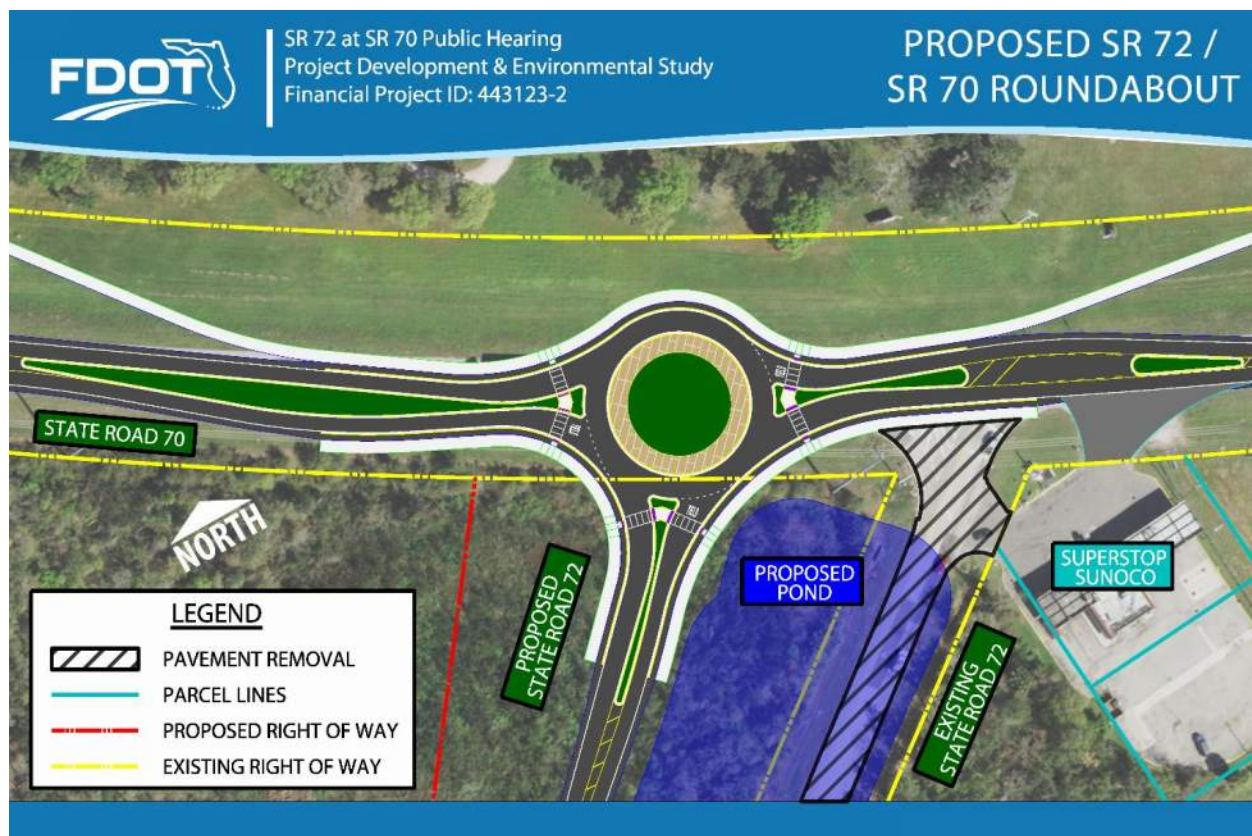
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| Utility Relocation Cost                                                | N/A                                                                               | \$0 (3 relocations)                                                                |
| Potential Right-Of-Way Impacts                                         |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Number of Parcels                                                      | 0                                                                                 | 11                                                                                 |
| Number of Relocations                                                  | 0                                                                                 | 0                                                                                  |
| Potential Environmental Impacts                                        |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Archaeological/ Historic Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                    | None                                                                              | Low                                                                                |
| Public Recreation Resources                                            | None                                                                              | 0                                                                                  |
| Wetlands                                                               | 0                                                                                 | 8.88 acres of primary wetland impacts.<br>2.69 acres of secondary wetland impacts  |
| Other Surface Waters                                                   |                                                                                   | 0.89 acres of surface water impacts                                                |
| Species Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                                     | 0                                                                                 | Low                                                                                |
| Floodplains Impact (Low/ Med/ High)                                    | N/A                                                                               | Low                                                                                |
| Contamination Sites                                                    | 0                                                                                 | 0 High   2 Medium                                                                  |
| Utility Impact (Low / Med/ High)                                       | N/A                                                                               | Low                                                                                |
| Traffic Safety & Operations                                            |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Level of Service (LOS) (in 2045)                                       | LOS F                                                                             | LOS C                                                                              |
| Safety (2045 Design Year, Predicted Crash Frequency)                   | 9.52 crashes/ year                                                                | 1.85 crashes/ year                                                                 |

*Preliminary Analysis, Subject to Change*



## FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAP







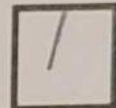
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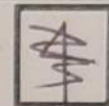
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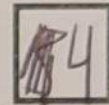
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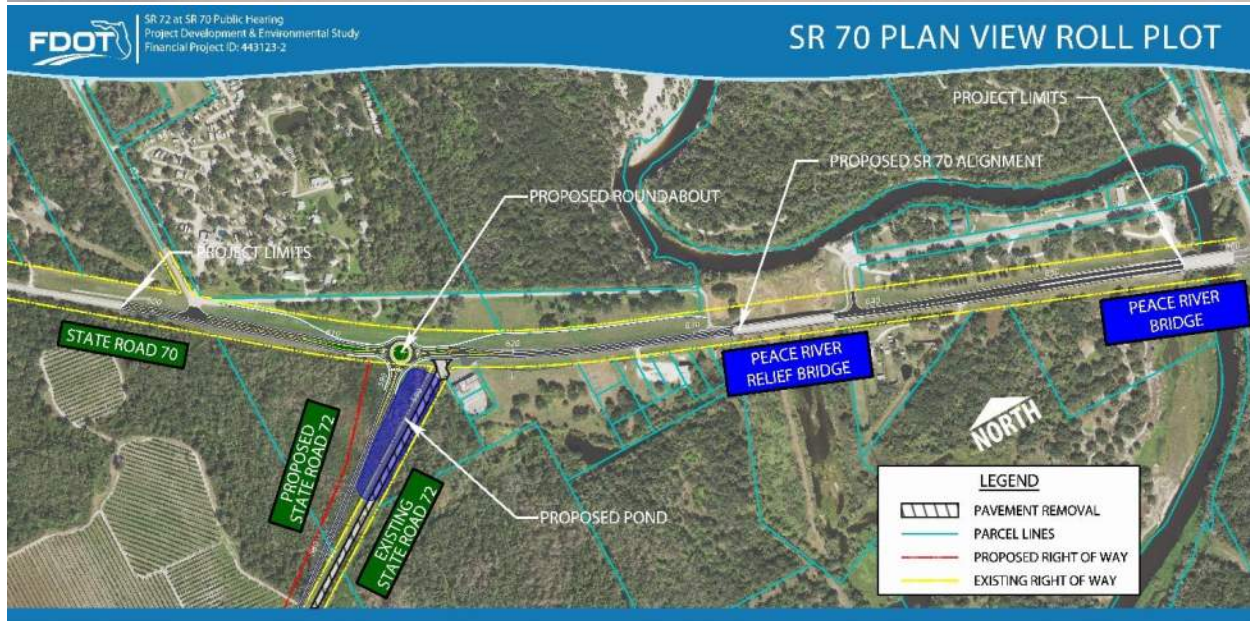
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### PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

**Date:** December 7, 2023  
**Time:** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Open House  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Public Hearing and Testimony  
**In-Person Location:** Turner Agri Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan St, Arcadia, FL 34266  
**Attendees:** Total 31 of Citizens and 1 Elected/Appointed Citizens and Officials  
**Public Officials:** Jerod Gross, Desoto County Commissioner District 1  
**Staff in attendance:** FDOT District One  
Patrick Bateman, Abra Horne, Jimmy Vilce, Michael Sherron,  
Patricia Pichette, Muhammed Faramarzifar, Karina Della Serra,  
Tony Celani, Teresa Austin, Jeffrey James  
Consultant Staff  
Balmoral Group: Bronce Stephenson, Greg Seidel  
Atkins Réalis: Siobhan Gale, Todd Flemister, Jennifer Dorning,  
Kaylee Bledsoe,

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### Summary

FDOT conducted a hybrid public hearing to provide interested persons with information on the preferred alternative selected by FDOT, and to allow the public the opportunity to comment. The hearing was held on [December 7, 2023](#) at the [Turner Agri Civic Center](#) and the formal hearing portion was live streamed online through GoToWebinar. The in-person venue was chosen because of [proximity to project](#), [ADA accommodations](#), and [responsiveness of venue staff](#). Meeting materials were posted to the project webpage (<https://www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2>) on [November 30, 2023](#).

The Public Hearing was advertised in the following manner:

- Email to Elected Officials – Distributed on [November 9, 2023](#)
- Email to Appointed Officials – Distributed on [November 9, 2023](#)
- Email to Interested Parties – Distributed on [November 9, 2023](#)
- Newsletter to Property Owners – Mailed on [November 10, 2023](#)
- Florida Administrative Register – Published on [November 27, 2023](#)
- FDOT Public Notice Website – Published on [November 16, 2023](#)
- Legal Advertisements – Published in [Sun Newspaper \(Port Charlotte\)](#) on [November 19, 2023](#) and [November 30, 2024](#).

As attendees entered the hearing, they were provided with a handout and the project team explained the comment process. At the in-person event, an open house was held from 5 – 6 p.m. Members of the study team were available to answer questions and discuss the project during this time. A separate table for [roundabout information](#), [project technical reports](#), and [right-of-way](#) information was available to the public.

The following project-related information was on display:

- Roll plots of [SR 72 at SR 70](#)
- Project location map
- [Proposed Alternatives](#)
- [Typical Section SR 72 and SR 70](#)
- [Floodplain Maps](#)
- [Roundabout animation station](#)
- Welcome and Thank you
- Schedule and Funding
- Evaluation Matrix
- Comment
- Title VI
- Hearing Statutes

At 6 p.m. the formal portion of the hearing began for both the in-person and online attendees. A project presentation was played, and the public had the opportunity to provide verbal comments. 4 attendees provided verbal testimony at the in-person event and 1 attendee provided verbal comment through the online event.

In addition to the verbal comments, other comments were submitted either by email, website, or by mail. In-person hearing attendees were also able to leave written comments. 5 comment forms were received at the in-person hearing and 10 were received during the 10-day comment period following the meeting, ending [December 17, 2023](#). From the comment forms, please see below a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the project.

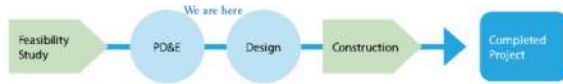
- [Opposition to the roundabout and request for a light instead](#)
  - [Request for a traffic light instead](#)
  - [Questions about how trucks will utilize a roundabout](#)
- [Support for the roundabout](#)
- [Request for reduction of proposed right of way needed in front of a single residence](#)
- [Concern for bicyclist and pedestrian accommodations \(wanting multiple options for various skill levels of bicyclists\)](#)

## No-Build Alternative

Throughout this study, a "no-build" alternative is also considered. The "no-build" alternative assumes that no improvements are made to SR 72 at SR 70 through the year 2045, except for routine maintenance.

## Transportation Development Process

The design phase is ongoing and funded through fiscal year 2024. The right-of-way phase is funded in fiscal year 2024 through 2026, with construction to begin in fiscal year 2027. The Department anticipates completion of this PD&E study by Spring of 2024.



### Project Documents

Project documents will be available for public viewing from Thursday, November 30, 2023 through December 17, 2023 at the following locations:

<https://www.sfwroads.com/project/443123-2>

#### In Person Locations:

DeSoto County Library,  
125 N Hillsborough Ave.,  
Arcadia, FL 34266

FDOT District One  
Headquarters, 801 N.  
Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL  
33830

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

## Submit Your Comments

Patrick Bateman, MS 1-40  
FDOT Project Manager  
801 N. Broadway Ave.  
Bartow, FL 33830  
(863) 591-2792  
Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us

Submit Comments by:  
December 17, 2023!



### Additional Project Information:

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](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

#### Para Materiales del Proyecto En Español:

Para ver esta folleto y otros materiales del proyecto en español, visita el sitio web del proyecto en <https://www.sfwroads.com/project/443123-2> o contacta Sra. Karina Della Sera del Departamento de Transportación de Florida por teléfono al (863) 519-2793. También puede usar el correo electrónico: [Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us).



## SR 72 at SR 70 Public Hearing

Project Development & Environmental Study  
Financial Project ID: 443123-2

December 7, 2023



Project Location Map

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, welcomes you to the public hearing for the SR 72 at SR 70 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study. The study is being conducted to evaluate raising and realigning SR 72 and SR 70.

In Person Location: Turner Agri Civic Center  
2250 NE Roan St  
Arcadia, FL 34266

Live-Online Link: <http://bit.ly/3PKF1qb>  
(Starting at 5:45 p.m.)

Scan QR code to register in advance!



5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Open House  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Public Hearing and Testimony

Website: <https://www.sfwroads.com/project/443123-2>

### Project Limits

SR 72 from CR 661 northeast approximately 0.85 miles to SR 70 and extends on SR 70 from CR 661 southeast approximately 1.06 miles in Desoto County to the Peace River Bridge.

### Project Background

FDOT, District One, began this PD&E study in 2021. But after the flooding caused by Hurricane Ian, which made SR 70 impassable, the project was re-evaluated to raise the roadway profile of SR 70 as well to alleviate future flooding concerns. The need for the proposed improvements for SR 72 at 70 is due to flooding concerns caused by the Peace River that may cause numerous safety concerns with existing infrastructure. SR 70 provides intrastate travel between the City of Fort Pierce, St Lucie County on the east coast to the City of Bradenton, Manatee County on the west coast and spans five counties. SR 72 is an alternative route to the coast starting from its Eastern terminus at SR 70 and is the most direct route to Siesta Key, Sarasota, and Venice in Sarasota County. SR 70 is an evacuation route and both SR 70 and SR 72 are part of the Strategic Intermodal Systems (SIS). Severe storms and historic flooding have been known to inundate segments of SR 72 and SR 70, making them impassable. Maintaining access to this route is crucial for commerce, safety, emergency response, and the overall transportation network and regional connectivity.

### What is a PD&E Study?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study is the formal process that develops and compares alternatives to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing impacts to the social, natural, and physical environments. Engaging the public by sharing and receiving information is a key component of this process and required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

## Evaluation Matrix

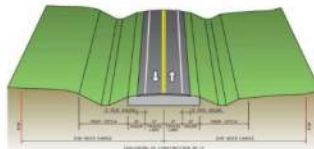
An Evaluation Matrix showing the preferred alternative is provided below. The matrix shows potential effects to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments, and identifies preliminary costs.

| Evaluation Criteria                                                    | No-Build Alternative | Build Alternative                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Address roadway resiliency and long-term maintenance                   |                      |                                                                                  |
| Enhances emergency evacuation and response                             |                      |                                                                                  |
| Addresses roadway flooding on SR 72                                    |                      |                                                                                  |
| Addresses flooding of the Strategic Intermodal System Facility (SR 70) |                      |                                                                                  |
| Increases intersection safety at SR 72 and SR 70                       |                      |                                                                                  |
| Creates connectivity for pedestrians and bicycles                      |                      |                                                                                  |
| Project Costs                                                          |                      |                                                                                  |
| Engineering Design                                                     | \$0                  | \$1.16 million                                                                   |
| Right-Of-Way Acquisition                                               | N/A                  | \$1.26 million                                                                   |
| Construction                                                           | \$0                  | \$10.21 million                                                                  |
| Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)                          | \$0                  | \$1.22 million                                                                   |
| Wetland Mitigation                                                     | N/A                  | \$704,000 for wetland mitigation credits.                                        |
| Utility Relocation Cost                                                | N/A                  | \$0 (3 relocations)                                                              |
| Potential Right-Of-Way Impacts                                         |                      |                                                                                  |
| Number of Parcels                                                      | 0                    | 11                                                                               |
| Number of Relocations                                                  | 0                    | 0                                                                                |
| Potential Environmental Impacts                                        |                      |                                                                                  |
| Archaeological/Historic Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                     | None                 | Low                                                                              |
| Public Recreation Resources                                            | None                 | 0                                                                                |
| Wetlands                                                               | 0                    | 8.98 acres of primary wetland impacts<br>2.88 acres of secondary wetland impacts |
| Other Surface Waters                                                   |                      | 0.89 acres of surface water impacts                                              |
| Species Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                                     | 0                    | Low                                                                              |
| Fluvial Impact (Low/ Med/ High)                                        | N/A                  | Low                                                                              |
| Contaminant Sites                                                      | 0                    | 0 High   2 Medium                                                                |
| Utility Impact (Low/ Med/ High)                                        | N/A                  | Low                                                                              |
| Traffic Safety & Operations                                            |                      |                                                                                  |
| Level of Service (LOS) (in 2045)                                       | LOS F                | LOS C                                                                            |
| Safety (2045 Design Year, Predicted Crash Frequency)                   | 9.52 crashes/year    | 1.85 crashes/year                                                                |

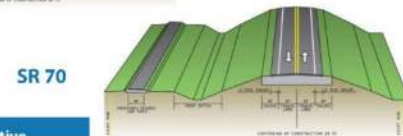
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## Preferred Build Alternative

The preferred typical section for both SR 72 and SR 70 consists of two 12-foot lanes with 10-foot shoulders (5-foot paved) with various configurations of roadside and treatment ditches. There will also be a 10-foot shared use path on the north side of SR 70.



SR 72



SR 70

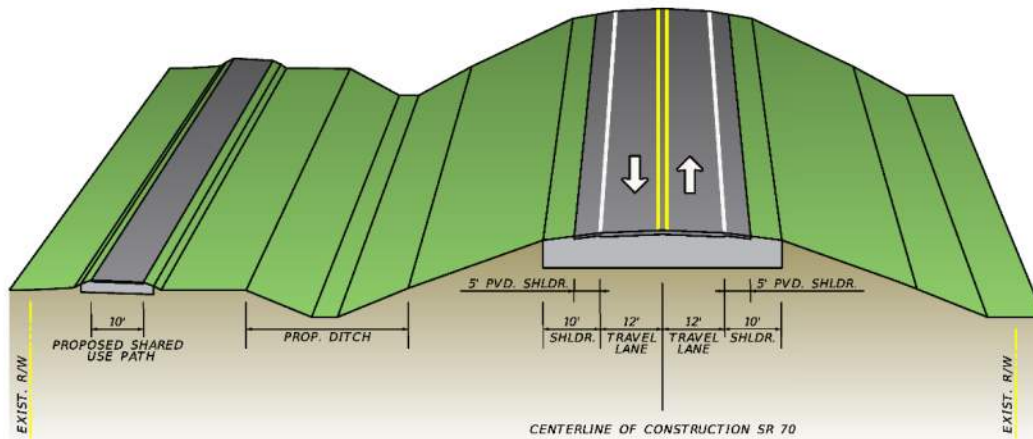
## Intersection Alternative



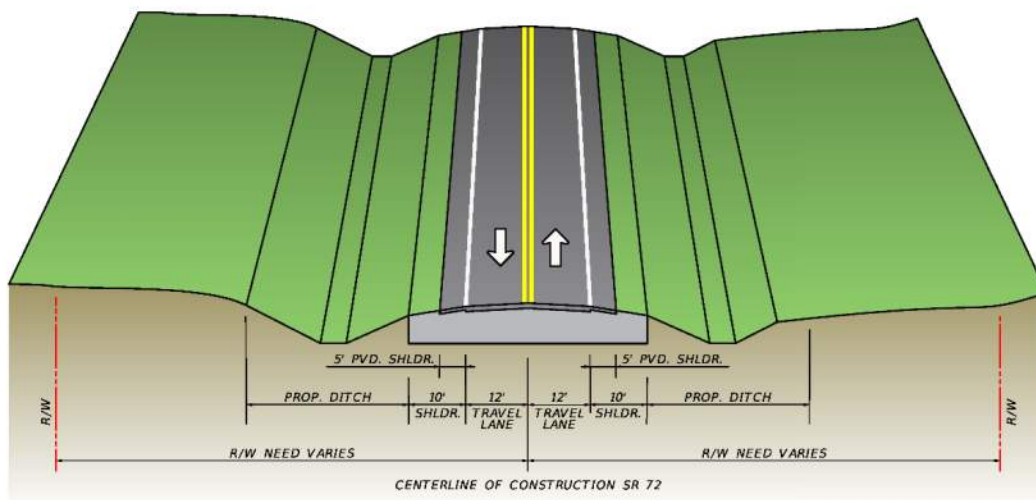
A roundabout is proposed to replace the stop-controlled intersection. The roundabout will require all drivers to slow down to use the roundabout which will reduce crash severity and make the area safer for pedestrians. There will be splitter islands on all approaches as well as 10-foot shared use paths provided on all legs of the intersection.



## PROPOSED SR 70 TYPICAL SECTION



## PROPOSED SR 72 TYPICAL SECTION





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| Carol Mahler           | PO Box 644 Arcadia 34268              | carol.mahler3200@gmail.com      | Arcadia Community Local |         |
| Jean Tighe             | 5739 NW Oak Hill Ave 34266            |                                 |                         |         |
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| Veronica Barone        | 3460 NW Hwy 72 Arcadia FL             | Veronicaadello@att.net          |                         |         |

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## *Appendix D:* *Public Hearing Comments*

**Bronce Stephenson**

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**From:** Bronce Stephenson  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 4:21 PM  
**To:** 'Bateman, Patrick'; Gale, Siobhan; Della Sera, Karina  
**Subject:** RE: 443123 SR 72 at SR 70 - citizen call

Thank you. I will document the correspondence.  
Respectfully,

**Bronce L. Stephenson, MPA**  
Lead Planner



**The Balmoral Group**  
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**From:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 4:04 PM  
**To:** Gale, Siobhan <siobhan.gale@atkinsglobal.com>; Della Sera, Karina <Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Bronce Stephenson <BStephenson@balmoralgroup.us>  
**Subject:** 443123 SR 72 at SR 70 - citizen call

I received a call today from (863) 990-2415 about the project. They own land around the project and were asking if we needed a pond site. They provided feedback on the project stating they support the roundabout and that SR 70 needs 4 lanes in this area.

**Patrick Bateman, PE**  
Project Manager  
Environmental Management Office  
FDOT District 1  
(863) 519-2792

**Bronce Stephenson**

**From:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** marianjohnsonrealtor@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: swflroads.com comment form submission - Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

Marian,

The project team is working on project documents and we plan to hold a public hearing in January.

Patrick Bateman, PE  
Project Manager  
Environmental Management Office  
FDOT District 1  
(863) 519-2792

-----Original Message-----

**From:** commentform@swflroads.com <commentform@swflroads.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:39 AM  
**To:** FDOT-D1COMM <FDOT-D1COMM@dot.state.fl.us>; Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>; Rose, Adam <Adam.Rose@dot.state.fl.us>; bstephenson@balmoralgroup.us; Gale, Siobhan <siobhan.gale@atkinsglobal.com>; kaylee.bledsoe@atkinsglobal.com  
**Subject:** swflroads.com comment form submission - Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links and attachments.

Regarding Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

**From Name:** Marian Johnson

**From Email:** marianjohnsonrealtor@gmail.com

**Question or Comment:**

Has there been any updates to this study/project (443123-2)?

**From:** [commentform@swfroads.com](mailto:commentform@swfroads.com)  
**To:** [fdot-d1comm@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:fdot-d1comm@dot.state.fl.us); [Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us); [adam.rose@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:adam.rose@dot.state.fl.us); [Bronce.Stephenson@sobhan.gale@atkinglobal.com](mailto:Bronce.Stephenson@sobhan.gale@atkinglobal.com); [kaylee.bledsoe@atkinglobal.com](mailto:kaylee.bledsoe@atkinglobal.com)  
**Subject:** swfroads.com comment form submission - Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70  
**Date:** Friday, November 10, 2023 3:58:42 PM

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Regarding Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

From Name: Amanda Ridley

From Email: [amanda.ridley1984@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.ridley1984@gmail.com)

Question or Comment:

Good afternoon,

As you may guess, there are rumors of 72 & 70 becoming a roundabout. I have read on a few posts that DeSoto Co. economic development have posted on FB and the "About" on this page. I have not seen anything of a roundabout being mentioned. I see where the road will be raised and there will be ped/bike paths. I have lived off 72 my entire life and I'm really hoping the roundabout rumors are false. Can you provide any feedback on that rumor?

