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Legal Ad Text – D1 Public Hearings 2021

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the *[Project Name]* from *[limits]* in *[County Name]* on *[Date]*. **The in-person open-house will begin at 5 p.m. The virtual and in-person hearing and testimony portion will begin at 6 p.m.**

The purpose of this project is to *[insert project goal]*. The public hearing is being held to present information about the preferred alternative and engineering and environmental analysis completed to date. The hearing provides the opportunity for the public to offer feedback on the preferred alternative for the official hearing record.

The Department has three ways to participate in the public hearing: through the live virtual event on DATE at TIME (link), by attending the in-person event at LOCATION on DATE from TIME, or by viewing the materials online through the project website *[Insert project website]*. All hearing materials, including the project video, will be available online xxdays prior to the live virtual event. A copy of the materials will also be displayed at the in-person event. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. **For more information on all options of the upcoming public hearing, visit the project website or contact the project manager (listed below).**

Project documents will also be available for public viewing from *[Date]* to *[Date]* at *[list locations and addresses]*. They will also be available on the project website. FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project. **While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by *[hearing date + 14 days]*, to be included in the formal public hearing record.** A summary of the hearing comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the hearing.

If you have any questions about the hearing, please contact: FDOT Project Manager, *[Name]* by phone at *[phone number]*. Comments about the project should be emailed to *[email address]*, or mailed to *[PM Name]*, Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33931-1249.

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 public hearing.

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 the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.