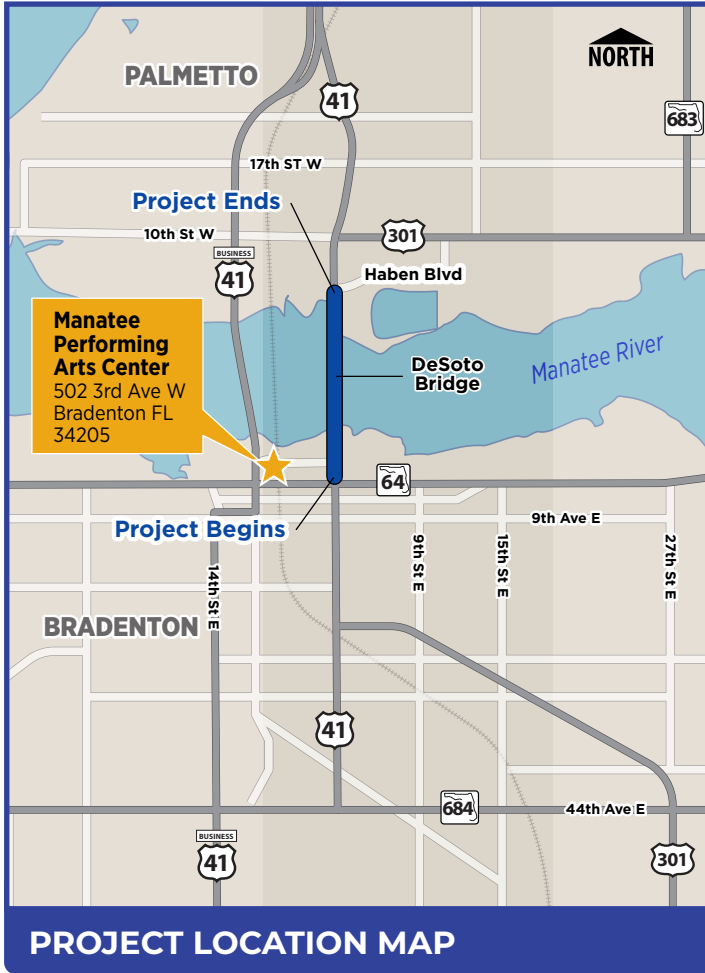




DESOTO BRIDGE: SR 64 TO HABEN BOULEVARD PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY Manatee County, Florida

FPID: 442630-1



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to attend the DeSoto Bridge Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study public meeting on October 17, 2023 (in-person) or October 19, 2023 (live online).

This study will evaluate alternatives to address the in-kind replacement of the DeSoto Bridge.

The DeSoto Bridge PD&E Alternatives Public Meeting is being conducted to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provides the opportunity for the public to express their views about the project.

You can participate in the public meeting live online or in-person. The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and online meetings and will be posted on the project website.

PROJECT PURPOSE

- Evaluate alternatives for an in-kind replacement of the DeSoto Bridge over the Manatee River
- Maintain a critical link for regional travel
- Accommodate multi-modal access

ABOUT THE PROJECT

FDOT, District One, began a PD&E study in late 2022 to evaluate alternatives along a 1.3-mile segment of US 41 from SR 64 (Manatee Avenue East) to Haben Boulevard in Manatee County, including the DeSoto Bridge.

The purpose of the PD&E study is to evaluate alternatives to address in-kind replacement of the DeSoto Bridge. The existing bridge provides 40 feet of vertical clearance over the river and has four lanes, with two in each direction. The new bridge will be similar in length and profile to the existing one. It will also include wider inside and outside shoulders and a barrier separating a new shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicular traffic.

IN-PERSON OPTION

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Manatee Performing Arts Center
502 3rd Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205

LIVE ONLINE OPTION

Thursday October 19, 2023, 6 p.m.

Register in advance:
<https://tinyurl.com/29tt2vb8>

Materials will be posted by October 10, 2023, on the project website at
<https://www.swflroads.com/project/442630-1>

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER FOR
ONLINE OPTION**



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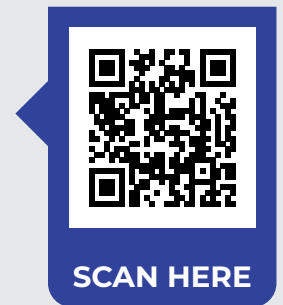
FDOT encourages the public to participate in the DeSoto Bridge PD&E public meeting. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact:

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Visit the Project Webpage:

DeSoto Bridge at
<https://www.swflroads.com/project/442630-1>



Comments submitted by October 29, 2023, will become part of the official public meeting record.

FDOT is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding these projects. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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.

Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nuestro representante, Karina Della Sera, (863) 519-2750, karina.dellasera@dot.state.fl.us, Departamento de Transportación de la Florida, 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830.