**Bronce Stephenson**

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**From:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2023 9:05 AM  
**To:** Gale, Siobhan  
**Cc:** Bronce Stephenson; Della Sera, Karina  
**Subject:** FW: Project 443123-2 SR 72 at SR 70 Intersection, Arcadia

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**From:** Ed Johnson <johnsonfarms@embarrmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:55 AM  
**To:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Project 443123-2 SR 72 at SR 70 Intersection, Arcadia

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Patrick Bateman, PE  
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[Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us)

Mr. Bateman,

I hate single lane roundabouts; and roundabouts in general. They are most suitable for blind Kamanzi pilots high on "crack". There have been a number of serious accidents at that intersection, one of which involved my daughter and her friend who were hit by a semi several years back. Put up a stop light and call it a day. Roundabouts are extremely difficult to traverse for tractor trailer units and semi's pulling extra wide or heavy equipment loads. I have watched them try and navigate the ones on SR72 east of Sarasota. They have to creep around the roundabout, watching for entering Kamanzi pilots as well as trying to stay on the asphalt and off the pavers. They slowed traffic to a creep.

Forget all this eco whacko nonsense and get back to planet earth. My family has lived here since the mid 1860's. And by the way, that area has been subject to flooding as far back as I can remember. The County used to haul us across the flooded area from old SR 72 to the east side of the old Peace River bridge using a high wheel tractor and a trailer with benches. It was a normal rainy season event. This last episode has been repeated a number of times before.

Keep it simple, put up a stop light and turn lanes.

Thanks, Ed Johnson  
Arcadia, FL.

**Bronce Stephenson**

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**From:** commentform@swflroads.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 8:39 PM  
**To:** fdot-d1comm@dot.state.fl.us; Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us; adam.rose@dot.state.fl.us; Bronce Stephenson; siobhan.gale@atkinsglobal.com; kaylee.bledsoe@atkinsglobal.com  
**Subject:** swflroads.com comment form submission - Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

Regarding Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

From Name: KIM ALBRITTON

From Email: kimialbritton@gmail.com

Question or Comment:

Install a light. No one wants a round about.

**Bronce Stephenson**

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**From:** commentform@swflroads.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 3, 2023 10:31 AM  
**To:** fdot-d1comm@dot.state.fl.us; Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us; adam.rose@dot.state.fl.us; Bronce Stephenson; siobhan.gale@atkinsglobal.com; kaylee.bledsoe@atkinsglobal.com  
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Regarding Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

From Name: Dylan Tindall

From Email: dtindall2004@gmail.com

**Question or Comment:**

How will semi-trucks get through the roundabout? They often travel on SR 70 and i'm concerned about how tight the turn they have to do. I'm also concerned about the current residents in Arcadia as, a lot of drivers may not know how to use a roundabout.

**From:** [John Guerra](#)  
**To:** [Bateman, Patrick](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 443123-2 SR 72 at 70 project website  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 1:31:01 PM

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Patrick, thank you! Do you know how I can reach the man who showed the safety performance measures slides? He had a list of the most dangerous intersections, three of which are in Highlands County. Do you know how I can contact him?

Thanks,  
John

On Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 11:18 AM Bateman, Patrick <[Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us)> wrote:

John,

The project website is here: [443123-2 SR 72 at SR 70 \(swflroads.com\)](https://www.swflroads.com/443123-2-SR-72-at-SR-70)

**Patrick Bateman, PE**

Project Manager

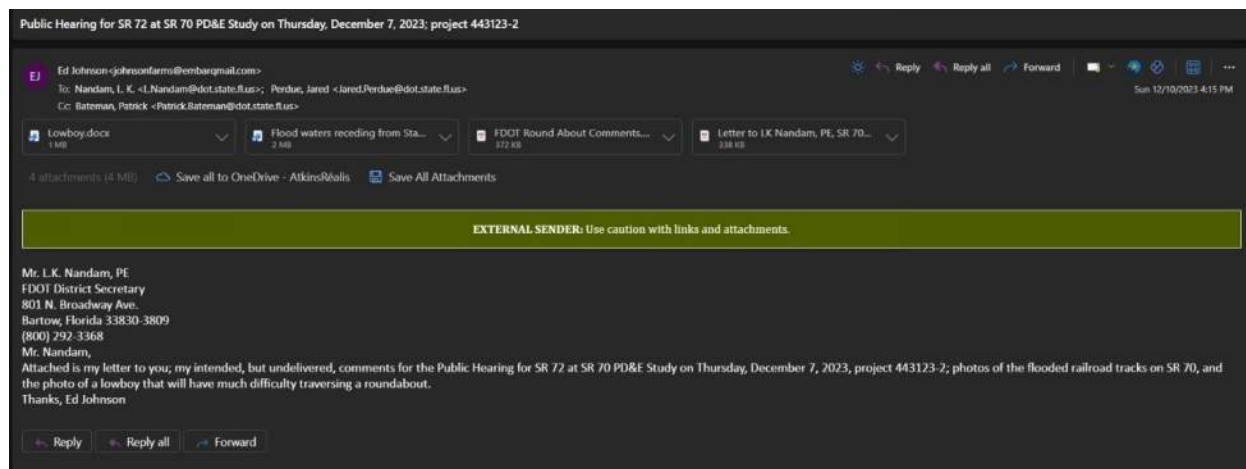
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**Bronce Stephenson**

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**From:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2023 8:08 AM  
**To:** Gale, Siobhan; Bronce Stephenson  
**Subject:** FW: regarding 70/72 roundabout

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sarah Hollenhorst <sarahh7101@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 5:02 PM  
**To:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** regarding 70/72 roundabout

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Dear Mr Bateman,

Myakka biggest concern regarding this roundabout is that semis coming from the I-75 corridor will be traveling a long distance at a fairly high speed and as the long haul truckers are often sleep deprived they may plow through the roundabout. I think there should be much more warning than the usual roundabout (the first one on 72 west to Sarasota is very poorly warned). It should be well lit with warning strips and flashing warning lights at the roundabout and before. It should also be very wide, many of the semi drivers I see have problems turning in spaces, and that could lead to road blockages.

That is an extremely dangerous intersection so something needed to be done, such as traffic lights at the least.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Hollenhorst  
9347 SW Raccoon Trail  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
Sent from my iPhone



[Flood waters receding from State Road 70 in Arcadia | Latest Weather | yoursun.com](#)



Despite road closure signs, some motorists decided to take on the elements Thursday afternoon on State Road 70. Some made it though.

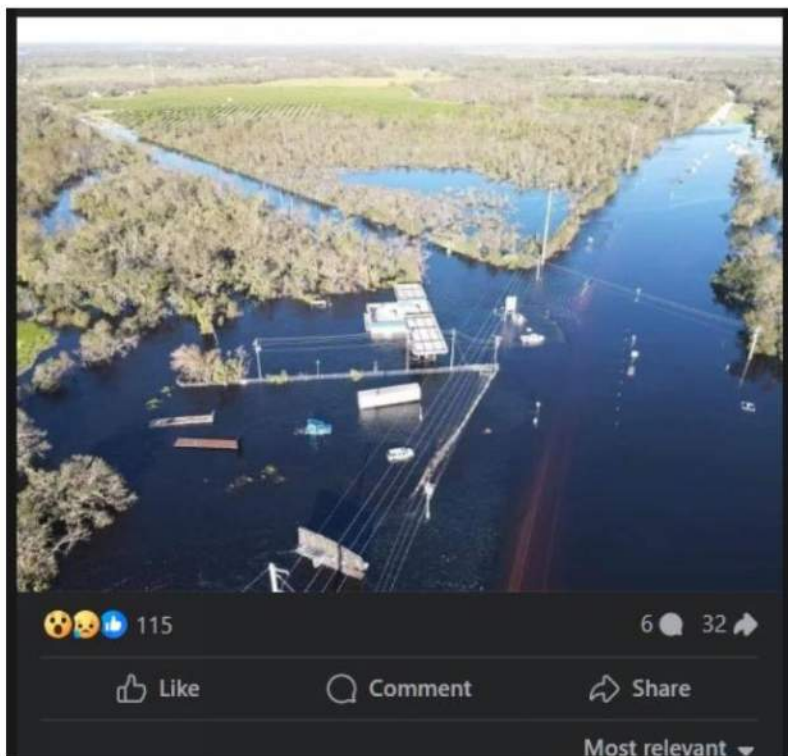
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[https://youtu.be/VIQ\\_QzZdJ5c](https://youtu.be/VIQ_QzZdJ5c)



Lenny Lempenau crosses floodwaters that completely covered County Road 661 on Friday outside of Arcadia. [ LUIS SANTANA | Times ]

[Photos show devastating floods, roads washed away in Arcadia in Ian aftermath \(tampabay.com\)](https://tampabay.com)



[Peace River flooding in Arcadia, #Florida at... - Gulf Coast Updates | Facebook](#)



[Us 70 flooding at arcadia update - Google Search](#)

Ed Johnson  
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Arcadia, Florida  
Sent Via Email

Mr. L.K. Nandam, PE  
FDOT District Secretary  
801 N. Broadway Ave.  
Bartow, Florida 33830-3809  
(800) 292-3368

Re: Public Hearing for SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study, Arcadia

Mr. Nandam,

It has been sometime since I contacted you last. Some highway flooding problems still exist along Highway 17, at Joshua Creek, south of Arcadia. It was impassable during the last two hurricanes.

I was very disappointed in the form and format of the alleged Public Hearing for SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, in Arcadia. It was less than a fact-finding venture and more of a get a quick approval and move on.

I spent most of the day Thursday, December 7, 2023, reviewing the materials provided by FDOT for this meeting, including the Preliminary Engineering Report, on the above-mentioned project. I prepared several pages of written comments to publish during the 6pm to 7pm speaking session. The speaking session did not start until after 6:34pm. I had signed up to speak as I entered the Turner Agri Civic Center. I was listed as the first speaker. During the introductory comments, prior to speaking session, the project manager conducting the meeting indicated that we had only three minutes to speak. This was never mentioned in any of your literature or other published comments prior to this point. There was only one person who had signed up to speak, it was me. There was no way I could summarize my comments at that time into three minutes. I gave a few comments, but not what I had prepared. After I spoke, the project manager opened the meeting to comments from anyone else, who didn't bother to register, to speak. Knowing, I was the only person who registered in advance to speak, the project manager could have granted me extra time; such was not the case and I stopped when prompted. I later gave a copy of my remarks to the representative of Balmoral; and requested he give a copy to the project manager in charge, for the record.

A number of people left before the speaking started, they said nothing they could say would change things; they surmised it was already long ago decided. All of the handouts and videos show only your roundabout.

It took the FDOT many months to collect the data and make the reports, which took many hours to read, and we, those who will have to use this debacle, are given three minutes to rebut your findings. Was this meeting a farce? Actually, I have no doubt that this project already has formal tacit approval, although no one will admit it and everyone says otherwise. You have gone too far and

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spent too many tax payer dollars to reverse course in now and not lose face. This is a disgrace, I thought you were to gather the facts and then make a decision.

You should have conducted small focus groups to learn what the real problems are in this area. I have seen this river climb out of its banks many times. My family has lived here since 1865; and in Florida since 1826. I can remember in the early 1950's riding across the flooded area with an old high wheel tractor pulling a trailer furnished by the County. It was our only way to town.

If you do not deepen the overflow, this will continue to happen. There are several severe twists and turns in the river just north of SR 70. It allows the water to slow down and start backing up. The overflow is too shallow, overgrown and does not timely relieve the flow. You need to study this river area very carefully and talk to those who live and work by it every day. A little history from the old timers that are left around here may help you. If you do not relieve the water flow, all you have done is just put a band aid on a broken leg.

Your study stops too soon, it stops before the railroad tracks. Does FDOT Active Construction Project T1859 include any revisions to the railroad tracks? If you do not raise the railroad tracks, the overflowing water will still stop the traffic flow. Look at your own photos of how high the river water climbed into your local FDOT facilities. Look what it did to you own facilities. This water went all the way to Parker Avenue, and into the Moose Lodge.

I personally do not like roundabouts. I have seen tractor trailers struggling to get around them, slowing down traffic to crawl. I had two trailer loads of hay for my cattle delivered to my farm Thursday morning. I ask both drivers for their opinion of roundabouts. They hated them. My daughter, a former transportation supervisor for a national food distributor, while working in Colorado, Texas and Florida said her drivers hated them; this company has over 5000 trucks (straight jobs, tractor trailers and doubles) on the roads. Trucks haul all the food we eat. Trucks haul all the fuel we use. Trucks haul our building materials. In fact, trucks haul about everything we use or consume. Why make it harder on them to travel our road ways? They pay high taxes and prices for tags and diesel fuel.

I favor an old-fashioned stop light, with some turn lanes. These are well known traffic control devices and are very familiar to everyone. At least you know when to go or stop. You could install them tomorrow and it would solve many problems. I wonder why this option was never given full consideration in your report. You gave two options, do nothing or like my roundabout.

Yes, the road should be raised out of the flood plain, but you do not need to relocate the intersection. But, failing to address the lack of sufficient overflow rate and volume and the not addressing the low railroad tracks, will still leave us under water.

The Preliminary Engineering Report Sheet (unnumbered) of the roundabout shows a "Type F Curb" on the outside edge, but all of the videos show truck going over the white line on the right side of the road. A "Type F Curb" in this situation would be dangerous.

I hope you will give this intersection further consideration. But I fear it is already cast in stone.

Sincerely,

Ed Johnson  
EJ/ej



**Bronce Stephenson**

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**From:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2023 11:45 AM  
**To:** Gale, Siobhan; Bronce Stephenson  
**Subject:** FW: FDOT-443123-2 SR 72/SR 70 Improvements/Arcadia

-----Original Message-----

From: irons54vortex@gmail.com <irons54vortex@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 10:54 AM  
To: 'Karen Smoke' <aandksmoke@gmail.com>; Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
Cc: 'Ed Barsotti' <ed.barsotti@gmail.com>; 'Patty Huff' <snookcity@gmail.com>; Gehrke, Tiffany <Tiffany.Gehrke@dot.state.fl.us>  
Subject: RE: FDOT-443123-2 SR 72/SR 70 Improvements/Arcadia

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Karen,

I know we discussed an alternate route back in March, but I didn't hear whether Arcadia/DeSoto County were open to a different alignment using the W. Hickory St./American Legion Dr. bridge alternative. We now have all the needed jurisdictions on board for a spring, 2024 designation but there is still time to change the alignment from FL 70/Oak St. before then if Arcadia and DeSoto County agree. Of course it can also be changed in future rounds of approvals if this change doesn't make the spring deadline.

Regards your main question, is this about a project on FL 70? If so, I assume that is not yet underway and so would only affect the route once complete. Do I have that right?

Kerry

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Smoke <aandksmoke@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 6:09 AM  
To: patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us  
Cc: Ed Barsotti <ed.barsotti@gmail.com>; irons54vortex@gmail.com; Patty Huff <snookcity@gmail.com>; Tiffany Gehrke <Tiffany.Gehrke@dot.state.fl.us>  
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I applaud FDOT efforts to build resiliency and make this intersection safer for all road users through Vision Zero principles. I do have concerns about the proposed ped/bike infrastructure.

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It is my experience that the ambiguity of two options for cyclists: to move as a vehicle and control the lane or to use crosswalks as a pedestrian is often not understood by motorists. Both options should be available to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists of all levels, as well as signage and road markings to alert motorists to the rights of cyclists.

My biggest concern is that this intersection will become part of the USBRS network when the proposed USBR 15 is approved. (DeSoto County approved CR 661 from the north county line, SR 70 from CR 661 to US 17, and US 17 to the south county line as part of the proposed USBR 15 in early 2023.) A serviceable alternative exists in the shared use path that extends from the 1924 Peace River Bridge west to the overflow bridge where it uses the protected walkway on the north side of said bridge and then continues along the old SR 70 roadway to the CR 661 intersection. I have suggested to our city administrator that this route with a dog leg jog on city streets to Oak Street could be used as an alternative to the already county approved route.

It is my understanding that FDOT does not have a policy for signing USBRS. I see this project and the ongoing reconstruction of SR 70 through town as an opportunity to get it right and design connectivity into the project from the start, even though ultimately a wider crossing of both bridges will be needed. Signage of the USBRS is important not only for guiding cyclists, but also to alert motorists that cyclists will be using the roadways. I urge FDOT to adopt a statewide policy and design guide for the signing of the USBRS.

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I submit these comments as part of the public record for the project.

Karen (Smoke) Smoczynski  
863 558 0532

## Bronce Stephenson

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Karen (Smoke) Smoczynski  
863 558 0532

## SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study

SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to Peace River Bridge  
FPID: 443123-2 DeSoto County

### COMMENT FORM

Name: J. WATSON  
Address: 803 W Smogene St  
Phone: 813-494-2066 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Please choose the  
"No Build Alternative"  
Please don't try to make us a  
big city! Roundabout not  
conducive to the area  
Traffic lights could be utilized

Please return this form to a project team member at this hearing  
or you may mail or email it, to the address below.

Patrick Bateman, MS 1-40  
Florida Department of Transportation  
801 N. Broadway Avenue  
Bartow, Florida 33830  
Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us

Note: All comments are part of the hearing record and are available for any public records requests.

SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study  
Public Hearing

December 7, 2023

## SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study

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### COMMENT FORM

Name: Robert Levine

Address: 3268 NW Hwy 72

Phone: 863-494-4070 Email: RMLSERV@YAHOO.COM

#### Comments:

I would like to know if the proposed RLW line can  
be reduced in front of my residence.

Robert Levine

Please return this form to a project team member at this hearing  
or you may mail or email it, to the address below.

Patrick Bateman, MS 1-40  
Florida Department of Transportation  
801 N. Broadway Avenue  
Bartow, Florida 33830  
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DeSoto County

### COMMENT FORM

Name:

Carrie Fuller

Address:

2114 NW Genes Little Acre Arcadia FL 34266

Phone:

863-303-1059

Email:

Carrie.Fuller@grants-onpoint.com

Comments:

Love the design & the idea of not stopping  
traffic w/ a light. With the number of  
semi trucks, it would impede traffic and cause  
it to back up.

Thank you for your work on this  
project!

Please return this form to a project team member at this hearing  
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December 7

## SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study

FPID: 443123-2

SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to Peace River Bridge

DeSoto County

### COMMENT FORM

Name: Mac & Mary Pete Martin

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Great!  
Glad you're doing  
this!

Please return this form to a project team member at this hearing  
or you may mail or email it, to the address below.

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Florida Department of Transportation  
801 N. Broadway Avenue  
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Public Hearing

December 7, 2021

**Public Hearing Comments: FDOT Proposed Round About at SR 70 and 72.  
Turner-Agri Civic Center, 2250 NE Poan Street, Arcadia, FL 34266  
Thursday, December 7, 2023, 6:00pm**

**Opening Comments:**

My name is Ed Johnson. I reside at 6077 SW CR-760, Arcadia, FL 34266; 863-494-0781.

I represent no one other than myself and the comments I make are mine alone. I ask that my written comments be made part of the official record.

I come to speak in opposition to the realignment of SR 70 and SR72, and specifically the proposed the roundabout.

I will apologize in advance because I am sure I will offend some of you before concluding my remarks. I hate roundabouts. They are most suitable for blind Kamanzi pilots high on "crack". **Many drivers perceive that a roundabout is a crazy free-for all. You just... go for it**

**Comments with regard to the FDOT Preliminary Engineering Report**

**1.0 PROJECT SUMMARY**

*Page 2. A roundabout is proposed in lieu of the stop-controlled intersection. Your report appears to be slanted towards the roundabout.*

*Page 2. No additional stormwater treatment is proposed for SR 70. I'll provide comments on flooding at the end of my comments.*

**1.2 Purpose & Need**

*Page 4. Evaluation of alternatives to address the safe operation of the SR 72 and SR 70 intersection and facilities within the area are the foundation of the study. Your report appears to be slanted towards the roundabout.*

*Page 4. Several publications and other historical records have shown this portion of the roadway frequently inundating during hurricane season. Seasonal flooding is well known to those of us who live here. My family has lived here since 1866. I have seen this area flooded as early as the 1950's, when SR 72 was east of the Sunoco Station. Are you just now seeing the problem?*

*Page 5. The intersection of SR 72 and SR 70 is current a T-intersection, ...has a high level of truck traffic... Citrus trucks are not the immediate problem, they are limited to*

several months out of the year. There is a large and constant intrastate truck travel through this intersection.

*Page 5. Phase IV plans are anticipated in May of 2024, Right-of-Way Clear is set for April 14, 2026, and the Production Date is December 4, 2026. Your report appears to indicate the decision has already been made.*

#### **1.4 Alternatives Analysis Summary**

*Page 6. You propose only one alternative. It appears that your mind is up already made up and we are going to be stuck with a roundabout?*

*Page 6. The construction cost for the Build Alternative (roundabout) is approximately \$10.2 million. (However, Page 56 indicates \$13,844,900 preliminary Estimate of Total Project Cost.)*

*Why not raise the existing ROW, and add turn lanes and a stop light at the SR 72 and SR 70 intersection, the same as at US 31 and SR70; this intersection works fine for heavy trucks and cars. No impact to the environment, no impact on the snakes, birds, bats or beetles. The cost will be far less, which lessens the impact on us.*

#### **2.1 Previous Planning Studies**

*Page 10. The second report performed is the "Stage 1 ICE Analysis" completed on November 30, 2021. This report compared the construction of a signalized intersection against a roundabout at the SR70/SR 72 intersection. **The capacity analysis showed both options would operate effectively with volume-to-capacity ratios less than 0.75 for all peak periods.** However, the safety analysis concluded that a roundabout would be the safer option for both vehicles and any pedestrians or bicyclists. Do you have any documentation on the number of bicycles or pedestrians that currently use these roadways? I rarely see any bicycles or pedestrians and I travel this intersection several times a week.*

*Page 10. Within the project limits, SR 72 is a rural two-lane undivided roadway with a posted speed limit of 60 mph that is reduced to 45 mph approaching the SR 70 intersection. Within the project limits, SR 70 is a rural two-lane undivided roadway with a posted speed limit of 45 mph throughout the project limits. Slowing down the traffic to accommodate the roundabout only stacks up the traffic.*

#### **2.2.16 Crash Data**

*Page 22. There was one fatality reported involving a pedestrian walking the westbound shoulder at night [2021\_87289752]. The pedestrian was struck by a careless driver resulting in the fatality. Not a reason for a roundabout.*

Page 22. Crashes involving these (Sunoco) driveways were mainly contributed to improper turns. When a space in traffic opens, you have to go for it. There was one other discernable condition regarding crashes at this intersection.

Page 23. Table 12 - Crash Data Statistics (2018 to 2023) **Chart shows left turns to be the principal cause of accidents.**

Page 23. 2.2.17 Railroad Crossings. There are no railroad crossings or railroad facilities located within the project area. If you do not raise the existing railroad tracks, you will still encounter flooding and road closure. Look at the elevation changes from the bridge to the RR tracks and Parker Avenue. After Hurricane Ian, the RR tracks were under water.

**Based on past local FDOT performance**, I have no confidence a roundabout will work in this case.

US 17 flooding at Joshua Creek debacle. Both sides of the bridge now become impassable in flood times. This is a designated Hurricane Evacuation route. Is it for cars or boats?

US17 design from Arcadia to Nocatee no turn arounds for semi-trucks. They had to redesign the road at midpoint.

State Road 72, east of Myakka State Park debacle. They dug a huge roadside ditch, and put up nearly 300 yards of guardrails. Several months later, they filled in the ditch and removed the guardrails. Must have cost the taxpayers \$250-300,000.

**The Hunt Bros Video noted in your literature,** does not support your contentions.

The video shows the front tires of the tractor were running outside the right-side white line along the edge of road; the rear lowboy tires were running on pavers to the inside. The turn radius is too tight, for this lowboy trailer and way too tight for the longer lowboy trailers.

How many of you have actually driven a tractor trailer unit?

Will an 88' Liddell drop side 50ton lowboy with a 24' well be able to drive through your round about? They are just inches off the pavement when loaded. We need them to transport heavy equipment.

