

SR 739 (Metro Parkway) at Daniels Parkway Intersection
PD&E Re-evaluation



Financial Project Number: 431334-2
Lee County

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

Date: July 27, 2023
Time: 5 – 7 p.m.
Location: FDOT One Southwest Area Office
Attendees: 24 Citizens (online and in person)
FDOT District One

Christopher Speese (GEC Atkins)	Ryan Patterson (GEC Atkins)
Jennifer Dorning (GEC Atkins)	Jason Heironimus (GEC Quest)
JJ Jacquin (GEC AIM)	Jeffrey James
Patricia Pichette	Emily Barnett
Jesse Moss	Mohammad Faramarzifar
Jeff Jones	

Comprehensive Engineering Services, Inc.

Alicia Gray	Sarah Shipley
Art Shipley	Eric Arp

Inwood Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Maica Pham	Jada Barhorst
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Summary

The public hearing for the SR 739 (Metro Parkway) at Daniels Parkway Intersection PD&E Re-evaluation was held on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at the FDOT District One Southwest Area Office. The hearing was held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting materials were posted to the project webpage, <https://www.swflroads.com/project/431334-2>.

The Public Hearing was advertised in the following manner:

- Email to Elected Officials – Published on June 30, 2023
- Email to Appointed Officials – Published on June 30, 2023

- Newsletter to Property Owners – Published on June 29, 2023
- Florida Administrative Register – Published on July 17, 2023
- FDOT Public Notice Website – Published on July 10, 2023
- Legal Notices in (the) The News Press – Published on July 9 & July 20, 2023

As attendees entered the hearing, they were asked to sign in, were given a public hearing handout, a public comment form and were shown a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) instructional video created by FHWA. An open house was held from 5 – 6 p.m. Members of the project team were available to answer questions and discuss the project.

The following project-related information was on display:

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| • Project Aerial Board | • Evaluation Matrix |
| • Proposed Right-of-way | • Comment Board |
| • CFI Interactive Display | • Title VI |
| • PD&E Re-evaluation Documents | • Welcome and Thank you Boards |
| • Project Location Map | |

A separate table for right-of-way and PD&E re-evaluation information was available to the public. In addition, separate tables were available for attendees to write and submit comment forms. At 6 p.m. the formal portion of the hearing began. A project presentation was played, and the public had the opportunity to give oral testimony. No attendees gave oral testimony.

Media coverage was provided by Bella Line of Fox4 News. Ms. Line interviewed FDOT staff and various hearing attendees regarding the proposed improvements. The report can be viewed on the Fox4 webpage, <https://tinyurl.com/Fox4Report>.

One comment was received prior to the hearing, one comment form was received the day of the hearing and four comments were received by the comment closing date. From the comments, please see below a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the project.

- How long will construction last?
 - Construction on the Metro Parkway at Daniels Parkway intersection is tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of 2026 and is expected to last 2.5-3 years.
- We are concerned about the traffic congestion west of the railroad tracks on Daniels Parkway that is causing ingress and egress issues for the residential neighborhoods.
 - This project does not include improvements along Daniels Parkway west of the railroad tracks as Daniels Parkway is locally owned by Lee County. The work being performed by FDOT on Daniels Parkway is solely for the purpose of accommodating the proposed CFI.

- Is the CFI going to impact my property?
 - The property impacts for the Metro Parkway at Daniels Parkway CFI are shown on the Proposed Right-of-Way exhibit on the project webpage, <https://www.swflroads.com/project/431334-2>. The exhibit can be found under Hearing Materials/Display Boards. If you have additional questions about impacts to your property you can contact the FDOT Project Manager, Christopher Speese at christopher.speese@dot.state.fl.us or (239) 225-1973.

- Is the project on Metro Parkway between Pine Parkway and Colonial Boulevard moving forward?
 - There are plans being developed to widen Metro Parkway between East Pine Parkway and Landing View Road to a six-lane divided roadway with bike lanes, sidewalks and a closed drainage system. There are also plans being developed to widen Metro Parkway between Landing View Road and Winkler Avenue to a six-lane divided roadway with bike lanes, sidewalk, a closed drainage system and a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at Colonial Boulevard. These two segments do not currently have funding so there is no timeline for right-of-way acquisition or construction. The project webpage for these segments will be updated as funding becomes available, <https://www.swflroads.com/project/431334-3> and <https://www.swflroads.com/project/431334-4>.