

SR 70 PD&E Study
 From CR 721 South to CR 599/128th Avenue in Highlands and Okeechobee Counties, FL
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You're Invited to the SR 70 PD&E Study Alternatives Public Workshop!

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners and businesses within a minimum of 500 feet of the project location, as well as, interested persons and organizations. Feedback to FDOT regarding this project is encouraged. **While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments emailed or postmarked by June 25, 2024, to be included in the formal workshop record.**

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 (ADA) or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator at least seven days prior to the alternatives public workshop via phone at (863) 519-2287 or e-mail at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

<https://www.swflroads.com/project/450334-1>

Contact Us

FDOT encourages the public to participate in the SR 70 PD&E Study alternatives public workshop. If you have questions regarding the project or workshop, please contact the FDOT Project Manager, David C. Turley, P.E., via phone at (863) 519-2255. Formal comments, to be included in the public record can be sent to the FDOT Project Manager via email or mail using the contact information listed below.

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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.

SR 70 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

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June 2024

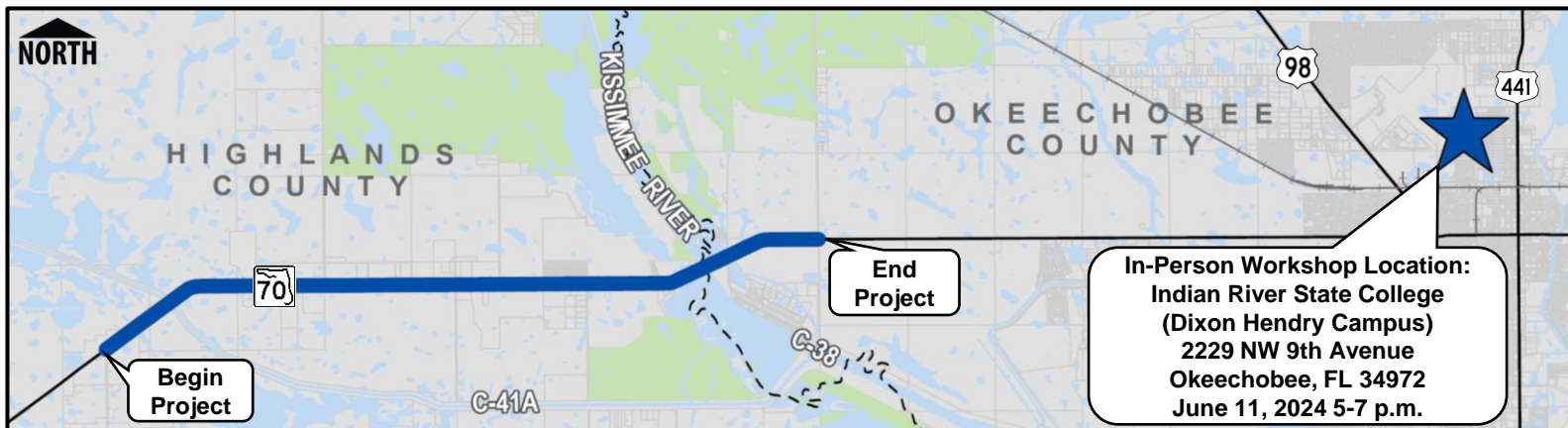
Financial Project ID No. 450334-1

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, began a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study in late 2023. The intent of the study is to evaluate proposed improvements along an 8.6-mile segment of SR 70 from CR 721 South to CR 599/128th Avenue in Highlands and Okeechobee Counties. This study will evaluate potential roadway expansion alternatives to address the need for improved traffic safety conditions, continued maintenance of the important east-west connection and to accommodate increasing freight activity along the project corridor. This includes evaluating alternatives to widen the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway, with the addition of paved shoulders and turn lanes. The project will also consider multi-modal improvements, such as a shared use path, along the corridor.

UPCOMING ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP

The FDOT, District One, invites you to attend the SR 70 PD&E Study alternatives public workshop. Attendance options include the in-person workshop on June 11, 2024, at Indian River State College in Okeechobee and the virtual workshop (live online) on June 18, 2024. The public workshop is being conducted to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provides the opportunity for the public to express their views about the project. The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and online workshops and will also be posted on the project website.



IN-PERSON OPTION:

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Anytime between 5 – 7 p.m.

Indian River State College (Dixon Hendry Campus)

2229 NW 9th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

This will include a looping video (no formal presentation), and the project team will be available for discussions.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION:

Register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/450334-1-SR70>

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

6 – 7 p.m.

This event will include a viewing of the project video and a live question-and-answer component with the project team. Please review the materials on the project webpage before attending the virtual event (<https://www.swflroads.com/project/450334-1>). Materials will be posted by **June 4, 2024**.

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Project information such as frequently asked questions, the project schedule and kickoff newsletter are available for viewing on the project website at <https://www.swflroads.com/project/450334-1>.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

To attend online on June 18, 2024, please register in advance through one of the following methods:

Visiting <https://tinyurl.com/450334-1-SR70>

Scanning the QR Code on the right

Visiting the project website at:

<https://www.swflroads.com/project/450334-1>

Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop online.



For more information, contact: FDOT Project Manager David C. Turley, P.E. | (863) 519-2255 | David.Turley@dot.state.fl.us

Para Materiales del Proyecto En Español

Para ver este boletín y otros materiales del proyecto en español, visite el sitio web del proyecto en www.swflroads.com/sr789/longboatkey o contacte Sra. Karina Della Sera de la Oficina del Departamento de Transporte de Florida por teléfono al (863) 519-2750. También puede usar el correo electrónico: Karina.Dellasera@dot.state.fl.us