Why do you want to make a gasoline tanker start driving in a circle?

Why do you want to live stock hauler, with triple decker "possum belly" trailer to start driving in a circle? If you change directions too quickly, the live load will shift and you have an accident.

Stop lights give you a chance to pause and reset. A brief break from the stress of dense traffic.

### **Some of the Known Problems With Roundabouts**

1. **Not yielding to traffic in the circle.** Driver uncertainty about yielding and failure to yield are two of the most common causes of all traffic accidents, and they are a common cause of roundabout collisions. Consider a driver who has never experienced a roundabout before.
2. **Not yielding to pedestrians and bicyclists.** Drivers must yield to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vehicles that have the right of way in the roundabout. It is critical that drivers watch out for them to avoid a serious accident. How does one know when to safely cross traffic in a roundabout? As drawn on your **Intersection Alternative**.PDF, traffic has to come to a complete unannounced stop to allow pedestrians and cyclist to cross. Multiple rear end collisions to follow.
3. **Too many merge points cause confusion**, especially in roundabouts with more than four streets and multi-lanes. Driver's are subject to hesitation and difficulty in determining who has the right-of-way.
4. **Speeding Drivers** are used to passing through an intersection without reducing their speed, but now they have to slow down when negotiating a roundabout. If a driver is speeding, he may not have sufficient time to slow down.
5. **Drunk drivers** (or confused pot smoking drivers) may turn into the wrong lane direction and cause head-on-collisions. Once in the roundabout you have no escape route. If they miss the turn, will they come over the pavers into your lane?
6. **Drivers may try to 'cut' the roundabout.** Drivers may attempt to pass another vehicle while traveling around the roundabout.
7. **Shoulder lane for bicyclists and pedestrians can be narrow, if existent at all.** These include increased risk for pedestrians crossing over busy intersections (due to shared space between cars and pedestrians).
8. **Sudden stops, no place to go.** Many rear-end collisions are caused by drivers who suddenly stop while traveling in the circle. It is dangerous to stop once in the circle, unless absolutely necessary to avoid a crash.
9. **Using the wrong lane.** It is critical to obey the roadside signs there to guide drivers.
10. **Changing lanes or not using a turn signal to exit the circle.** Unless a driver needs to get into the other lane to exit the traffic circle, he needs to stay in his lane. If it is safer, the driver should get off at the wrong exit or go around again rather than change lanes.
11. **Missing your turn-off.** Driver has to use the wrong exit or go around again rather than change lanes.
12. **it seems like traffic circles were designed for the mini sub compacts!**

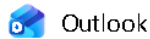
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13. **Not giving trucks or other large vehicles sufficient space or trying to pass them.** Trucks and large vehicles need more space in the roundabout to maneuver. It is extremely dangerous to try to pass them. The overall length of the truck-trailer combination may not exceed 68 feet, including the load thereon. 316.515(3)(a). Permitted load lengths may be longer.
14. **Not clearing the roadway for emergency vehicles.** This can cause accidents when the emergency vehicle cannot navigate through the circle quickly. Where do you move to avoid an Emergency Vehicle with redlights and sirens screaming in your trunk.
15. **Stalled and disabled vehicles,** may block the travel lane. Under Florida's move over law, where do you go?

#### **Comments on Flooding**

The Peace River makes one 180 degrees turn and two 90 degrees turns at Arcadia. To alleviate the flooding, you will need to deepen a channel through the overflow to allow the rising water to begin an early bypass to the old Peace River bridge.

Closing: Can't you just leave us old country folk alone. Keep it simple, put up a stop light and turn lanes and let us be.

**Re: 443123-2 SR 72 at 70 project website**

**From** John Guerra <john.guerra@highlandsnewssun.com>  
**Date** Thu 12/7/2023 1:31 PM  
**To** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>

**EXTERNAL SENDER:** Use caution with links and attachments.

Patrick, thank you! Do you know how I can reach the man who showed the safety performance measures slides? He had a list of the most dangerous intersections, three of which are in Highlands County. Do you know how I can contact him?

Thanks,  
John

On Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 11:18AM Bateman, Patrick <[Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us)> wrote:

John,

The project website is here: [443123-2 SR 72 at SR 70 \(swflroads.com\)](https://www.sr72at70.com).

**Patrick Bateman, PE**

Project Manager

Environmental Management Office

FDOT District 1

(863) 519-2792






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**RE: FDOT-443123-2 SR 72/SR 70 Improvements/Arcadia**


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From irons54vortex@gmail.com <irons54vortex@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/11/2023 10:54 AM

To 'Karen Smoke' <aandksmoke@gmail.com>; Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>

Cc 'Ed Barsotti' <ed.barsotti@gmail.com>; 'Patty Huff' <snookcity@gmail.com>; Gehrke, Tiffany <Tiffany.Gehrke@dot.state.fl.us>

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Karen,

I know we discussed an alternate route back in March, but I didn't hear whether Arcadia/DeSoto County were open to a different alignment using the W. Hickory St./American Legion Dr. bridge alternative. We now have all the needed jurisdictions on board for a spring, 2024 designation but there is still time to change the alignment from FL 70/Oak St. before then if Arcadia and DeSoto County agree. Of course it can also be changed in future rounds of approvals if this change doesn't make the spring deadline.

Regards your main question, is this about a project on FL 70? If so, I assume that is not yet underway and so would only affect the route once complete. Do I have that right?

Kerry

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Smoke <aandksmoke@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 6:09 AM

To: patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us

Cc: Ed Barsotti <ed.barsotti@gmail.com>; irons54vortex@gmail.com; Patty Huff <snookcity@gmail.com>; Tiffany Gehrke <Tiffany.Gehrke@dot.state.fl.us>

Subject: FDOT-443123-2 SR 72/SR 70 Improvements/Arcadia

I applaud FDOT efforts to built resiliency and make this intersection safer for all road users through Vision Zero principles. I do have concerns about the proposed ped/bike infrastructure.

Where the project ends it appears cyclists will just be directed to the traffic lanes. Neither existing Peace River bridge is wide enough to accommodate bike lanes, and what shoulder there is often filled with debris.

It is my experience that the ambiguity of two options for cyclists: to move as a vehicle and control the lane or to use crosswalks as a pedestrian is often not understood by motorists. Both options should be available to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists of all levels, as well as signage and road markings to alert motorists to the rights of cyclists.

My biggest concern is that this intersection will become part of the USBRS network when the proposed USBR 15 is approved. ( DeSoto County approved CR 661 from the north county line, SR 70 from CR 661 to US 17, and US 17 to the south county line as part of the proposed USBR 15 in early 2023.) A serviceable alternative exists in the shared use path that extends from the 1924 Peace River Bridge west to the overflow bridge where it uses the protected walkway on the north side of said bridge and then continues along the old SR 70 roadway to the CR 661 intersection. I have suggested to our city administrator that this route with a dog leg jog on city streets to Oak Street could be used as an alternative to the already county approved route.

It is my understanding that FDOT does not have a policy for signing USBRs. I see this project and the ongoing reconstruction of SR 70 through town as an opportunity to get it right and design connectivity into the project from the start, even though ultimately a wider crossing of both bridges will be needed. Signage of the USBRs is

RE: FDOT-443123-2 SR 72/SR 70 Improvements/Arcadia - Miller, Siera - Outlook

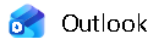
P.S. Although FDOT has built some great bicycle infrastructure in recent years, the devil is in the details and not all designs that look good on paper prove to be safer in use. While signal free roundabouts should be safe for cyclists, motorists often dominate and do not yield to cyclists in crosswalks and the speed disparity makes it difficult for cyclists to enter the circle.

For more discussion on the subject read:

I submit these comments as part of the public record for the project.

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**regarding 70/72 roundabout**

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**From** Sarah Hollenhorst <sarahlh7101@gmail.com>  
**Date** Sun 12/10/2023 5:02 PM  
**To** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>

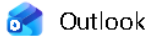
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Dear Mr Bateman,

Myakka biggest concern regarding this roundabout is that semis coming from the I-75 corridor will be traveling a long distance at a fairly high speed and as the long haul truckers are often sleep deprived they may plow through the roundabout. I think there should be much more warning than the usual roundabout ( the first one on 72 west to Sarasota is very poorly warned). It should be well lit with warning strips and flashing warning lights at the roundabout and before. It should also be very wide, many of the semi drivers I see have problems turning in spaces, and that could lead to road blockages.

That is an extremely dangerous intersection so something needed to be done, such as traffic lights at the least.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Hollenhorst  
9347 SW Raccoon Trail  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
Sent from my iPhone



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**SR 70 at SR 72 PD&E DeSoto**

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**From** Richard Ranck <rranck@cfrpc.org>  
**Date** Mon 2/10/2025 11:34 AM  
**To** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>

**EXTERNAL SENDER:** Use caution with links and attachments.

Hi Patrick-

I'm working on the Heartland Regional Safety Action Plan, and both SR 70 and the intersection of SR 70/72 have been identified as part of our high injury network (surprise surprise)

I understand that you're the PM on the 70/72 PD&E, and I was looking to see if you have a preliminary design associated w the intersection so that I'm not duplicating work effort as I develop countermeasures.

Thanks in advance!

**Richard F. Ranck, PE**

Program Manager  
Central Florida RPC/Heartland Regional TPO  
555 E Church Street  
Bartow, FL 33830  
813-727-4300  
rranck@cfrpc.org



| Type  | First & Last | Comment Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Phone | Email                                                          |
|-------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Email | Jody Riley   | <p>*To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Hello, my name is Jody, I am a resident of Desoto county, along with my husband and two daughters. One being sixteen, newly licensed, and driving. We reside off SR 72 and frequently drive into town via SR 72 and SR 70. We also drive into Sarasota via SR 72 five days a week. Just wanted to say we one hundred percent agree with the roundabout plans for SR 72 and 70. We would just like to add our two cents. Because it is such a BUSY intersection/area we wanted to mention how it would be beneficial to have not only the round about, but having turn lanes from SR 72 turning east (toward Arcadia) on to SR 70, and from SR 70 making the turn on to SR 72 going back west (toward Kings Hwy &amp; Pine Level). If there is any way to observe the roundabout or its plans at SR 72 @ Procter Rd in Sarasota it's been a blessing since finished. There is a standard roundabout just before at SR 72 @ Loraine, but it's not as busy of an intersection. Just trying to suggest looking into turn lanes within the roundabout. So much smoother transition of traffic.</p> <p>Blessings,<br/>Jody Riley*</p> | N/A   | <a href="mailto:jriley1972@gmail.com">jriley1972@gmail.com</a> |

*Appendix E:*  
*Small Group Meetings/Presentations to*  
*Stakeholders*





**MEETING MINUTES  
GAS STATION BUSINESS OWNER  
SR 72 at SR 70 Roundabout  
DeSoto County  
FPID 443123-1-52-01**

Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 9:00 AM ET, Corner of SR 72 and SR 70

1. List of Attendees
  - a) Jay Abedin – Gas Station Business Owner
  - b) Karina Della Sera – FDOT
  - c) Jennie Richard - FDOT
  - d) Greg Seidel – The Balmoral Group (TBG)
  - e) Michaela MacDougall – The Balmoral Group (TBG)
  
2. Purpose –

The purpose of the meeting was to present the project plans to the landowner and make sure he understood the proposed changes (relocate SR 72 to the west, add the roundabout and close the SR 72 driveway).
  
3. Meeting Notes
  - a) The meeting was held inside the store, behind the counter.
  - b) Mr. Seidel presented Mr. Abedin with the attached letter and exhibits to explain the proposed project. Mr. Seidel added directions to the Cities to the exhibits for clarification.
  - c) Mr. Seidel explained that the FDOT has a process to coordinate with the land owners when the Department is proposing closing an existing driveway. Mr. Seidel explained the purpose of this first meeting and indicated that a letter will follow from the FDOT that provides the next steps in the process.
  - d) Mr. Abedin asked several questions for clarification and we looked out the window at the large transmission poles.
  - e) At the end of the meeting, Mr. Abedin indicated that he owned the business but not the land. He indicated that he was under a 20-year lease. He provided the name and number of the land owner - Maq Qurashi (954-410-9211) and indicated the address on our letter was for Mr. Quarshi.
  - f) Mr. Abedin provided his business address as the one for the gas station  
Sunoco Gas Station  
2829 HWY 70 NW  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
1-863-993-1147
  
4. Action Items
  - a) Ms Della Sara to coordinate with FDOT on process for having a land owner and a business owner.
  - b) Mr. Seidel to reach send driveway letters to Mr. Qurashi.



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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

October 5, 2023

Super Stop Petroleum Inc.  
6221 W. Atlantic Blvd.  
Margate, FL 33063

*MAG. QURASHI - OWNER  
954-410-9211*

Re: Notice of Intended Department Action – Modification of Driveways  
(State Road 70 & State Road 72) FDOT Project No. 443123-1-52-01  
Property Tax ID 26-37-24-0000-0084-0000 (7388)

Dear Property Owner:

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) is currently designing and preparing construction plans for roadway and intersection improvements along SR 70 and SR 72 in DeSoto County. As part of this process, the Department reviews existing driveways within the project area and makes necessary changes to improve safety and operations of the roadway, and to make driveways consistent with the Department's design standards to the maximum extent possible.

This letter is to notify you that the project will require changes to the driveway(s) serving your property. The enclosed information depicts the changes the Department plans to make. The work will be done at the Department's expense at the time of construction of the project.

The Department is requesting your input and acceptance of the proposed changes to your driveway(s). The Department will be glad to meet with you or a designated representative on site to discuss this further if you wish. The Department will also take into consideration any documents, reports, studies, or alternative solutions that you provide.

As required by Florida law, a formal "Notice of Intent to Modify Driveway Connection" letter will follow.

If you wish to provide further information or wish to meet, please contact me at 1-863-519-2750

*Karina Della Sera*

Karina Della Sera  
Project Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation  
District One

Enclosure [Driveway plans]

Cc: Project File

*SUNOCO Gas Station  
2829 HWY 70 NW*

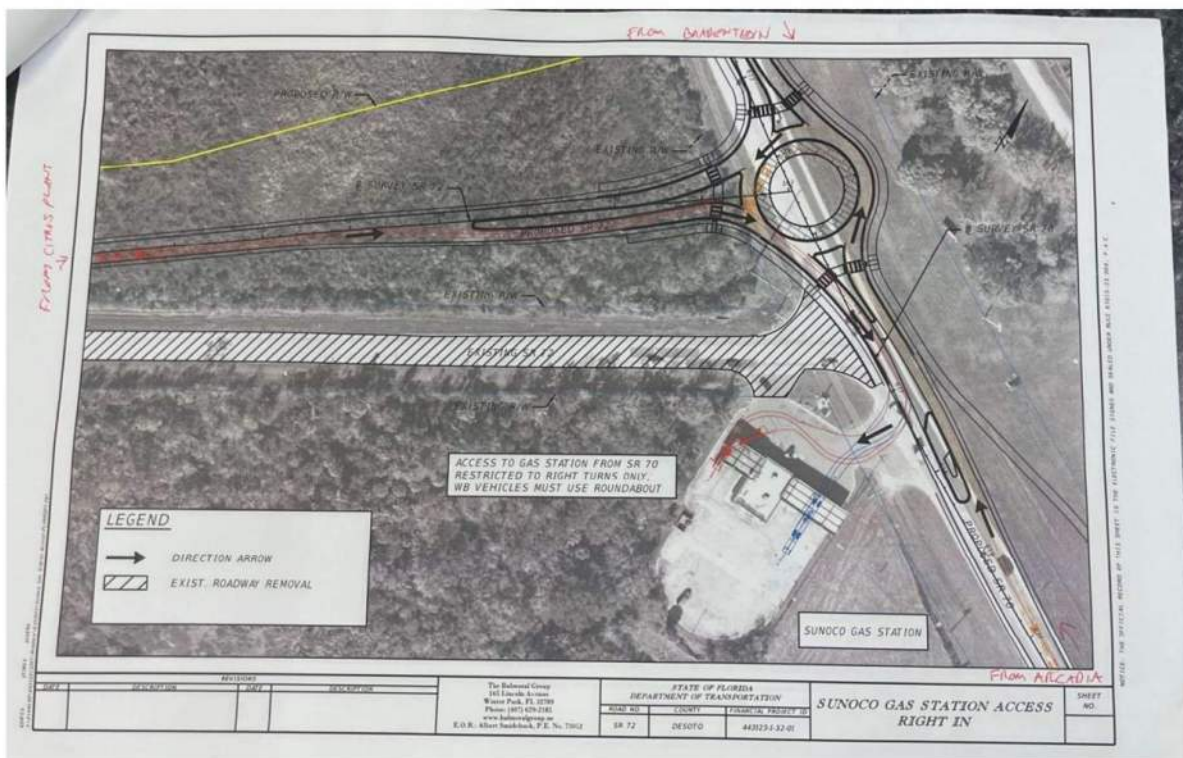
*ARCADIA*

*FL-34266*

*941-580-2977*

*863-993-1147 (store)*

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## **Campground Meeting Summary – Tuesday, March 24, 2026 From 2 pm – 4pm; In Person at Peace River Campgrounds**

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### **Attendees**

- Lenny Lempenau (Impacted property owner of Peace River Campground)
- Patrick Bateman (FDOT)
- Greg Seidel (The Balmoral Group)
- Nate Willbur (The Balmoral Group)

### **Key Discussion Points**

#### **Overview**

- Patrick provided a brief overview of the project and current status.
- Lenny noted a change in the original alignment for SR 72 from the previous plans that he had seen. It was explained how the new alignment and location of the roundabout was determined. It was noted the new alignment reduced wetland impacts and provided a roundabout location that would work with a future 4-lane SR 70.

#### **Flooding & Storm Impacts**

- Greg discussed flooding and related impacts.
- Lenny noted that water was only observed over flooding during Hurricane Ian and assumed it would be a once in a lifetime event. He added that the river came up faster during Ian than other hurricanes.
- Campground flooding is influenced by the river, not just rainfall.
- The campground does not typically flood during heavy rainfall alone. Lenny noted the river rises up the ditch along SR 70 and into the campground. He maintains the ditch. He added that large local storms have caused erosion on the east side of the campground.
- Lenny added that he provided taxi service by boat during the extreme stages of the Peace River following Hurricane Ian.

#### **Property & Right-of-Way (RW) Concerns**

- The campground wants clarity on the RW acquisition procedure.
- Noted concerns about loss of property. Can the northern RW line be reduced? It was noted that this could be evaluated in final design.
- Requested clear guidance on process and next steps.

- Lenny noted that FDOT and campground were not working as closely as they used to. During the set up for Ian, it was noted that there was difficulty in coordinating the location to move campers out of the floodplain.

### Operations & Access

- Campground uses frontage areas for events (e.g., 4th of July).
- Lenny noted that a secondary entrance would be preferable at the roundabout that uses the old SR 70 to get into the campground.
- FDOT goal is to minimize RW impacts.

### General Takeaways

- Flooding concerns are event-driven (storm + river) rather than routine.
- Stakeholders are concerned about property impacts and transparency. It was noted that there would be another public meeting 6 months before construction.
- Improving access and communication with FDOT is important.

### Action Items

- Peace River Campground to contact Jesse Moss from FDOT ([Jesse.Moss@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jesse.Moss@dot.state.fl.us)) for next steps for R/W regarding access request at roundabout



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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

January 28, 2025

Peace River Campground,  
2998 NW HWY 70  
Arcadia, FL 34238

Re: Financial Project Number: 443123-2-22-01  
SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge, DeSoto County

Dear Property Owner,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements, including a roundabout, at the intersection of SR 70 and SR 72 in DeSoto County, Florida.

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All right-of-way acquisition will be conducted in accordance with Florida Statute § 339.09 and § 421.55 and also the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, commonly known as the Uniform Act. The Department is requesting your input on the proposed changes to your property(s). The Department will be glad to meet with you or a designated representative on site to discuss this further if you wish. The Department will also take into consideration any documents, reports, studies, or alternative solutions that you provide.

The project website ([www.swfroads.com/project/443123-2](http://www.swfroads.com/project/443123-2)) will include all study-related documents and announcements. You can submit comments or questions at any time during the study through the project website.

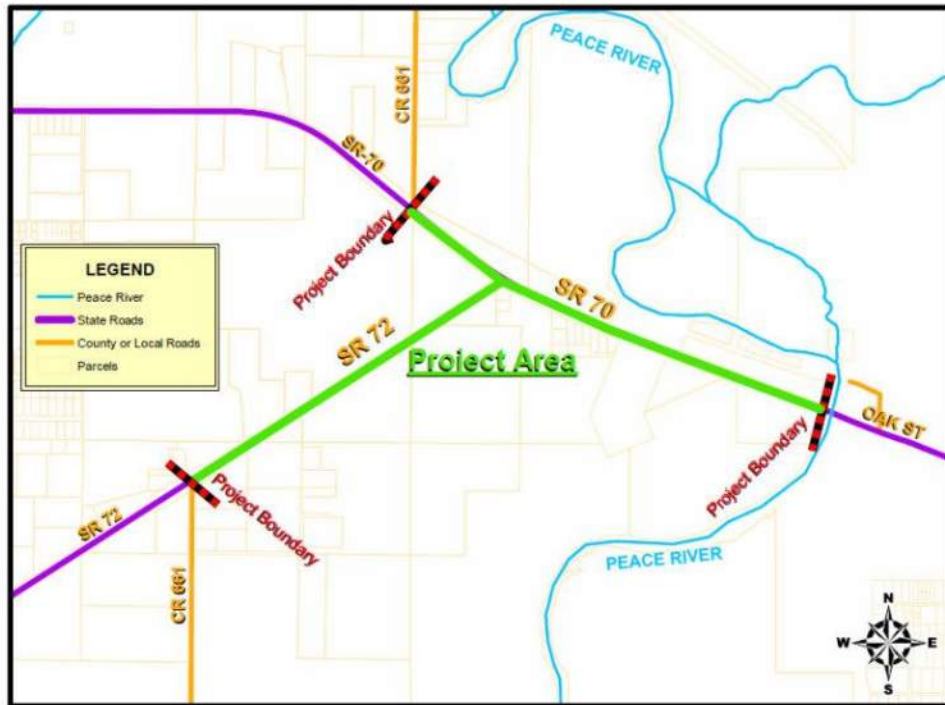
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Sincerely,

Patrick Bateman, PE  
Project Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation District One

Enclosure [Project Map]

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 FHWA and FDOT.





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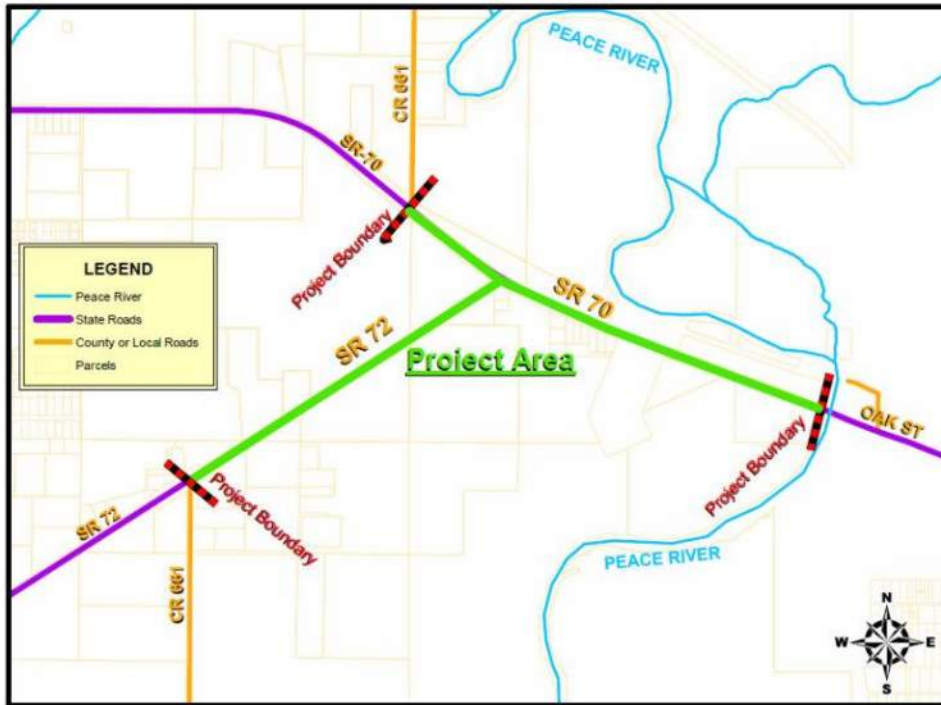
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## *Appendix F:*

### *Local Government Coordination*



**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING NOTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 9:00 AM  
SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E  
FPID 443123-2-22-01**

Attendees from FDOT & Consultant Team

| NAME              | AGENCY/FIRM    | PHONE #      | EMAIL                                                                                  |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Karina Della Sera | FDOT – D1      | 863.519.2750 | <a href="mailto:Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us">Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us</a> |
| Greg Seidel       | Balmoral Group | 407.629.2185 | <a href="mailto:gseidel@balmoralgroup.us">gseidel@balmoralgroup.us</a>                 |

**Agenda Item - 14. Presentation from FDOT District One, regarding the project on State Road 72 & State Road 70, west of Arcadia in DeSoto County.**

**Notes:** Ms. Della Sera introduced herself and the project to the Board of County Commissioners and introduced Mr. Seidel as the consultant project manager that will deliver the presentation.

