

# Florida Administrative Register Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation, District One

Announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME [March 23, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.](#)

PLACE [Harbourside Ballroom \(Dining Room\) located at 3000 Harbourside Ballroom, Longboat Key 34228](#)

## GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

*This Hybrid Public Kickoff Meeting will be held online on the project website, [www.swflroads.com/sr789/longboatkey](http://www.swflroads.com/sr789/longboatkey) and with a live in-person component.*

*The PD&E study is being conducted to evaluate and document potential engineering and environmental effects of the proposed alternatives. During the PD&E process, FDOT will develop alternatives and provide opportunities for your input. Alternatives to be evaluated will include rehabilitation of the existing bridge as well as replacement. Each alternative will be evaluated to determine social and environmental impacts, safety needs, additional right-of-way, and traffic performance. Throughout this process, FDOT will consider a “no-build” option which assumes no improvements to SR 789 (Longboat Key) other than routine maintenance. If the study results in the selection of a “build” alternative, the project can proceed to the design phase, during which construction plans are prepared.*

*The Hybrid Public Kickoff Meeting will consist of project meeting materials available online for review and comment for 18 days, from Tuesday, March 16, 2021 through Friday, April 2, 2021. The live component will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Harbourside Ballroom (Dining Room), located at 3000 Harbourside Ballroom, Longboat Key, FL 34228. To attend the live in-person component, you will need to go through the guardgate on Bay Isles Parkway and state you are attending the meeting, then take a left and then take the first right. The same information will be presented at both the live in-person component and online component on the project website so attending both is not needed.*

*After reviewing the meeting materials, you can submit any comments that you may have on the project in four ways: through links on the project website, by emailing the FDOT Project Manager, Patrick Bateman, P.E., at [patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us), mailing your comment to Patrick Bateman, P.E. at FDOT District One, MS 1-40, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831, or submitting a written comment at the live component on March 23, 2021. Please note that comments must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by April 2, 2021, to be part of the meeting record.*

*We encourage you to participate in the online component and for you to submit any questions you may have through the project website or contact the FDOT Project Manager, Patrick Bateman, P.E. A member of the project team will follow up with you to address your question(s). Also, the project team will post a summary of the comments received during the kickoff meeting and responses to the project website approximately 30 days following the end of the comment period.*

*FDOT is sending notices to property owners located a minimum of 300 feet on either side of roadway within the project limits, as well as additional surrounding areas. We encourage all interested people to participate and express their views regarding the project and information presented.*

*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 kickoff 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 December 14, 2016, and executed by FHWA and FDOT.*

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

*Patrick Bateman, PE, Project Manager, FDOT District One, (863) 519-2792,  
[patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us).*

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:

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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:

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