Mr. Seidel went through the slide presentation showing the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. Mr. Seidel explained that the initial purpose of the project was to raise SR 72 above the floodplain and that after Hurricane Ian, it was decided to raise SR 70, as well, west of the Peace River Main channel bridge. Additionally, details of the upcoming public hearing on Dec 7, 2023, a safety minute and Patrick Bateman's contact information were shared. This was followed up by multiple questions from the entire Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Gross asked if roundabouts were allowed on evacuation routes and how well they functioned in evacuations. Mr. Seidel responded that he would have to investigate that question and would respond at a later date. Mr. Gross asked if a bypass lane could be installed on the roundabout for the east bound SR 72 to eastbound SR 70 movement. Mr. Seidel responded that a bypass lane was not appropriate due to the driveway entrance for the gas station on SR 70.

Commissioner Schafer noted that signals work and that the intersection needed a signal at this time.

Commissioner Langford shared that he was initially skeptical about roundabouts but has since become a proponent after personally observing the improved traffic capacity at an intersection he had witnessed that had substantially backups at rush hour. Commissioner Langford also asked how the prevention of water overtopping SR 70 would be mitigated so flood levels upstream would not be increased. Mr. Seidel responded that a complex 2D hydraulic model would be developed to evaluate the impacts and that channel improvement could be made under the relief bridge if needed.

Commissioner Deriso inquired if the design would include 4 lanes from the existing main Peace River Channel to SR 72. Mr. Seidel noted that the current design is only for two lanes within this area and that four lanes would require a parallel relief bridge which is not included in the scope of this project. It was noted that the roundabout was set up for a future four lane SR 70.

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Commissioner Hickox asked if the shared use path was being set up for golf carts. Mr. Seidel responded that it was not. He noted that the old roadway just off the right-of-way was frequented by golf carts and that they may try to use this path. Mr. Seidel asked if the County has any additional ordinances that allowed golf carts on city streets. The county responded that they did not and they followed current state law regarding golf carts on roadways.

County Administrator Mandy Hines added that the FDOT District One Secretary had shared with county that widening of SR 70 was a priority and she felt as though this area may have been included. Mr. Seidel noted that he and Ms. Della Sera would relay the message back to the District Office.



# District One Environmental Management Office

## DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners

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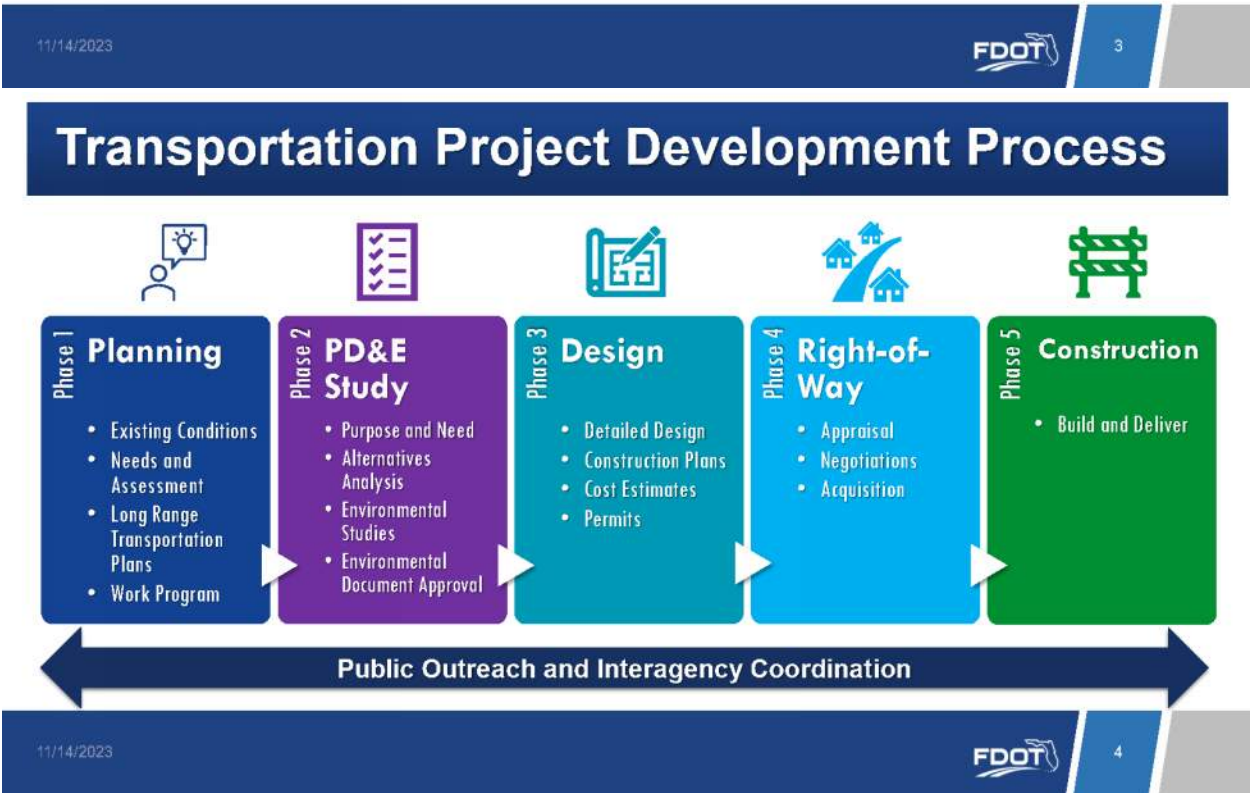


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# Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Process



## What is a PD&E?



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Engineering  
Alternatives

Community



Places to  
Avoid



Partners and  
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Natural  
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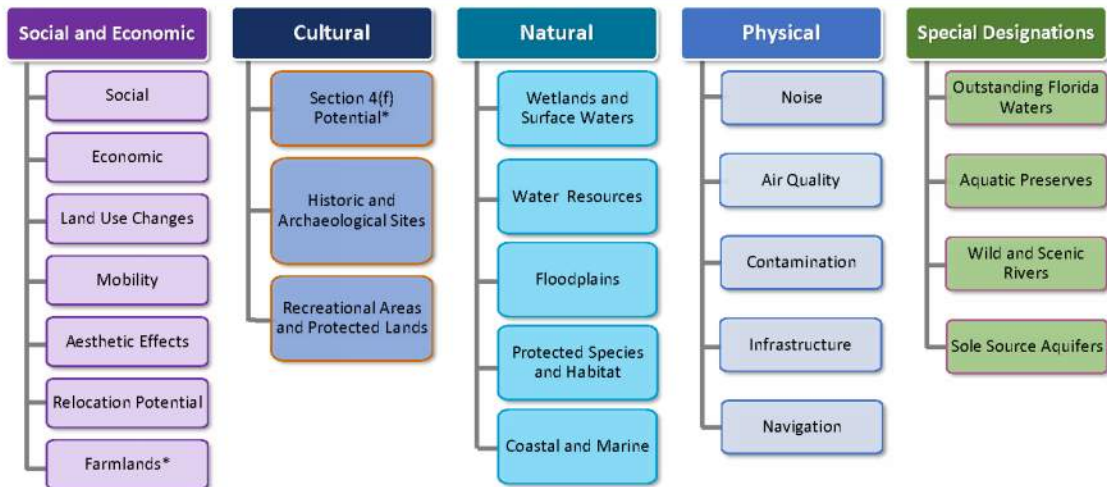


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## Key Considerations During PD&E



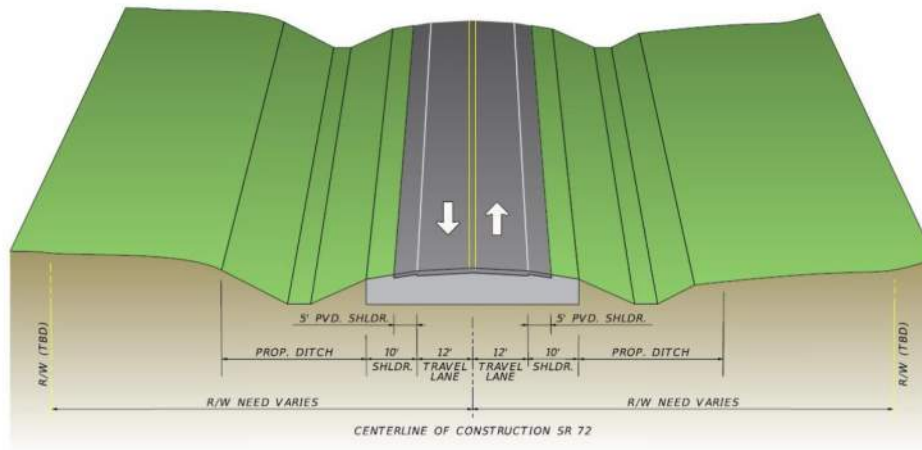
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## SR 72 TYPICAL SECTION

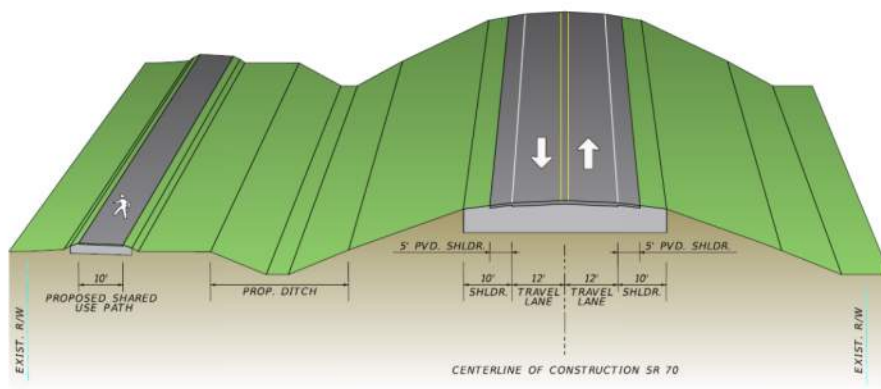


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## SR 70 TYPICAL SECTION



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## UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

| Public Hearing<br>December 7, 2023   |                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In Person Location:                  | Turner Agri Civic Center<br>2250 NE Roan St<br>Arcadia, FL 34266                                  |
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| 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.                      | Public Hearing and Testimony                                                                      |
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## UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

### Project Documents

Project documents will be available for public viewing from Thursday, November 30, 2023 through December 17, 2023 at the following locations:

<https://www.swfroads.com/project/443123-2>

### In Person Locations:

DeSoto County Library,  
125 N Hillsborough Ave,  
Arcadia, FL 34266

FDOT District One  
Headquarters, 801 N.  
Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL  
33830

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

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## Safety Moment



### TOGETHER TOWARD ZERO

Florida's target is  
ZERO FATALITIES  
AND SERIOUS INJURIES.



### ON FLORIDA'S ROADS...

8 daily fatalities

49 daily serious injuries

But when it comes to human lives, no fatality or serious injury is acceptable.

Source: 2021 Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan

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## Safety, Questions, and Contact Information

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**34%** of all  
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 yet result in  
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**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 23, 2024 – 3:00 PM**  
**SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E**  
**FPID 443123-2-22-01**

Attendees from FDOT & Consultant Team

| NAME            | AGENCY/FIRM    | PHONE #      | EMAIL                                                                                |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Patrick Bateman | FDOT – D1      | 863.519.2792 | <a href="mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us">Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us</a> |
| Greg Seidel     | Balmoral Group | 407.629.2185 | <a href="mailto:gseidel@balmoralgroup.us">gseidel@balmoralgroup.us</a>               |

**Agenda Item - 6. Presentation from FDOT District One, regarding the project on State Road 72 & State Road 70, west of Arcadia in DeSoto County.**

**Notes:** Mr. Bateman introduced himself and Mr. Seidel to the Board of County Commissioners and indicated that Mr. Seidel would present a summary of the public hearing and will deliver the presentation.

Mr. Seidel went through the slide presentation starting with a summary of the Transportation Project Development Process indicating that we are nearing the end of the PD&E Study, working on the design and anticipating a start for the two year ROW acquisition process in November of this year. He then went through the slides presented at the hearing of the project layout, typical sections, roundabout detail, autoturn video of the WB-62FL truck which has a 53 foot trailer making the eastbound SR 72 to westbound SR 70 turn. Mr. Seidel mentioned the initial purpose of the project was to raise SR 72 above the floodplain and that after Hurricane Ian, it was decided to raise SR 70.

He then reviewed the public hearing noting that it started with a one-hour open house and then the public hearing presentation followed by comments. He then presented the evaluation matrix and highlighted the project cost, 11 parcels being impacted and the decrease in projected opening year crashes from 9.52 crashes per year to 1.85 crashes per year. This was followed by a summary of attendees, list of boards and a comment summary. This was followed up by multiple questions from the entire Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Gross reinforced his previous statement that he supports the efficient use of tax dollars and felt savings would exist if this project were combined with the four-laning of SR 70 (note – the four-laning of SR 70 is not part of the project and is in the very beginning of the Transportation Project Development Process). Mr. Gross again asked if a bypass lane could be installed on the roundabout for the east bound SR 72 to eastbound SR 70 movement. Mr. Seidel responded that a bypass lane could increase the speed at which an automobile and pedestrian crash, increasing the possibility of a fatality, where a roundabout would reduce the chances of a fatality due to the lower speed. Mr. Seidel noted that the roundabout would reduce wait time at the intersection compared to a light or a stop sign.

Commissioner Schafer noted she did attend the public hearing on December 7<sup>th</sup>. She asked if the FDOT could include signs regarding the illegal use of golf carts which would drive from the campground to the store. She also stressed the importance of lighting for the roundabout and roundabout approaches.

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Commissioner Langford reinforced his interest in four-laning SR 70 as soon as possible.

Commissioner Deriso reiterated his desire for the SR 70 design to include 4 lanes from the existing main Peace River Channel to SR 72. He also asked if the roundabout could be shifted to the north and the original SR 72 alignment maintained to reduce the cost of the wetland mitigation. Mr. Seidel noted that the stormwater management pond would have to be relocated from its current location and that the electric transmission poles would need to be relocated. Mr. Deriso also asked if the project could be value engineered to build the four lanes now. Mr. Seidel noted for the Commission that this would require a new bridge over the relief channel at a substantial cost. Mr. Seidel added that the comments received today and at the hearing will be given consideration by the FDOT in response to a question regarding the impact of the comments.

Commissioner Hickox asked about the confirmation of the crash rates shown in the matrix. Mr. Bateman explained how the analysis was carried out and that it was based on national standards adjusted by factors based on state. It was noted that the crashes in the matrix are for the project design year of 2045. He asked how much of the design could change from this point further. Mr. Seidel noted that changes were possible but multiple options were evaluated in the concept phase and eliminated due to business damages or transmission pole relocations.

County Administrator Mandy Hines had no questions.

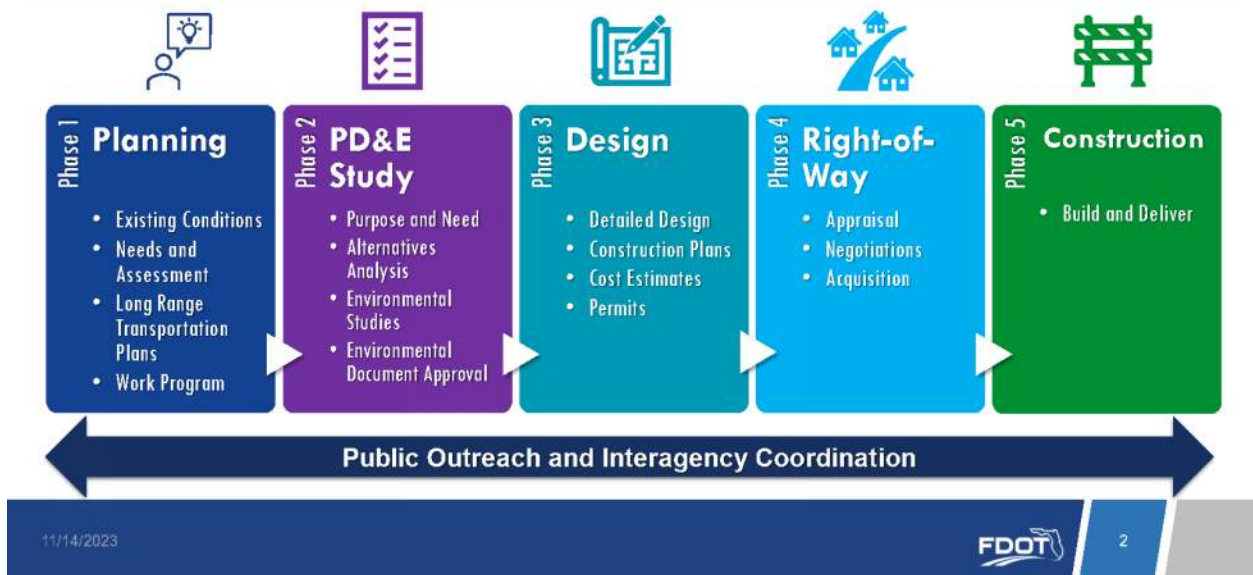
Commissioner Deriso inquired as to whether or not the county should hire their own traffic engineer to evaluate if the roundabout was needed. Mr. Seidel responded that FDOT has all the documents and would facilitate transfer of the documents for review. He added that the FDOT has statewide policies for its roadways to look after the safety and well being of all the traveling public and that an analysis following FDOT criteria and practices was performed and determined the roundabout was warranted at this intersection.

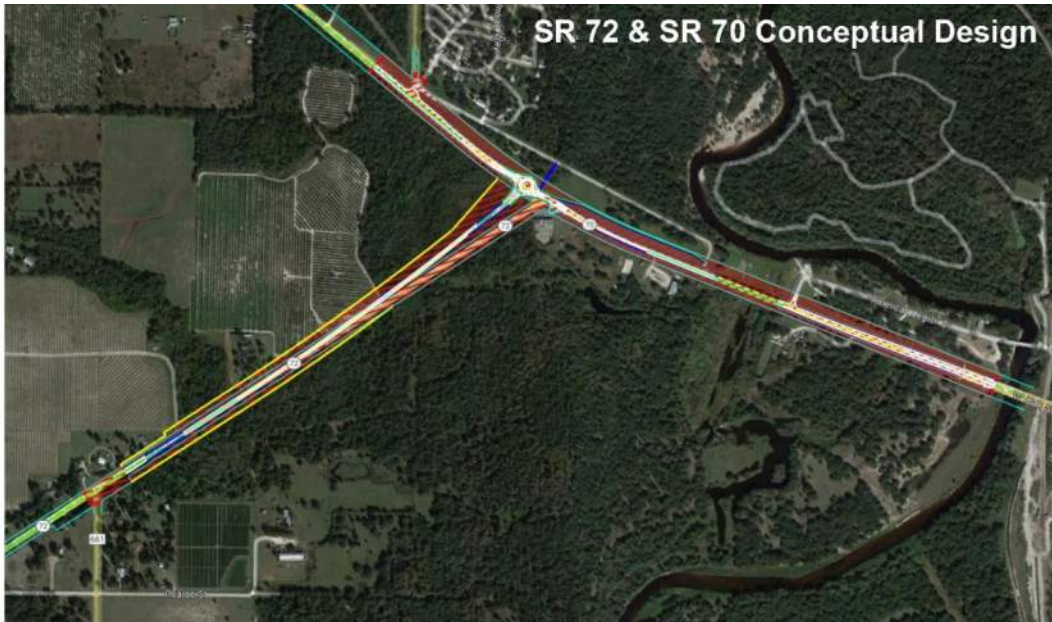
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There was no additional discussion after Mr. Johnson's comments.



## Transportation Project Development Process



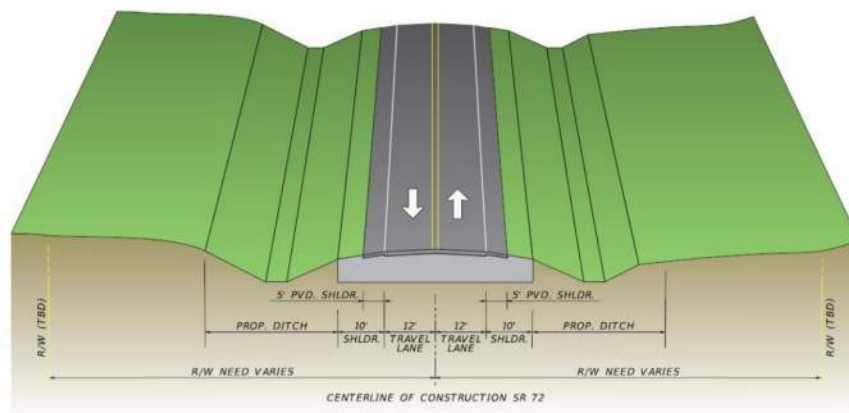


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## SR 72 PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION



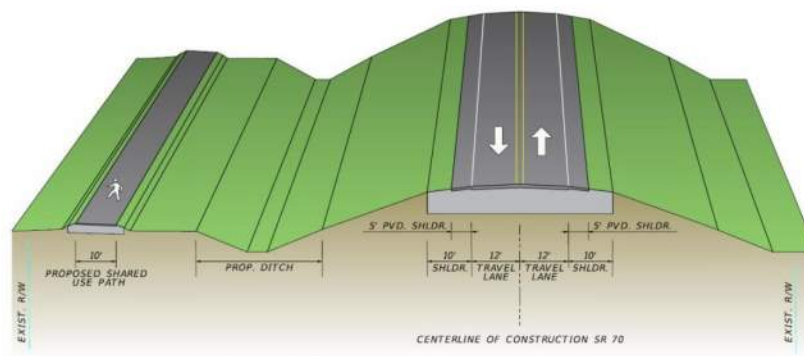
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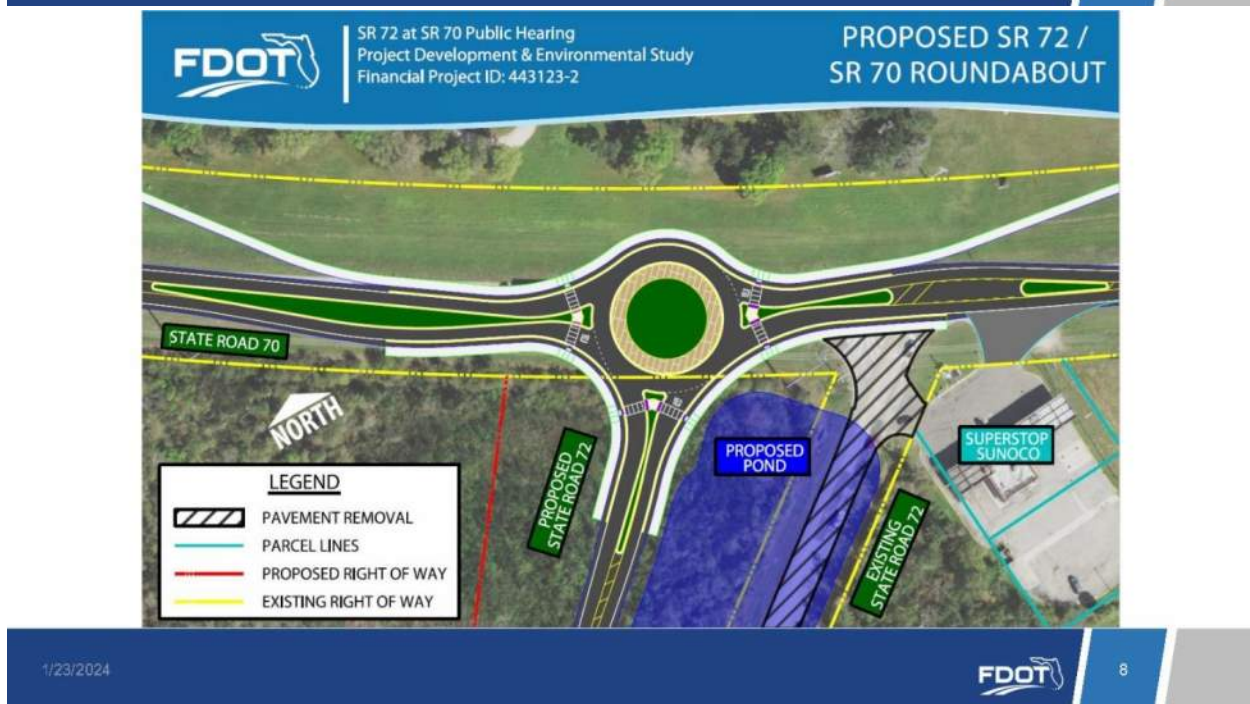


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## SR 70 PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION





## SR 72 TURN ONTO WB SR 70



## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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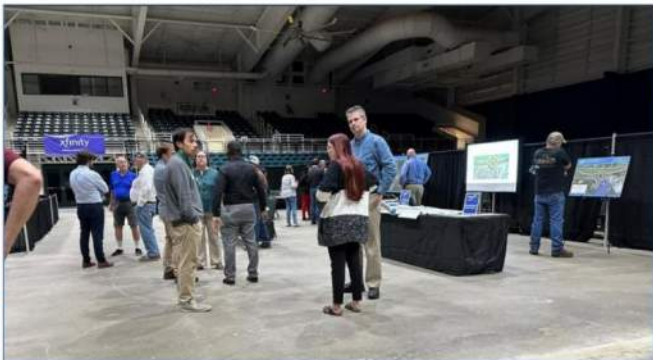
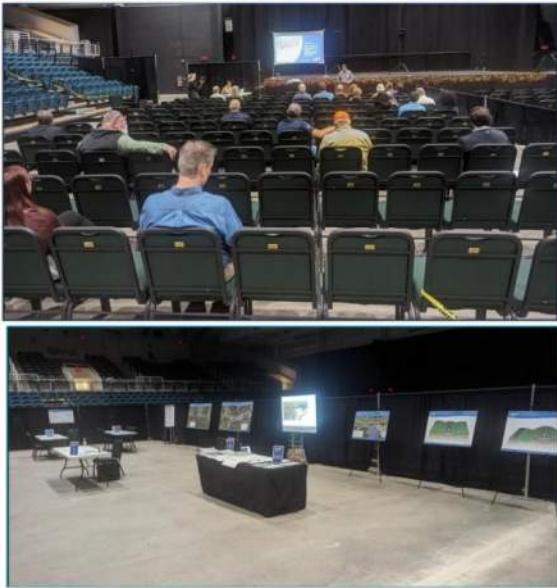
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PUBLIC HEARING PICTURES



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Evaluation Matrix

| Evaluation Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No-Build Alternative<br>Purpose & Need Met? | Build Alternative                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Addresses roadway reliability and long-term maintenance<br>Enhances emergency evacuation and response<br>Addresses roadway flooding on SR 72<br>Addresses flooding of the Strategic Intermodal System Facility (SR 70)<br>Increases Intersection Safety at SR 72 and SR 70<br>Creates connectivity for pedestrians and bicycles |                                             |                                                                                  |
| Project Costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                             |                                                                                  |
| Engineering Design                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$0                                         | \$1,155 million                                                                  |
| Right-Of-Way Acquisition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | N/A                                         | \$1,250 million                                                                  |
| Construction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$0                                         | \$13,214 million                                                                 |
| Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$0                                         | \$1,226 million                                                                  |
| Wetland Mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | N/A                                         | \$704,000 for wetland mitigation credits                                         |
| Utility Relocation Cost                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A                                         | \$0 (3 relocations)                                                              |
| Potential Right-Of-Way Impacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                  |
| Number of Parcels                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 0                                           | 11                                                                               |
| Number of Relocations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 0                                           | 0                                                                                |
| Potential Environmental Impacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                             |                                                                                  |
| Archaeological/ Historic Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | None                                        | Low                                                                              |
| Public Recreation Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | None                                        | 0                                                                                |
| Wetlands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0                                           | 8.88 acres of primary wetland impacts<br>2.69 acres of secondary wetland impacts |
| Other Surface Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             | 0.89 acres of surface water impacts                                              |
| Species Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 0                                           | Low                                                                              |
| Permeability Impact (Low/ Med/ High)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | N/A                                         | Low                                                                              |
| Contamination Risks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 0                                           | 0 High/2 Medium                                                                  |
| Utility Impact (Low / Med/ High)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A                                         | Low                                                                              |
| Traffic Safety & Operations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |                                                                                  |
| Level of Service (LOS) (to 2045)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | LOS F                                       | LOS C                                                                            |
| Safety (2045 Design Year, Predicted Crash Frequency)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9.52 crashes/ year                          | 1.85 crashes/ year                                                               |

\*Magnified on next slides

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Number of Relocations                                                  | 0                                                                                 | 0                                                                                  |

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|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Potential Environmental Impacts</b>               |                      |                                                                                    |
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| Species Potential (Low/ Med/ High)                   | 0                    | Low                                                                                |
| Floodplains Impact (Low/ Med/ High)                  | N/A                  | Low                                                                                |
| Contamination Sites                                  | 0                    | 0 High   2 Medium                                                                  |
| Utility Impact (Low / Med/ High)                     | N/A                  | Low                                                                                |
| <b>Traffic Safety &amp; Operations</b>               |                      |                                                                                    |
| Level of Service (LOS) (in 2045)                     | LOS F                | LOS C                                                                              |
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## PUBLIC HEARING

| PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY     |                                                                            |
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| <u>Attendees:</u>          | Total 31 of Citizens and 1 Elected/Appointed Citizens and Officials        |
| <u>Public Officials:</u>   | Jerod Gross, Desoto County Commissioner District 1                         |

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## PUBLIC HEARING

As attendees entered the hearing, they were provided with a handout and the project team explained the comment process. For the in-person event, an open house was held from 5 – 6 p.m. Members of the study team were available to answer questions and discuss the project during this time. The following project-related information was on display:

- Roll plots of SR 72 at SR 70
- Project location map
- Proposed Alternatives
- Typical Section SR 72 and SR 70
- Floodplain Maps
- Roundabout animation station
- Schedule and Funding
- Evaluation Matrix
- Comment
- Title VI
- Hearing Statutes
- Welcome and Thank you

At 6 p.m. the formal portion of the hearing began for both the in-person and online attendees. A project presentation was played, and the public had the opportunity to provide verbal comments. **4** attendees provided verbal testimony at the in-person event and **1** attendee provided verbal comment through the online event.

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## FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC HEARING & SENT TO FDOT

5 comment forms were received at the in-person hearing and 10 were received during the 10-day comment period following the meeting, ending December 17, 2023. Any comments received prior to the public hearing were included in the meeting record. The comments covered the following:

- Roundabouts Being Confusing for Drivers
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
- Reasons for Re-Aligning SR 72
- Roundabout vs Stoplight
- Support for Raising Roadways to Alleviate Flooding Impacts
- Current Speeding & Safety Concerns on SR 70
- Right-of-Way Needs
- Greater Safety Provided by Roundabouts vs Traditional Intersections
- Support for the Roundabout
- How Large Trucks/Trailers Will be Able to Use the Roundabout
- Opposition to Any Project Whatsoever
- Preference for SR 70 to be Widened to 4-lanes
- Adding Bypass Lanes Before Roundabout for Right-Turns
- Access to Gas Station

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**MEETING AGENDA**  
**DeSoto BOCC & District One**  
**SR 72 at SR 70 Roundabout**  
**DeSoto County**  
**FPID 443123-1-52-01**

Monday, August 19, 2024 – 9:00 AM ET; via Teleconference

**Attendees:**

DeSoto County Commission  
Commissioner JC Deriso  
FDOT District One  
Jimmy Vilce  
Patrick Bateman  
Karina Della Sera  
Leonida Culbreth  
The Balmoral Group  
Greg Seidel  
Albert Smidebush  
Bronce Stephenson  
Kimley Horn & Associates  
Michael Garau

**Discussion Items**

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- **Updated Roundabout Concept Presentation** – Bronce presented the materials created for the meeting, comparing the Public Hearing and Updated Concepts.
- Commissioner Deriso asked what the recommendation was from the team. Albert Smidebush discussed the Engineering items of note to be considered in the comparison. No official recommendation has been made, but the additional cost of the Updated Concept would be a major consideration. Greg suggested that we listen to input, then return to the BOCC with the input received and an official FDOT recommendation.
- Commissioner Deriso asked what concept worked better for MOT. Albert suggested that the Public Hearing Concept presented fewer additional impacts as the proposed alignment was further from the existing intersection and would use less temporary pavement.
- Commissioner Deriso preferred the updated Alternative but was happy with either and appreciated the FDOT efforts.

#### **Off Topic Discussion Items**

- Commissioner Deriso discussed a new landfill request for permit for regional Class I waste disposal site to the east of Arcadia near the existing landfill. The proposed waste disposal site will serve a large area of the state. The number of trucks utilizing the current facility is an issue, so a larger facility has concerned the community for the greater number of trucks. The team was unaware, but will note the information. Michael Garau will note this for his SR 70 PD&E project and projected additional truck traffic thru the western portion of SR 70. Michael will also reach out to the group doing the PD&E on this section of SR 70 so they are aware.
- Commissioner Deriso inquired about the SR 31 Extension – Jimmy Vilce updated the group on the multiple alternatives that are being considered, with a presentation to the public anticipated for 2025. He indicated that he will have the FDOT Pm reach out to the Commissioner.
- Commissioner Deriso inquired about the D1 maintenance facilities that are no longer in use after Hurricane Ian. It was noted that no one was aware of a current plan for the property but it was noted that it could be used as a pond site for the widening of SR 70 currently being studies.



**MEETING AGENDA**  
**DeSoto BOCC & District One**  
**SR 72 at SR 70 Roundabout**  
**DeSoto County**  
**FPID 443123-1-52-01**

Monday, August 19, 2024 – 10:00 AM ET; via Teleconference

**Attendees:**

DeSoto County

Commissioner Steve Hickox

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- Commissioner Hickox noted that he prefers the updated concept.
- Commissioner Hickox inquired about the pond locations. Greg Seidel gave a brief overview of the pond location update that goes with the updated concept and indicated the pond will be a dry shallow swale type facility.
- Commissioner Hickox stated the he and others had concerns over the roundabouts and how they will function for larger trucks. Albert Smidebush provided some design details on the roundabout and confirmed that the roundabout would accommodate the larger trucks and trailers. Albert highlighted the presence of truck aprons on the central island and on the outside edges of the roundabout. These aprons restrict smaller vehicles from

driving too fast while allowing for the larger and longer vehicles to maneuver safely through the roundabout.

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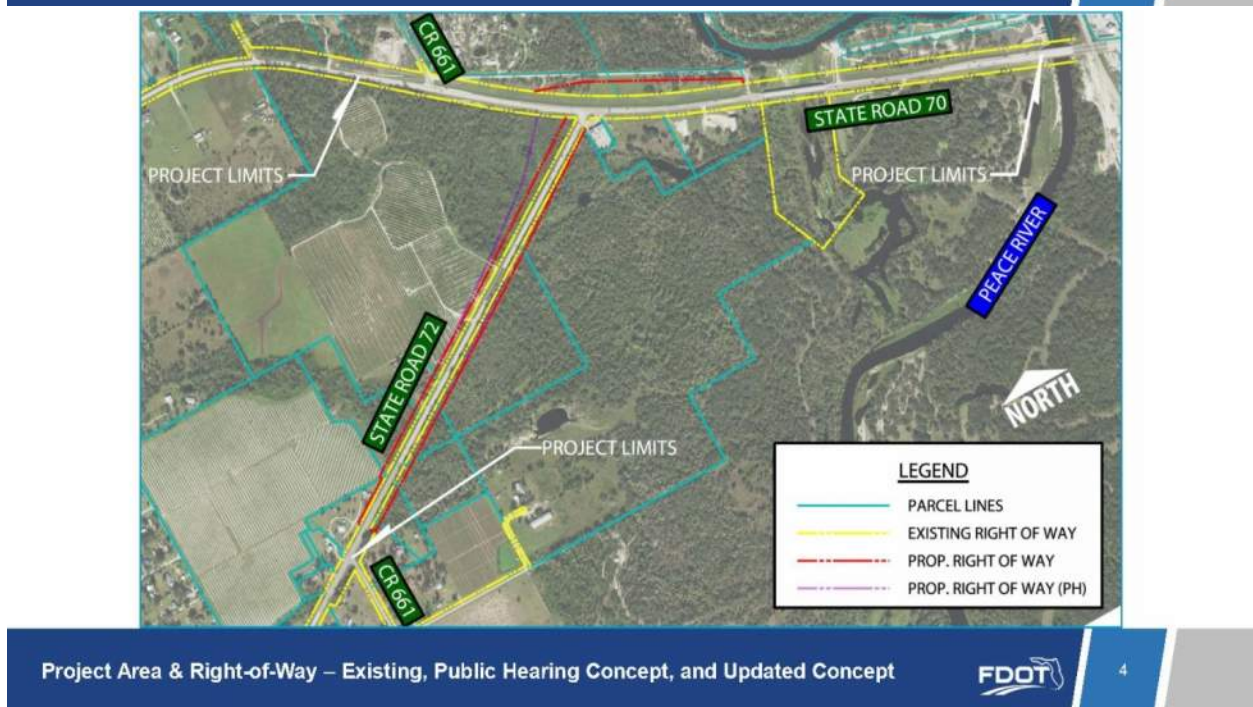
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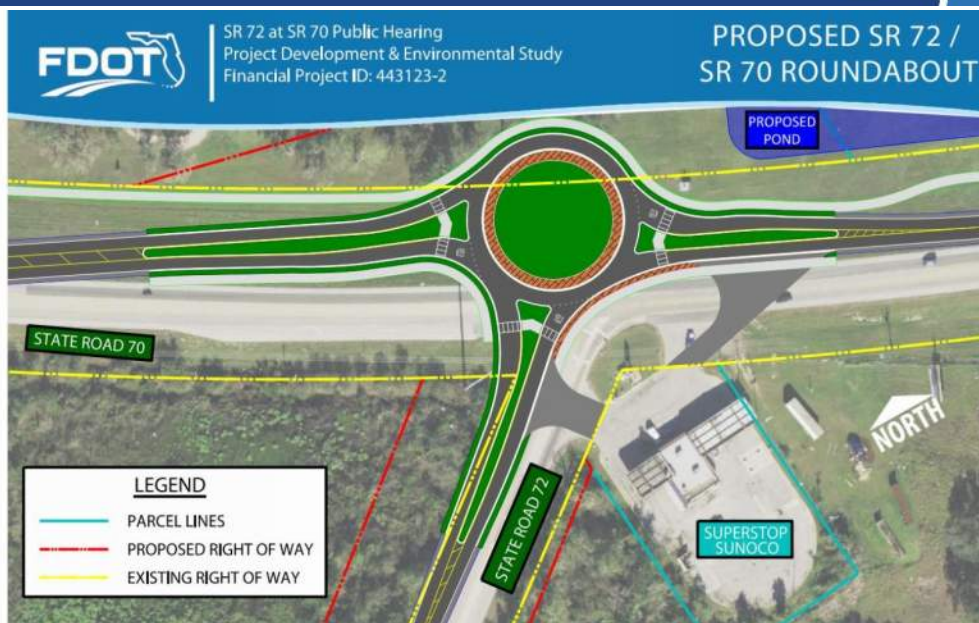




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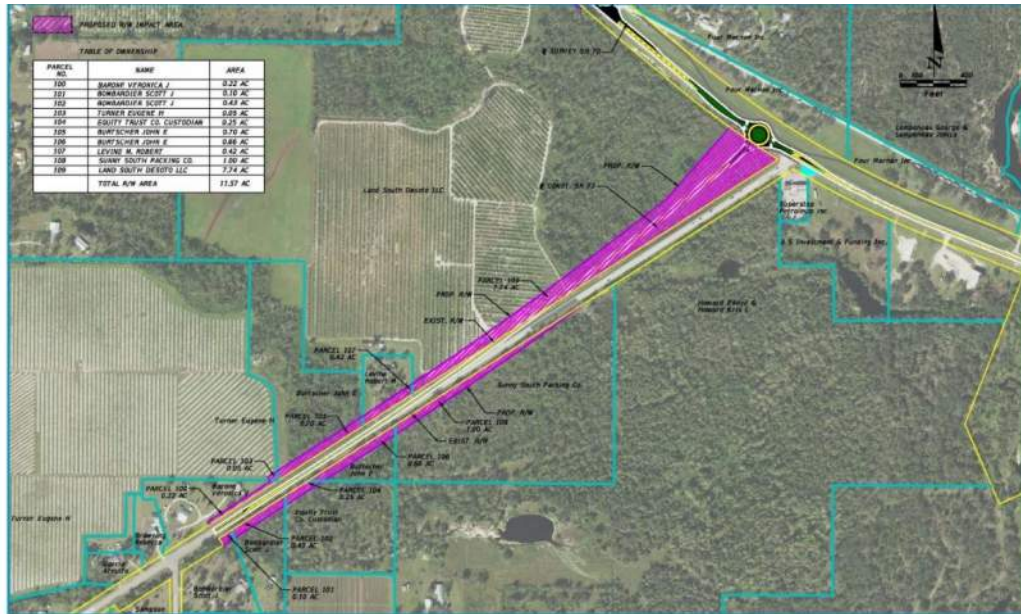
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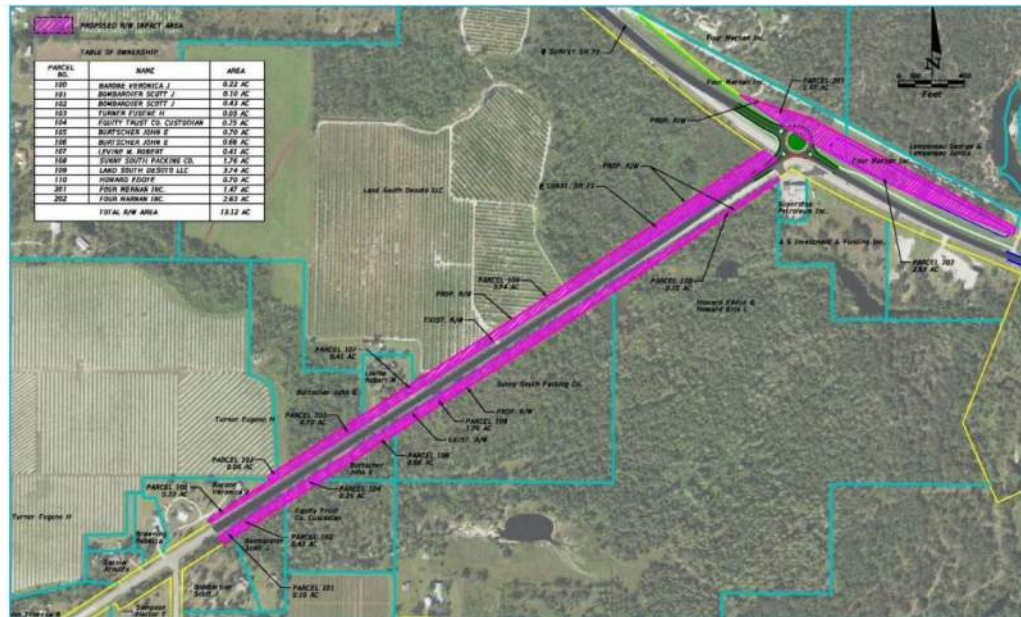
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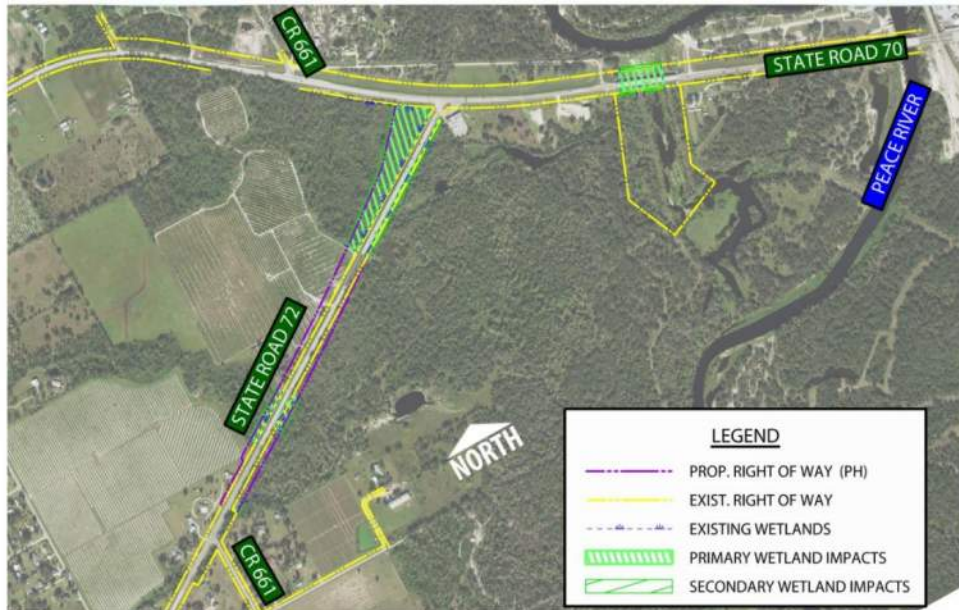
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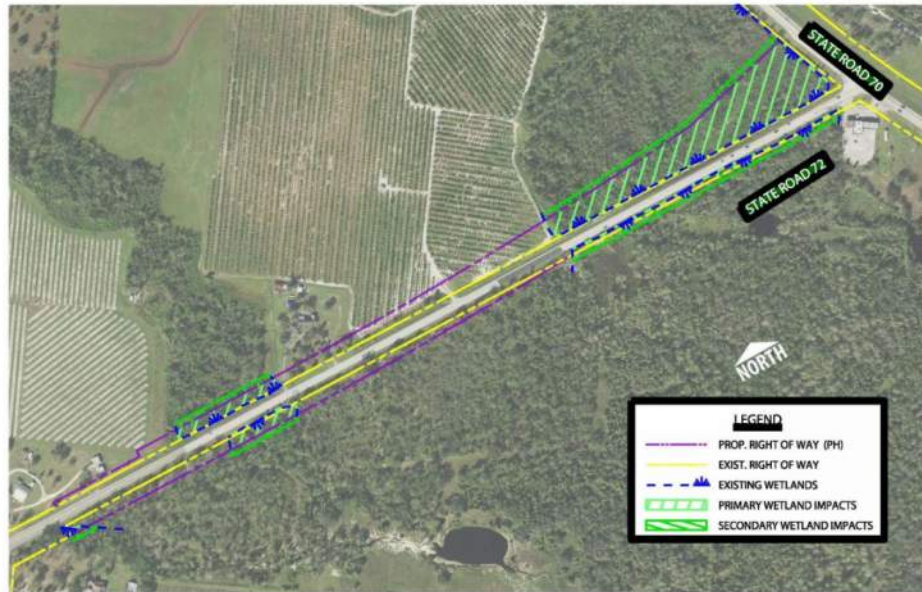
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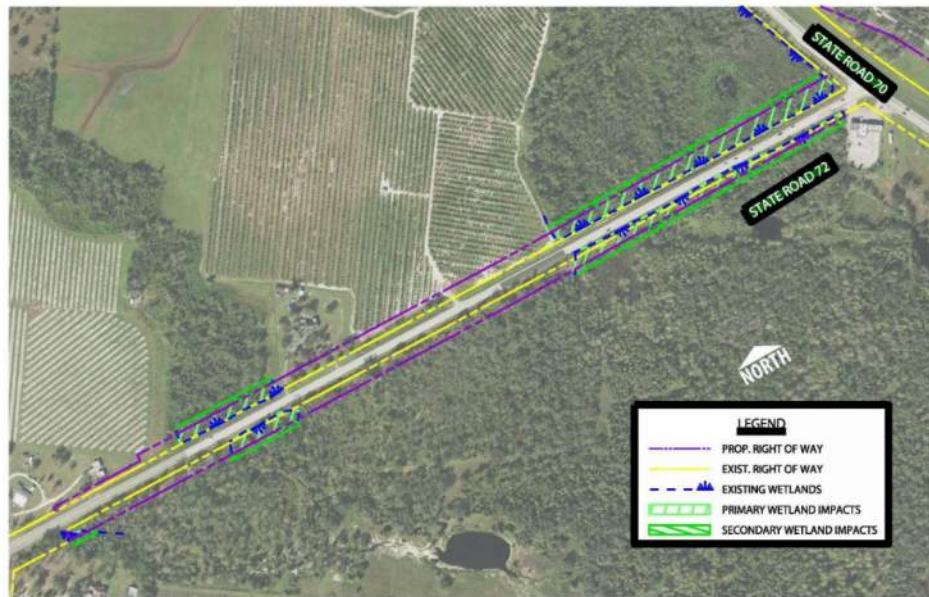
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**MEETING AGENDA**  
**DeSoto BOCC & District One**  
**SR 72 at SR 70 Roundabout**  
**DeSoto County**  
**FPID 443123-1-52-01**

Monday, August 26, 2024 – 9:00 AM ET; DeSoto County Administration Building & Virtual

**Attendees:**

DeSoto County

Commissioner Jerod Gross

FDOT District One

Patrick Bateman

Karina Della Sera (virtual)

The Balmoral Group

Greg Seidel

Albert Smidebush (virtual)

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Michael Garau (virtual)

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- Commissioner Gross stated that the SR 70 projects in DeSoto County have been a very hot topic, as there were a number of issues and infrastructure failures following the Hurricane Ian flooding event.
- Commissioner Gross inquired about the SR 70 corridor from Manatee County to east of the Peace River into Arcadia. After seeing the presentation materials and knowing about the forthcoming PD&E covering this corridor, he wanted to make sure that tax dollars were utilized appropriately, specifically that the new roundabout would not have to be completely rebuilt when SR 70 was widened to four-lanes in the future. Greg Seidel offered that the updated concept would address the current issues and offer better flexibility to accommodate future widening improvements. The design of the widening and typical sections are not currently known.
- Commissioner Gross liked the updated alignment versus the previous Public Hearing Concept. He liked the reduction of the wetland impacts, but was still wary of a roundabout intersection as it will be a major change for the community.
- Commissioner Gross inquired about the turning movements of the new roundabout, wanting to make sure that the SR 70 thru traffic into Arcadia would not be heavily impacted. Additionally, Commissioner Gross wanted to make sure that the heavy citrus

and agricultural truck traffic on SR 72 could still make the turning movements onto SR 70 at the roundabout. Albert Smidebush explained the updated roundabout design and that Auto-Turn was used to analyze truck movements within the roundabout. He discussed that a mountable truck apron had been used in the design, to accommodate larger trucks and trailers that may need additional width for turning movements within the roundabout.

- Commissioner Gross stated that he prefers the updated roundabout concept over the previous Public Hearing concept.
- Commissioner Gross inquired about the anticipated schedule for the project. Patrick Bateman answered that after the conclusion of the PD&E Study, Right-Of-Way Acquisition is typically two (2) years.
- Commissioner Gross asked if a signalized intersection had been considered for the intersection. Bronce Stephenson answered that a signalized intersection was evaluated, and though it was a similar cost, the roundabout produces a better Level of Service (LOS) and is safer for traffic movements. Additionally, a roundabout would not be out of service when power is lost during a storm (or otherwise), whereas a signalized intersection could lose power or be damaged.



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DeSoto County

Commissioner Judy Schaefer  
County Administrator Mandy Hines

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- Mandy Hines appreciated the quick response and coordination efforts, and for listening to the input from the County.
- Albert Smidebush provided design updates on the Updated Concept, which was designed to accommodate the larger trucks and trailers that utilize this route regularly. He highlighted the mountable truck apron around the inner diameter of the roundabout and at the southeast outside curb.
- Commissioner Schaefer added that trucks with tandem trailers are known to utilize the roadways around Arcadia to haul refuse to the dump area east of Arcadia. This was noted for the future PD&E of the SR 70 corridor.
- Commissioner Schaefer likes the Updated Concept, moving the roundabout to the north and addressing comments provided by the Commissioners. She remains apprehensive about roundabouts, but as this appears to be the intersection design that will be used, she prefers the Updated Concept over the Public Hearing Concept. She also likes the bicycle and pedestrian pathways from the concepts, filling in the missing gaps of the non-vehicular connectivity system.

- Commissioner Schaefer inquired about how the landscape/grass area of the roundabout could be used. Patrick Bateman discussed that a number of treatments could be utilized, including landscaping and signage, typically coordinated with the County. He also stated that using the inside of the roundabout for landscaping slows traffic, as drivers cannot see through to the other side of the intersection.
- Commissioner Schaefer inquired about traffic will be maintained during construction and future improvements to SR 70. Albert Smidebush gave an overview of the Temporary Traffic Control Plan designs, adding that a full plan with anticipated detours will not be completed until later in the Design Phase of the project. Patrick Bateman added that FDOT will coordinate with the County as the TTCP gets closer, as there could be some time/cost savings achieved, if longer detours are utilized for allowing continuous construction.
- Greg Seidel and Patrick Bateman provided a general overview of the project schedule including the two years for property acquisition.
- Bronze Stephenson will provide the meeting minutes from all the meetings with the Commissioners to District One, who will meet and discuss which Alternative to move forward with. A copy of the presentation materials was sent to Mandy Hines, for distribution to the Commissioners. Once a decision is made on the Alternative, he will reach back out to the County with updates.

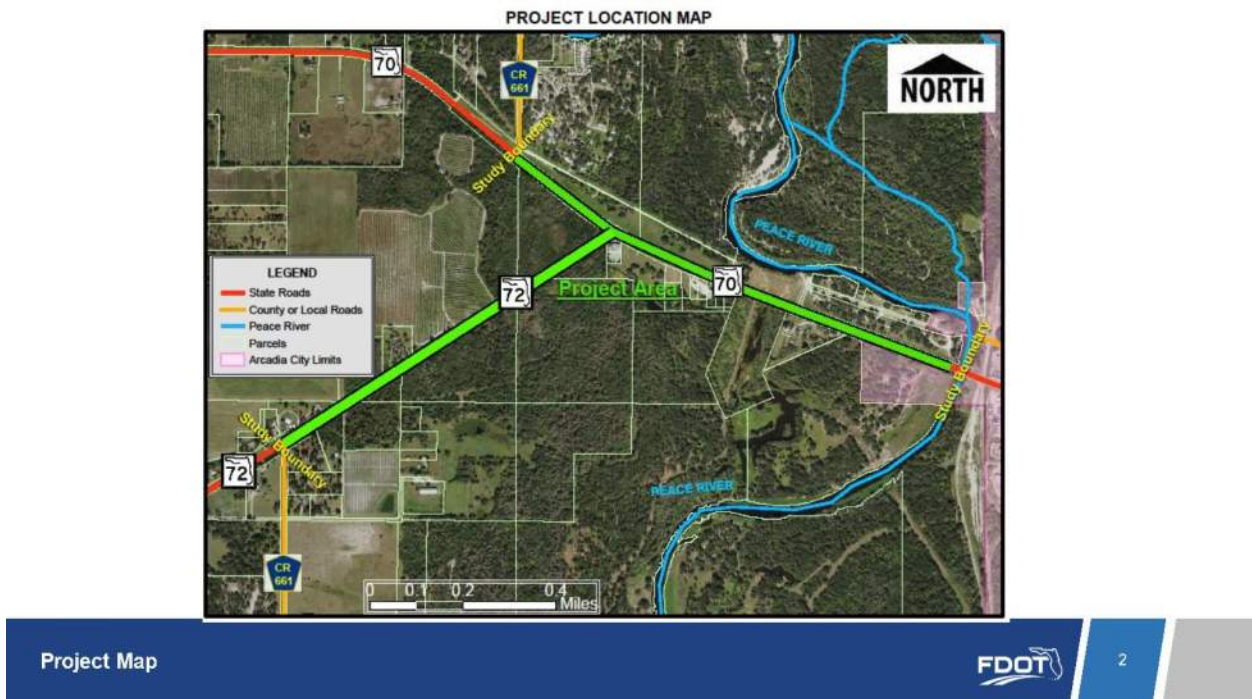


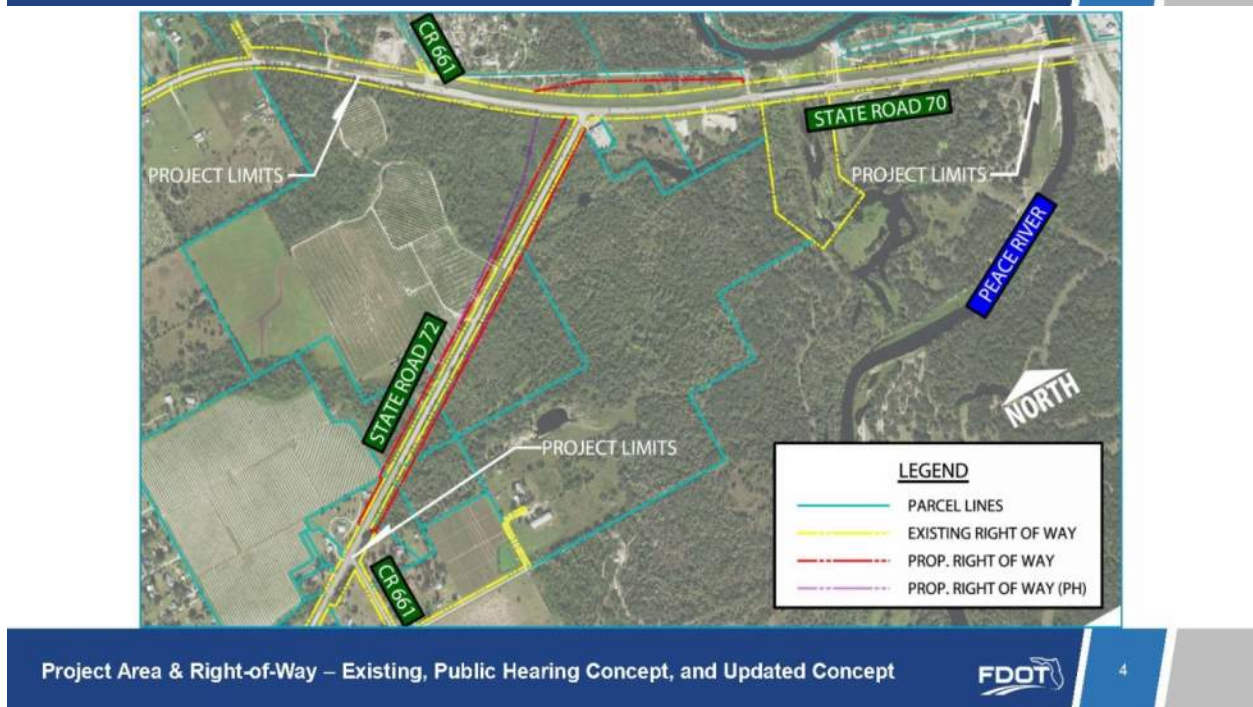
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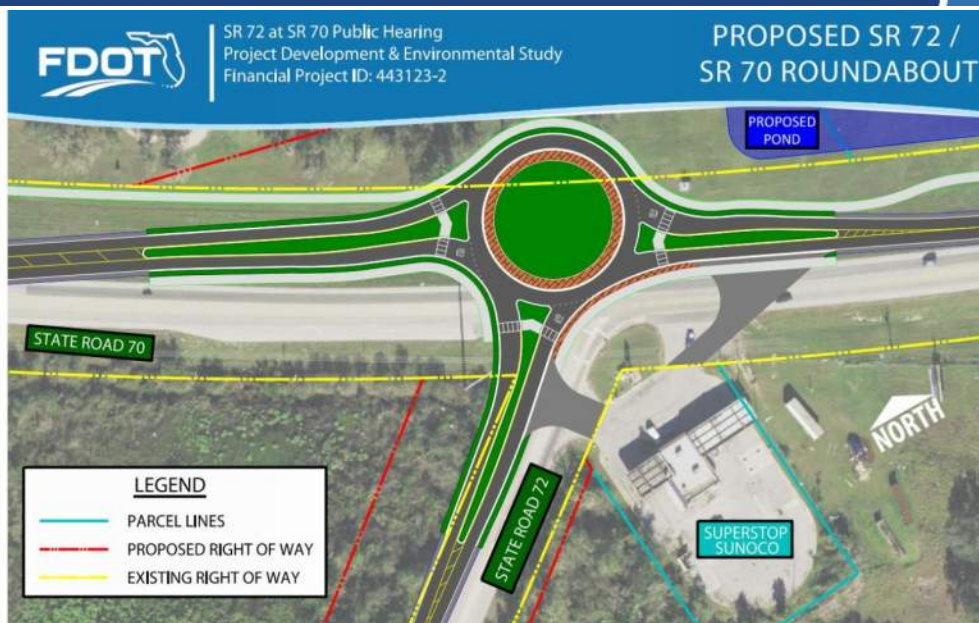




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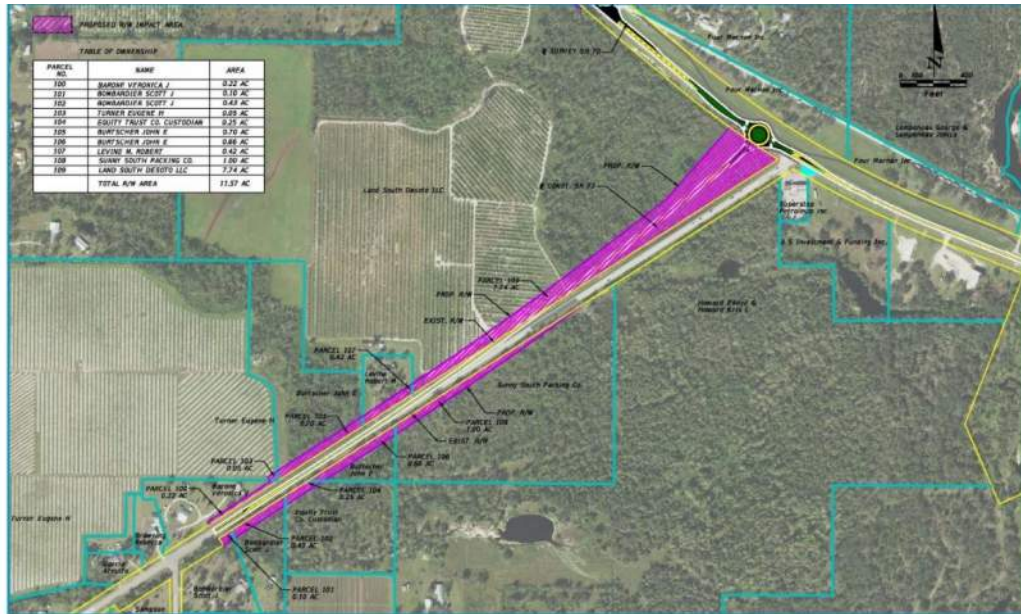
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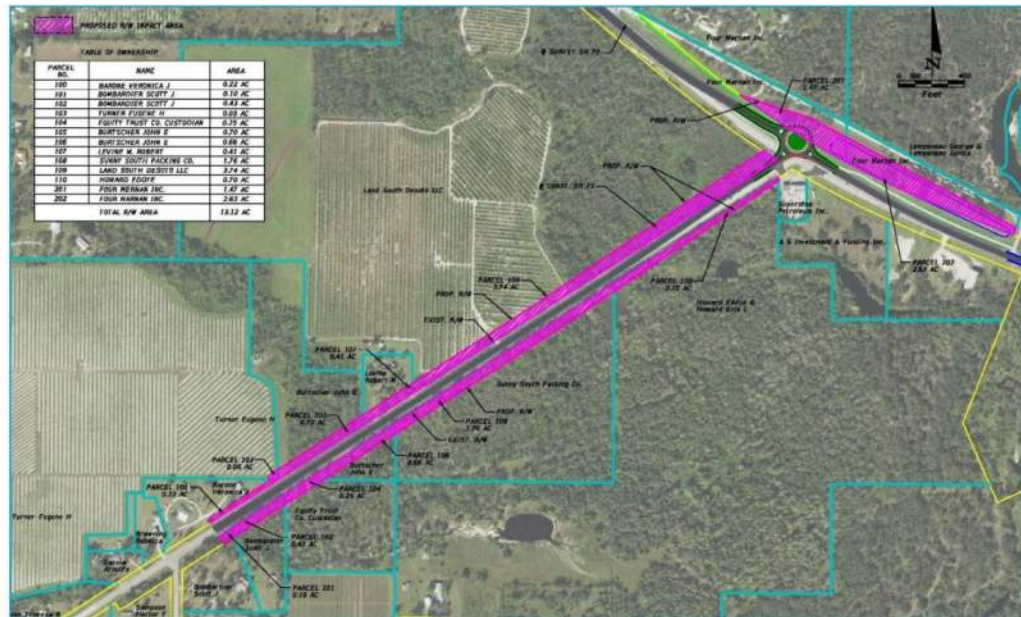
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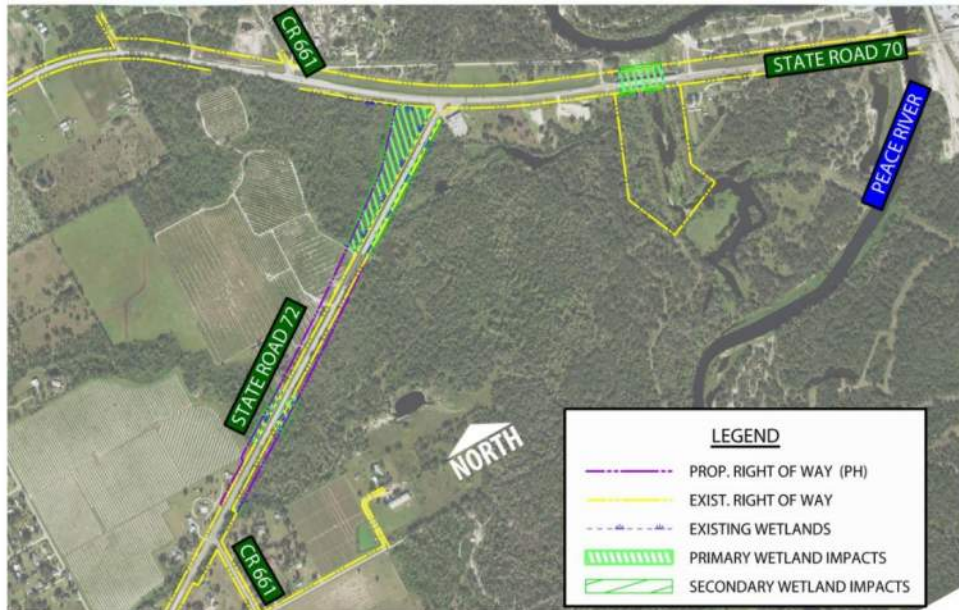
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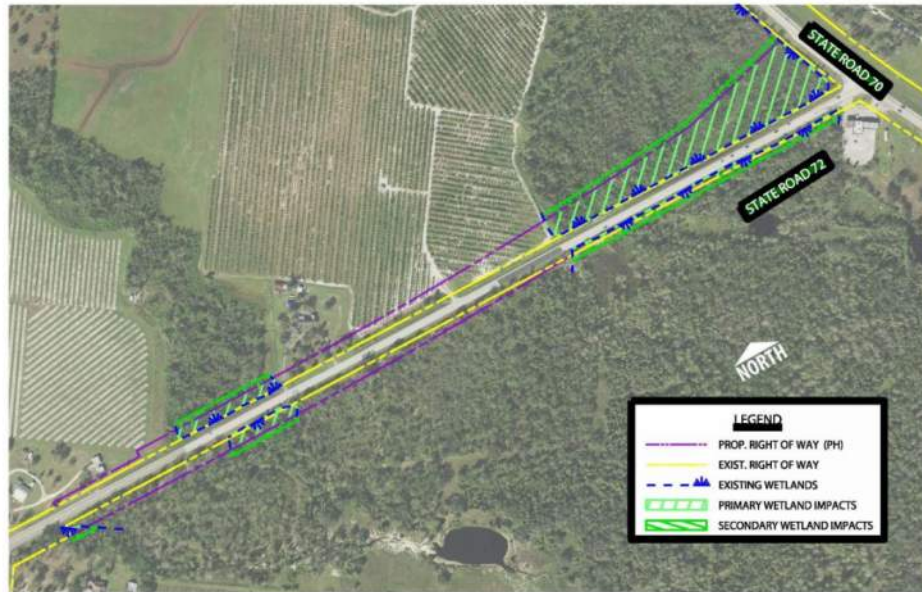
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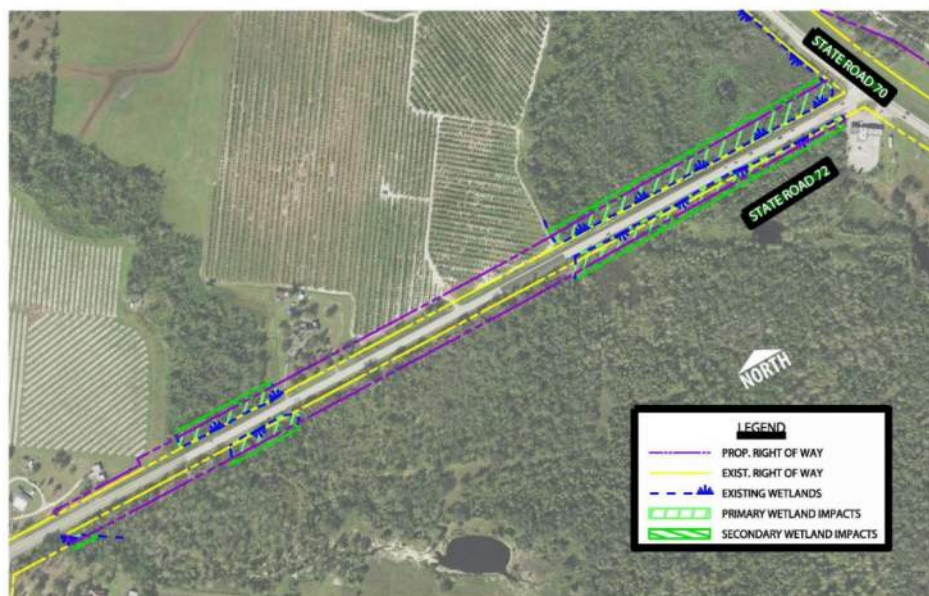
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MOT MEETING w/ DeSoto County**  
**SR 72 at SR 70 Roundabout**  
**DeSoto County**  
**FPID 443123-1-52-01**

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 2:00 PM ET; via Teleconference

1. List of Attendees

- Karina Della Sera – FDOT
- Michael Giardullo – DeSoto County
- Greg Seidel – The Balmoral Group (TBG)
- Albert Smidebush – The Balmoral Group (TBG)
- Jack Kiriazes – The Balmoral Group (TBG)

2. Discussion Items

- a) Albert started off the meeting by giving a brief overview of the project. Greg provided a brief overview of TBG's discussions with DeSoto County Commissioners. Albert continued by providing a high-level overview of the MOT plan and walked through anticipated construction phasing.
  - I. Phase 1 – Construct as much of the roundabout (RA) and RA approaches to the north of SR 70 as possible. Construct a temporary diversion to the east of SR 72.
  - II. Phase 2 – Construct a temporary diversion along SR 70 to connect to the built RA. Shift traffic onto temporary diversion and a constructed portion of RA (EB/WB traffic will traverse through RA as a two-lane, two-way roadway). Remove the remaining portions of SR 70. Shift SR 72 traffic onto temporary diversion. Begin construction of SR 72.
  - III. Phase 3 – Construct the final connection of SR 72 to RA (this will be a multi-step process). Construct RA central island and traffic separators on RA. Remove temporary diversions.
- b) Discussion moved to whether or not the County would be open to allowing County roads to be used for detours. Owens Road was discussed first. Greg mentioned this is a residential roadway that only provides 10-Ft travel lanes (no shoulders) and may not be suitable for truck traffic. It was noted that the road may need improvements to be acceptable to the FDOT and County to use as a detour route. This includes widening the travel lanes, adding shoulder pavement, and improving the radii at the intersections to accommodate truck turning movements. Greg also mentioned a temporary signal would likely be needed at SR 70 as there is no left turn lane on Owens Rd.
- c) Michael questioned what the construction duration will be. Greg informed that the construction time is unknown but D1 Construction did state that they believe by providing a detour along SR 72 that the construction time could be cut in half.
- d) Michael indicated the County has applied for funding from the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) to improve Owens Road (approx. \$1.7M for design and CEI).

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- e) A longer detour route was presented using CR 769 and CR 760. Michael stated that CR 760 is not in bad shape, however, CR 769 could use some improvements. Specific issues mentioned were the pavement condition at the CR 769 & SR 72 intersection as well as the proximity of a headwall to the roadway. The radii at the CR 769 & CR 760 may present an issue as well for truck turning movements.
- f) Michael indicated he would discuss this meeting with the County Manager. Greg requested Michael have the County provide their parameters for allowing the FDOT to utilize County roads for detours.
- g) Greg highlighted the need to bring in fill for the project and asked if there were any local fill sites. Michael identified one mine on CR 769 and a second on CR 760 that may be options.

3. Action Items

- a) *DeSoto County to indicate if detours are allowed on County roads, and if so, are there any parameters or stipulations that FDOT needs to comply with.*
- b) *Balmoral to further develop TTCP for further review by D1 Construction and provide DeSoto County with estimate construction time.*

## *Appendix G: Agency Presentations*



**HEARTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION (HRTPO) TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023 – 10:00 AM**

**CareerSource Heartland, 5901 US Highway 27 South, Suite 1, Sebring, FL  
SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E  
FPID 443123-2-22-01**

Attendees from FDOT & Consultant Team

| NAME           | AGENCY/FIRM    | PHONE #      | EMAIL                                                                              |
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| Brent Setchell | FDOT – D1      | 863.519.2557 | <a href="mailto:Brent.Setchell@dot.state.fl.us">Brent.Setchell@dot.state.fl.us</a> |
| Greg Seidel    | Balmoral Group | 407.629.2185 | <a href="mailto:gseidel@balmoralgroup.us">gseidel@balmoralgroup.us</a>             |

**Notes:** Mr. Setchell introduced himself and the project to the Technical Advisory Committee and gave a brief history of the project. He then introduced Mr. Seidel as the consultant project manager that will deliver the presentation.

Mr. Seidel went through the slide presentation showing the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. Mr. Seidel explained that the initial purpose of the project was to raise SR 72 above the floodplain and that after Hurricane Ian, it was decided to raise SR 70, as well, west of the Peace River Main channel bridge. Additionally, details of the upcoming public hearing on Dec 7, 2023, a safety minute and Patrick Bateman's contact information were shared. This was followed up by multiple questions from the Committee.

The main question was how well the roundabout would function with trucks. Mr. Seidel noted that the radius for the roundabout was 150 feet and allowed for an additional inside lane. He noted that the SR 17 roundabout at Hunt Brothers has a 115 foot radius.



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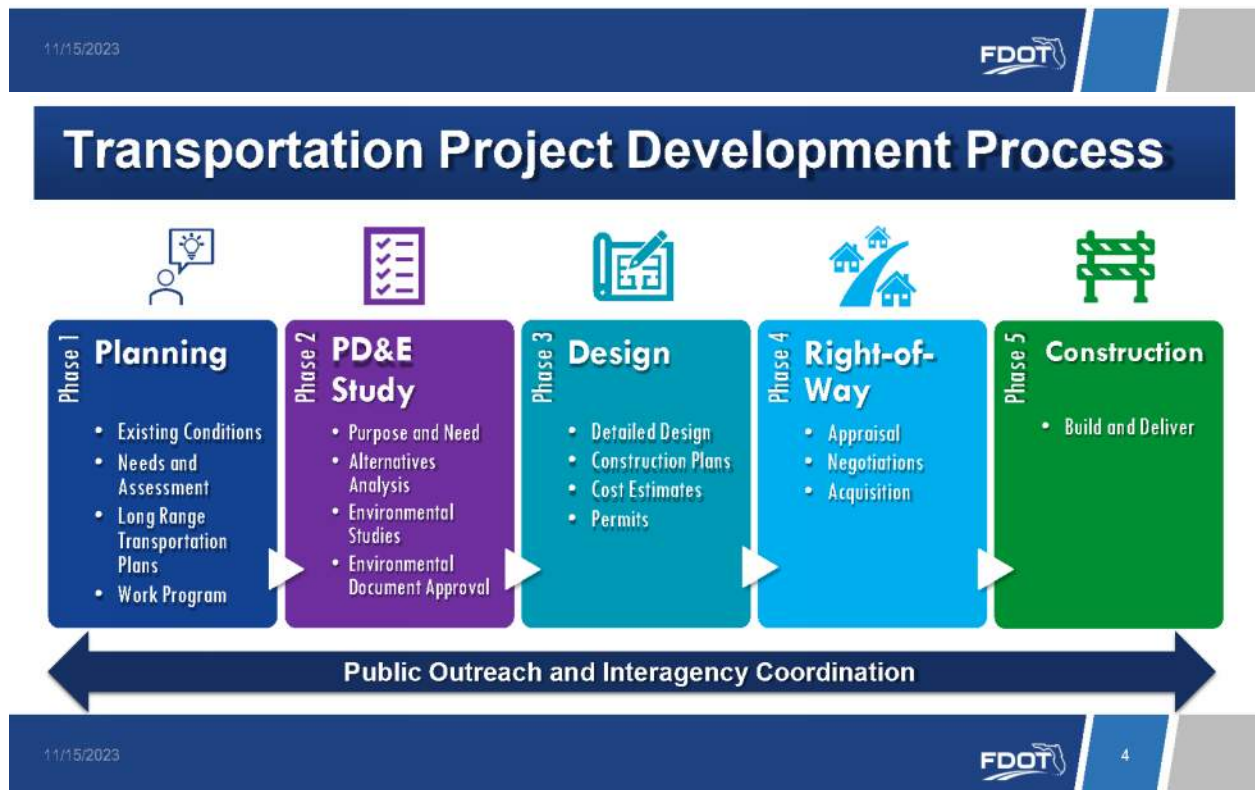
### TAC MEETING

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# Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Process



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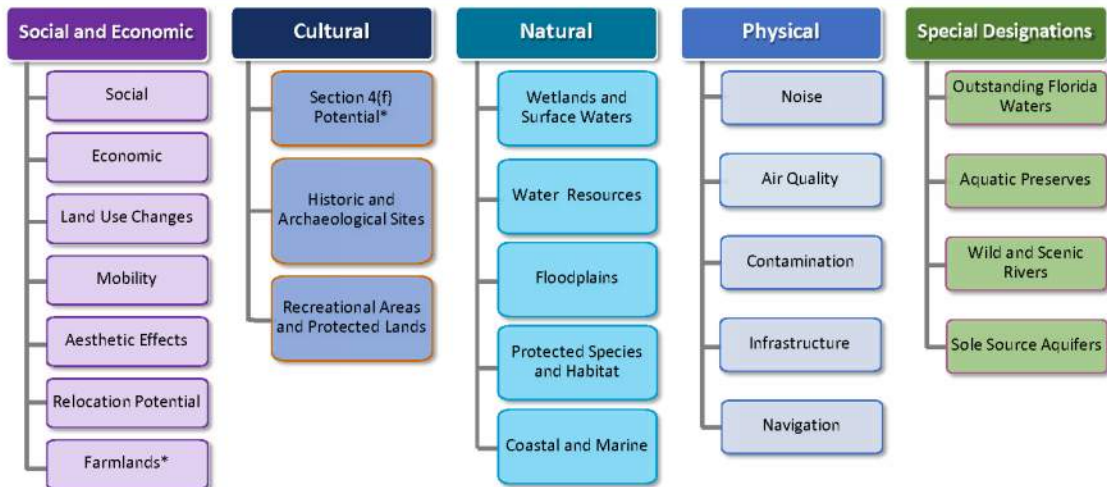
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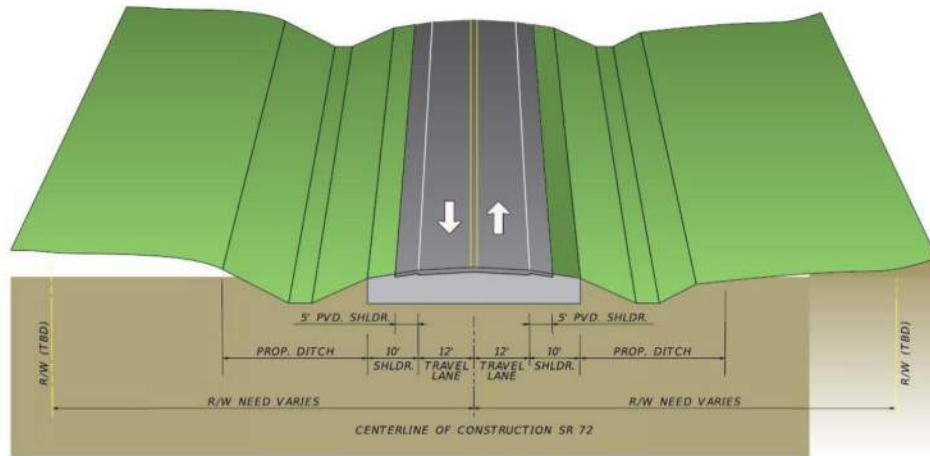


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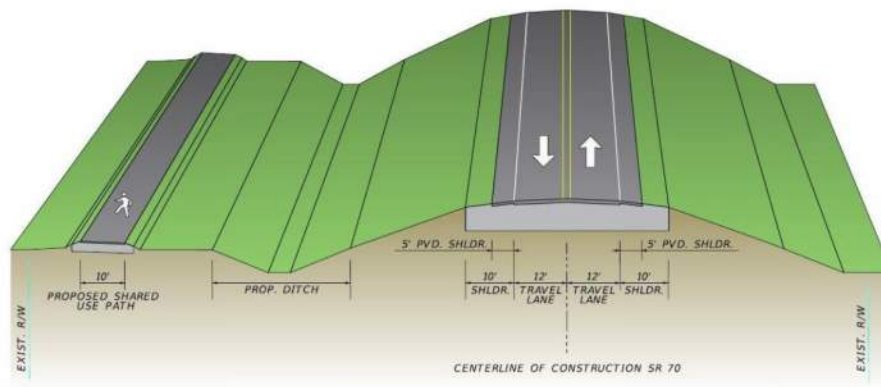


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## SR 70 TYPICAL SECTION



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## UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

| Public Hearing<br>December 7, 2023   |                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In Person Location:                  | Turner Agri Civic Center<br>2250 NE Roan St<br>Arcadia, FL 34266                                  |
| Live-Online Link:                    | <a href="http://bit.ly/3PKFLqb">http://bit.ly/3PKFLqb</a><br>(Starting at 5:45 p.m.)              |
| Scan QR code to register in advance! |                |
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| 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.                      | Public Hearing and Testimony                                                                      |
| Website:                             | <a href="https://www.swfroads.com/project/443123-2">https://www.swfroads.com/project/443123-2</a> |

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the SR 72 at 70 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) public hearing on Thursday, December 7, 2023. For your convenience, FDOT is providing three ways to participate:

**IN-PERSON OPTION: December 7, 2023**  
Turner-Agri Civic Center  
2250 NE Roan Street  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
Anytime between 5 – 6 p.m. Open house  
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This hearing gives interested people the opportunity to express their views about the proposed improvements along SR 72 at SR 70 from CR 661 to Peace River Bridge in DeSoto County. Written statements or exhibits submitted at the hearing, emailed, or postmarked by December 17, 2023, will become part of the official hearing transcript.

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## UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

### Project Documents

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<https://www.swflroads.com/project/443123-2>

### In Person Locations:

DeSoto County Library,  
125 N Hillsborough Ave,  
Arcadia, FL 34266

FDOT District One  
Headquarters, 801 N.  
Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL  
33830

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

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| Patrick Bateman | FDOT – D1      | 863.519.2792 | <a href="mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us">Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us</a> |
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Mr. Seidel went through the slide presentation showing the limits of the project, the typical sections, location of anticipated right-of-way acquisition, current project layout and current roundabout detail. Mr. Seidel explained that the initial purpose of the project was to raise SR 72 above the floodplain and that after Hurricane Ian, it was decided to raise SR 70, as well, west of the Peace River Main channel bridge. Additionally, details of the upcoming public hearing on Dec 7, 2023, a safety minute and Patrick Bateman's contact information were shared. This was followed up by multiple questions from the Committee.

The main question was how well the roundabout would function with trucks. Mr. Seidel noted that the radius for the roundabout was 150 feet and allowed for an additional inside lane. He noted that the SR 17 roundabout at Hunt Brothers has a 115 foot radius.



# District One Environmental Management Office

## Heartland Regional TPO

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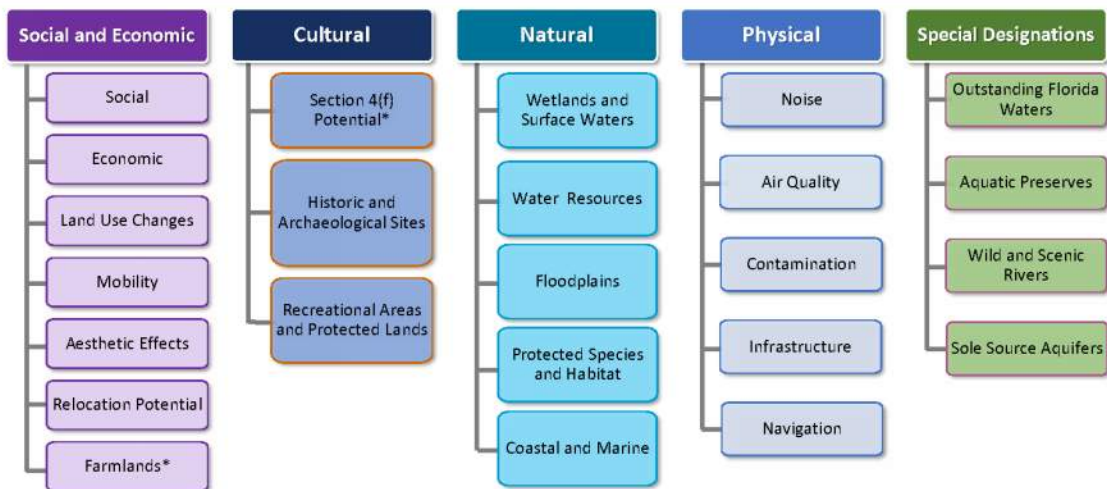


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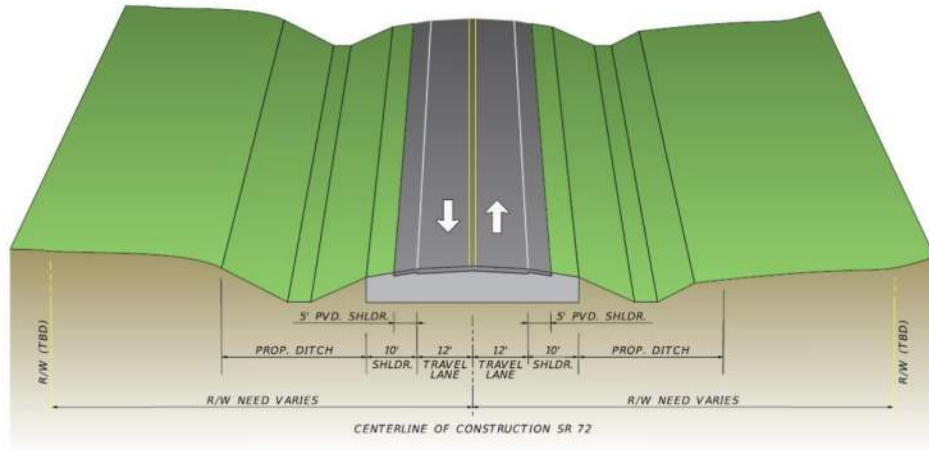
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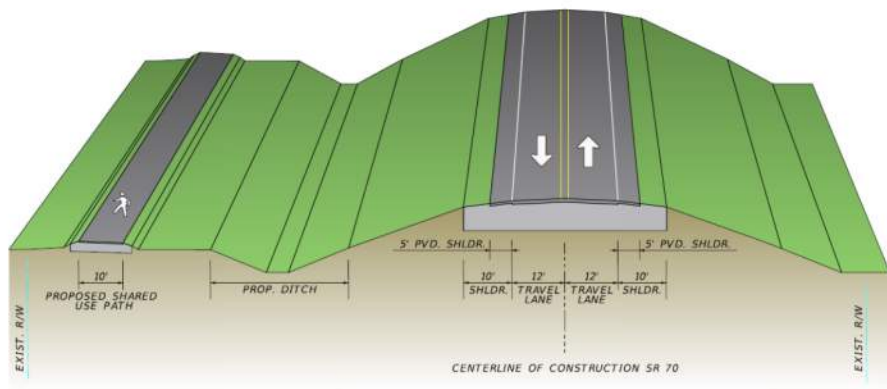


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## SR 70 TYPICAL SECTION



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## UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

| Public Hearing<br>December 7, 2023   |                                                                                                   |
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**HEARTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION (HRTPO) BOARD MEETING MINUTES –  
DECEMBER 6, 2023 – 10:00 AM**

**Lake Placid Government Center, 1069 US 27, Lake Placid, FL 33852  
SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E  
FPID 443123-2-22-01**

Attendees from FDOT & Consultant Team

| NAME            | AGENCY/FIRM     | PHONE #      | EMAIL                                                                                |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wayne Gaither   | FDOT – D1       | 239-225-1971 | <a href="mailto:wayne.gaither@dot.state.fl.us">wayne.gaither@dot.state.fl.us</a>     |
| Lori Green      | FDOT – D1       | 863-519-2358 | <a href="mailto:Lori.Greene@dot.state.fl.us">Lori.Greene@dot.state.fl.us</a>         |
| Shannon Hancock | Atkins/FDOT D-1 |              | <a href="mailto:Shannon.Hancock@dot.state.fl.us">Shannon.Hancock@dot.state.fl.us</a> |
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Commissioner Gross asked if the raising the road would impact the water levels of the river. Mr. Seidel noted that a 2-D model was being developed to determine if additional area through the relief bridge would be needed to maintain current water elevations.

Lori Green was honored for here years of service as she will retire January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. It was noted that Shannon Hancock will be filling in for her subsequent to her retirement.



# District One Environmental Management Office

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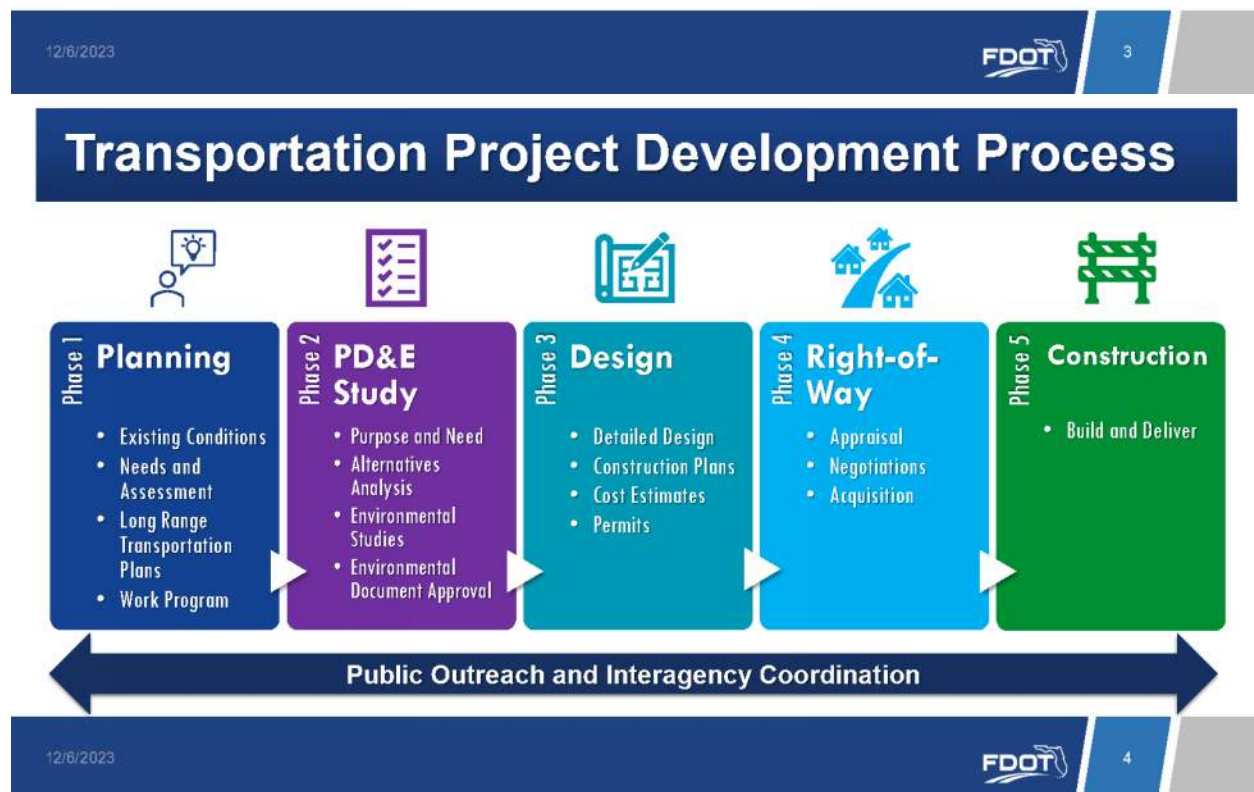
### BOARD MEETING

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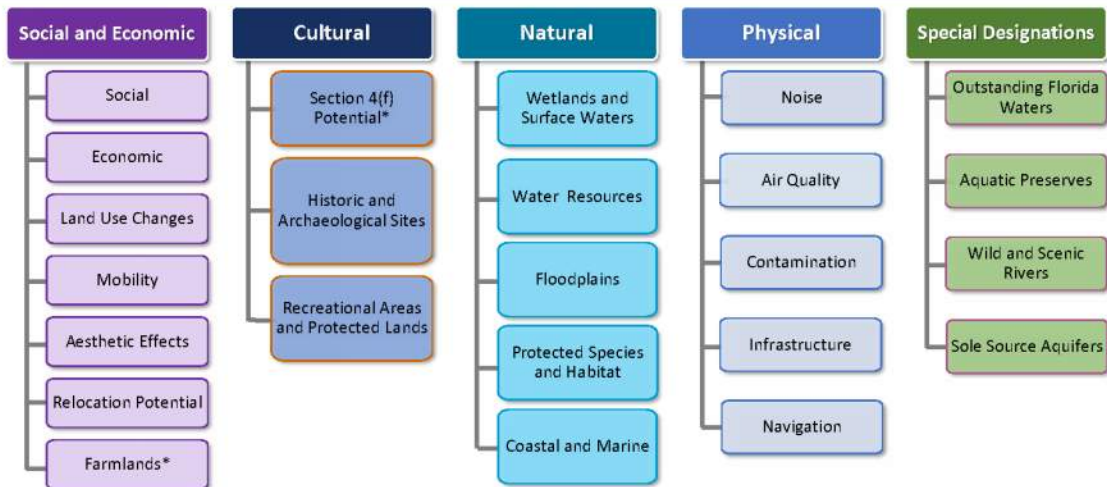


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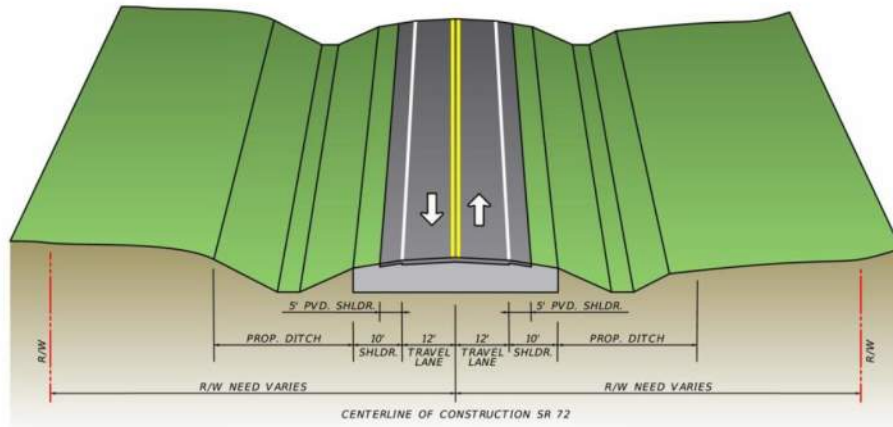
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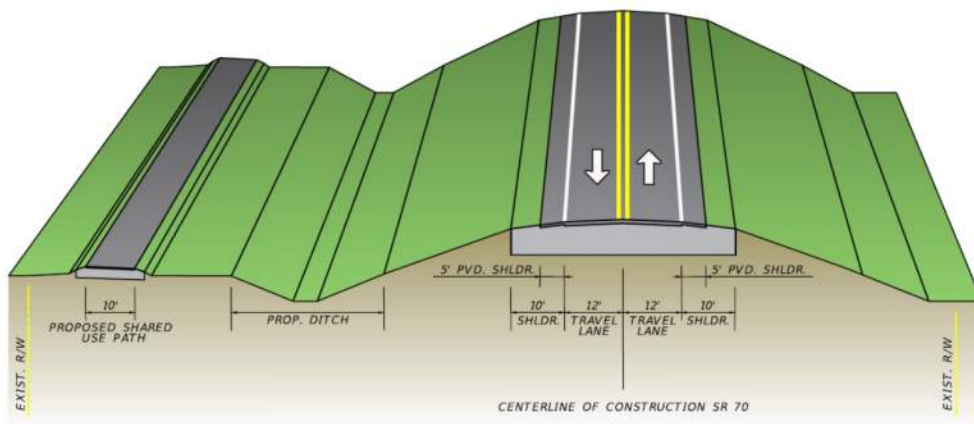


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## *Appendix H:*

### *Initial Website Screenshots*

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[Resources](#)

443123-2 SR 72 at SR 70

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Keyboard shortcuts

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About

About the Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements, including consideration of a single lane roundabout at the intersection of SR 70 and SR 72 in Arcadia, Florida. The purpose of this PD&E study is to evaluate and document potential engineering and environmental effects of any proposed safety improvements considered, including right of way. Alternatives to be evaluated shall include pedestrian and bicycle crossings, multi-use pathways to provide safe connectivity for the area, shifting the alignment of SR 72, and reconstruction of SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge. The study is evaluating raising the roadway to alleviate flooding caused by the Peace River.

**The project team is currently updating concepts based on feedback provided from the public hearing.**

Project Details

Phase:

PD&E

Limits:

SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 AND SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge

Length:

2 miles

County:

DeSoto

Road:

SR 70  
SR 72

Start of Current Phase:

Early 2022

Est. Completion of Current Phase:

Early 2026

Send a comment or ask a question about this project

View Factsheet

Contact Information

PD&E Project Manager

Patrick Bateman, PE

863-519-2792

For Media Inquiries Only

fdot-d1comm@dot.state.fl.us

Last Updated

03/03/2026

Public Involvement

FDOT held a public hearing, live online and in-person on December 7, 2023. Materials were also available for review and comment below from November 30, 2023. Comments for the hearing were accepted in multiple ways through December 17, 2023. To view what was presented at the hearing, see the Project Documents section below.

ROUNDABOUTS

This project will include a roundabout as a part of the proposed improvements. Roundabouts have many benefits, especially for safety.

[Click here for a link to some basic roundabout information that expands on some the benefits.](#)

[Click here for video of a local Lake Wales roundabout and how it works for truck traffic.](#)

Archived Project Documents (These documents have been archived for reference and research purposes.)

Public Hearing

[Draft Preliminary Engineering Report](#)
[Draft Type 2 Categorical Exclusion](#)
[Intersection Alternative](#)
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[SR 70 Roll Plot reduced](#)
[SR 72 Roll Plot reduced](#)
[Typical Section SR 70](#)
[Typical Section SR 72](#)



## *Appendix I: Additional Public Comment*

**From:** [commentform@swfroads.com](mailto:commentform@swfroads.com)  
**To:** [FDOT-D1COMM](#); [Bateman, Patrick](#); [Rose, Adam](#); [jstephenson@balmoralgroup.us](mailto:jstephenson@balmoralgroup.us); [Gale, Siobhan](#); [Bedsoe, Kaylee](#)  
**Subject:** swfroads.com comment form submission - Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:59:04 PM

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EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links and attachments.

Regarding Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

From Name: Pamela Taylor

From Email: 3tays@comcast.net

Question or Comment:

Dear Joe Lauk,

I attended the public hearing for SR70 project on Jan. 8, 2026. I was one of 3 people that spoke. I am attaching a quick reminder of reason's for my opposition to a pond's location. Our ranch is between Arcadia Villiage and Toby's RV park. It is a 500+ acre cattle ranch called the Circle U. It was established by my grandparents Ura and Mildred Swisher. My family has been trustees of the land since 1979.

1. The Rt 70 four lane Highway is currently in front of our ranch. Our farm has been holding runoff for years. We have a giant pond that collects water. It can hold massive amounts of water.
2. The proposed pond would be located extremely close to our current pond. Arcadia Villiage has a pond that is next to our fence line. This means that three ponds would be located extremely extremely close together.
3. The proposed pond would be tight to the wetland area. Most of the year we cannot drive through the wetland in an ATV because the land is squishy. Circumventing this area with an additional pond would be more hazardous for humans and cows. This means 3 ponds plus a wetland area. This seems extreme.
4. The proposed pond would take away valuable pasture land for our cows. Based on our sod operation research, this area has great soil and grass nutrients and holds together when cut.
5. The proposed pond is located parallel to Route 70. It is a valuable parcel of land. A pond in this location would impact future growth or commercial use if it was no longer farmland.
6. My family and I have been good stewards of this land since 1979. We pick up road trash daily from our fields and fences. We maintain clean water and nutrient rich grass in the fields. Besides our cattle, there are bald eagles, Caracara buzzards, fox squirrels, raccoons, rabbits, deer, and sandhill cranes that call our ranch home. We understand the importance of water runoff and want to practice beneficial environmental policies. As I mentioned in my formal testimony, I believe FDOT has amazing engineers. I would like to challenge them to find a new location for this pond.

In conclusion, I would like to ask FDOT to remove the pond from our ranch. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Pamela Taylor

**Bronce Stephenson**

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**From:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:41 AM  
**To:** Gafe, Siobhan; Bronce Stephenson  
**Subject:** FW: Roundabout sr 70&72

-----Original Message-----

**From:** hylandfling <hylandfling@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 7:24 PM  
**To:** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Roundabout sr 70&72

EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links and attachments.

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## SR 72 at SR 70 PD&E Study

SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to Peace River Bridge  
FPID: 443123-2

DeSoto County

### COMMENT FORM

Name: Eugenia M Martin  
Address: 2826 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunker Ave - Arcadia, FL 34266  
Phone: 863-990-8223 Email: Genie.martin27@gmail.com

#### Comments:

I attended the meeting on Dec 7 at Turner Center in Arcadia. Before that, I had not given much thought to the roundabout. Now, I have! I am against it. I live less than a 1/2 mile W of the proposed change - on Bunker Ave Corner - I can hear the trucks speeding down Hwy 70. I have lived at my present location for over 50 years - and the intersection at 70 + 72 is increasingly more dangerous. I much prefer a traffic light - That is a definite "stop & go" - No question in a driver's mind. Everybody understands traffic lights & MUST Obey them. Just start with a light - much less expensive + less construction than a roundabout -  
Thank you - for your consideration.

Please return this form to a project team member at this hearing  
or you may mail or email it, to the address below.

*Genie Martin*

Patrick Bateman, MS 1-40  
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Note: All comments are part of the hearing record and are available for any public records requests.

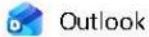
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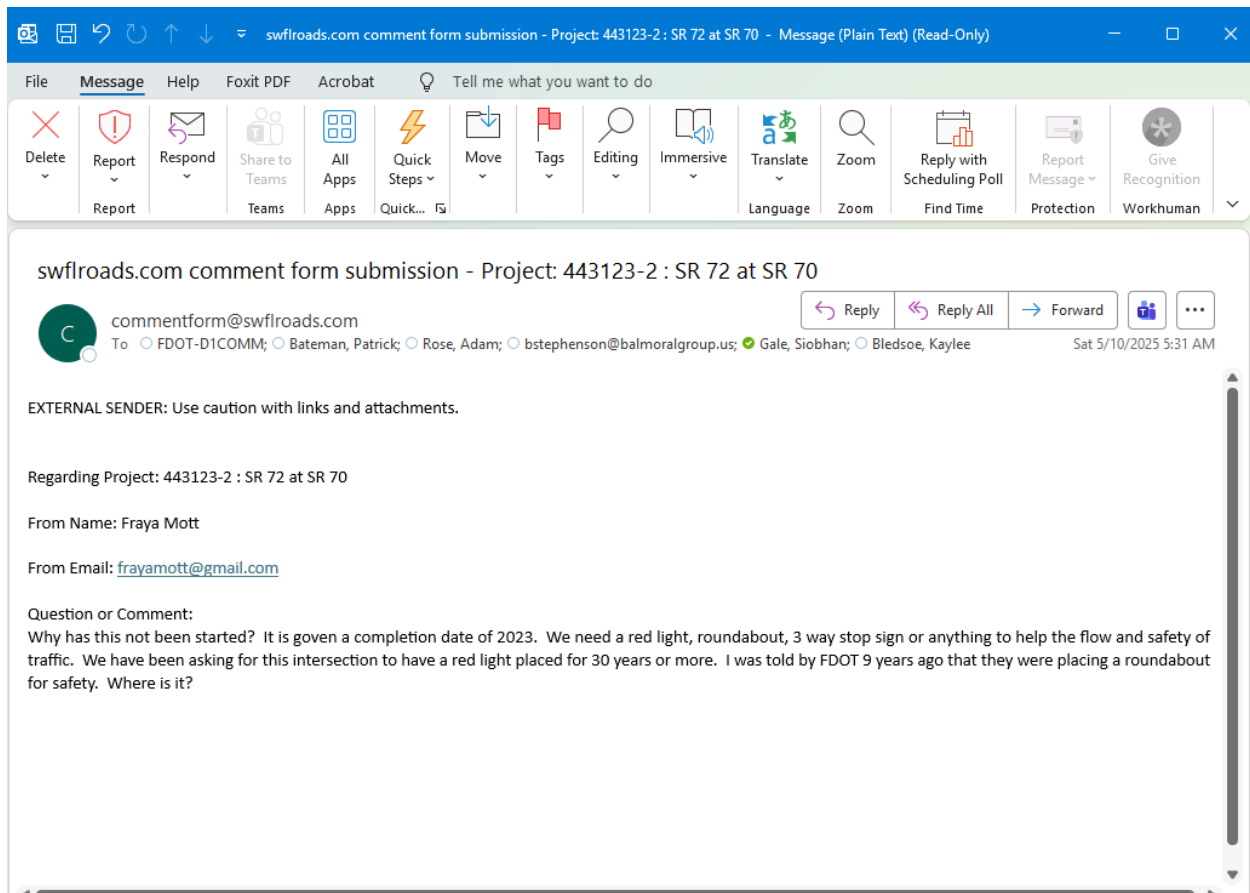
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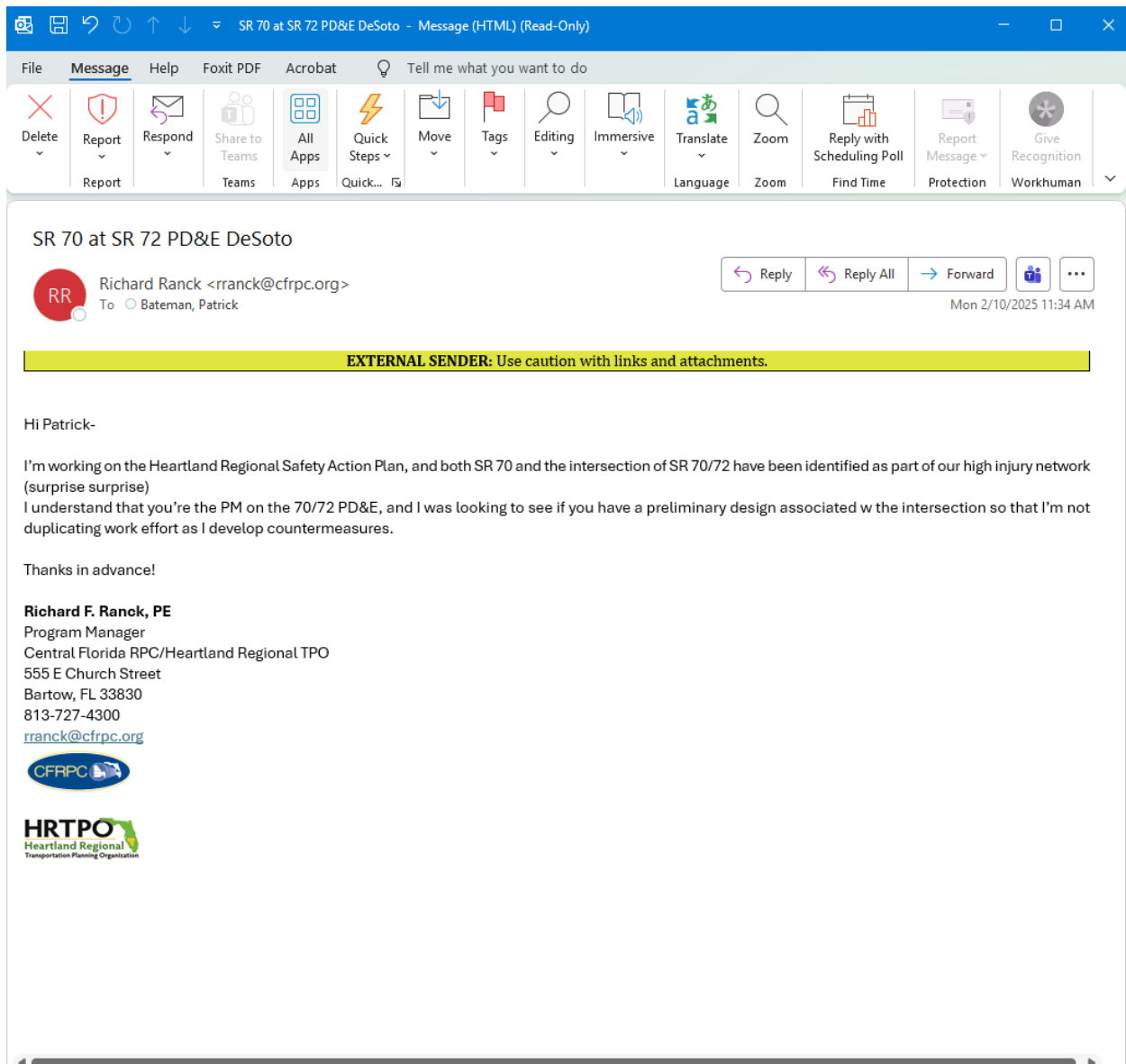
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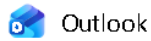
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Good morning,  
Can you please provide me with the latest ROW maps/ design graphics for the above-referenced project?  
Additionally, when are appraisals scheduled to begin?  
Thank you,  
Jordan Blank  
Policastro Law Group  
1700 N. McMullen Booth Rd., Ste C5  
Clearwater, FL 33759-2129  
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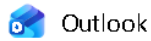
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**Date** Mon 6/2/2025 3:08 PM  
**To** Bateman, Patrick <Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us>

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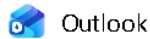
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Regarding Project: 443123-2 : SR 72 at SR 70

**From Name:** Fraya Mott

**From Email:** frayamott@gmail.com

**Question or Comment:**

Why has this not been started? It is given a completion date of 2023. We need a red light, roundabout, 3 way stop sign or anything to help the flow and safety of traffic. We have been asking for this intersection to have a red light placed for 30 years or more. I was told by FDOT 9 years ago that they were placing a roundabout for safety. Where is it?

**From:** [veronica.odell](#)  
**To:** [Pateman, Patrick](#)  
**Subject:** Round about  
**Date:** Monday, June 2, 2025 3:08:34 PM

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## *Appendix J:* *Additional Outreach Activities*



## Florida Department of Transportation

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SECRETARY

January 28, 2026

3671 Beneva Oaks Dr.  
Sarasota, FL 34238

Re: Financial Project Number: 443123-2-22-01  
SR 72 from CR 661 to SR 70 and SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge, DeSoto County

Dear Property Owner,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements, including a roundabout, at the intersection of SR 70 and SR 72 in DeSoto County, Florida.

The purpose of this PD&E study is to evaluate and document potential engineering and environmental effects of any proposed safety improvements considered. Alternatives evaluated include shifting the alignment of SR 72, reconstruction of SR 70 from CR 661 to the Peace River Bridge, pedestrian and bicycle crossings, and multi-use pathways to provide safe connectivity for the area. The project proposes to raise the roadway to alleviate flooding caused by the Peace River. A public hearing was held on December 7, 2023, to present FDOT's recommended alternative. Since then, changes have been made to the design that have resulted in changes to Right-of-Way (R/W) needs. The project will require R/W within your property(s) that was not previously identified. This R/W needed is along SR 72 and is approximately 0.7 acres.

All right-of-way acquisition will be conducted in accordance with Florida Statute § 339.09 and § 421.55 and also the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, commonly known as the Uniform Act. The Department is requesting your input on the proposed changes to your property(s). The Department will be glad to meet with you or a designated representative on site to discuss this further if you wish. The Department will also take into consideration any documents, reports, studies, or alternative solutions that you provide.

The project website ([www.swfroads.com/project/443123-2](http://www.swfroads.com/project/443123-2)) will include all study-related documents and announcements. You can submit comments or questions at any time during the study through the project website.

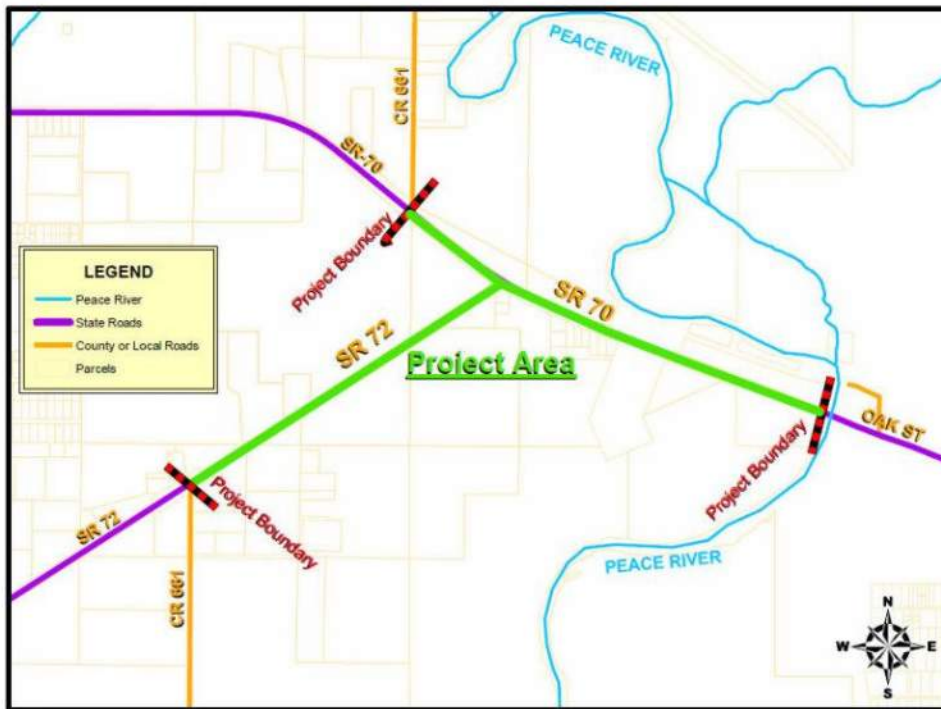
If you have any questions about this project or would like to schedule a meeting, please call me (863) 519-2792 or email me ([Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us)).

Sincerely,

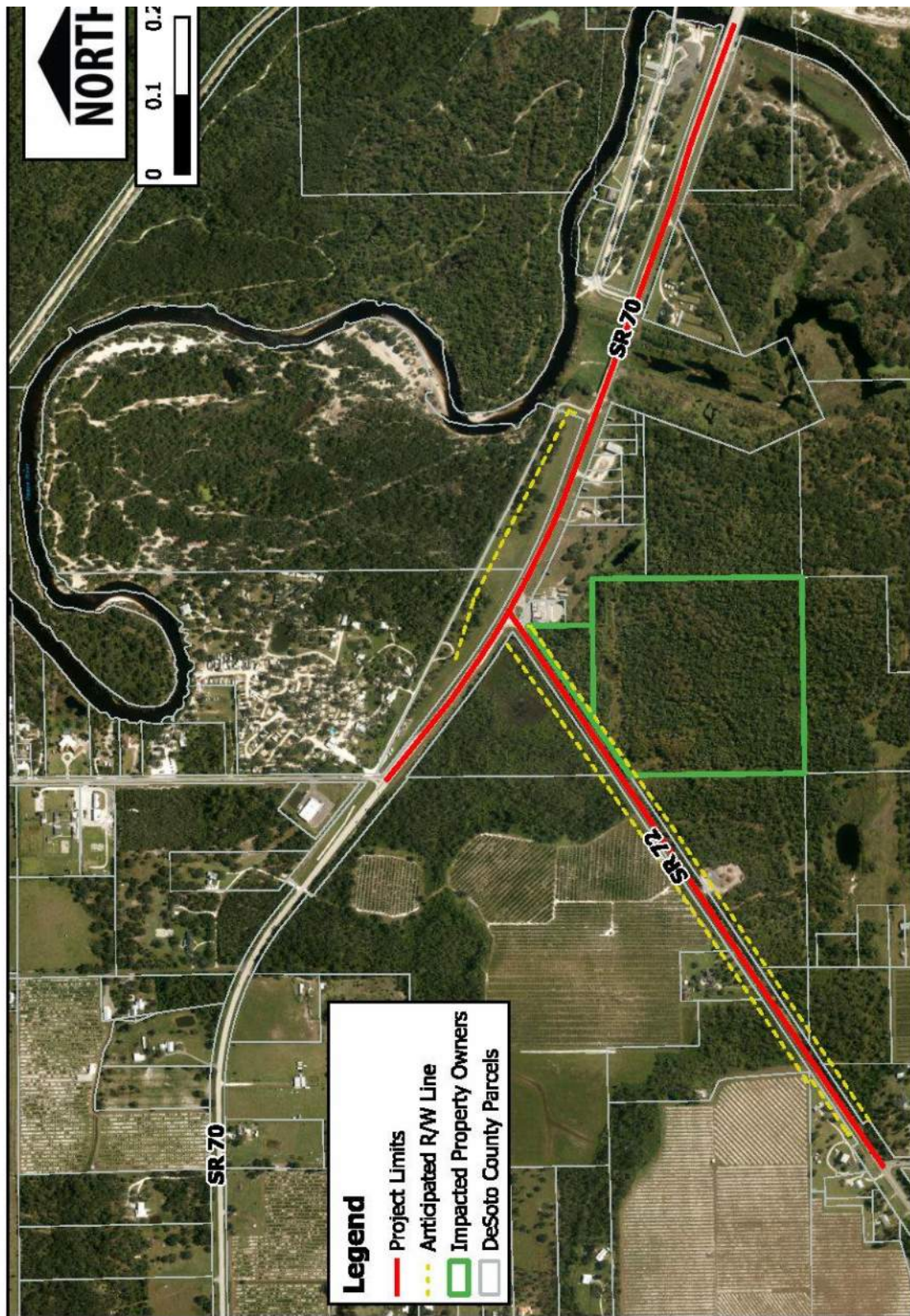
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# PD&E Impacted Property Owners





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