

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for proposed improvements to SR 789 (Longboat Key) from North Shore Road to Coquina Park Entrance in Manatee County, a distance of approximately 3/4 of a mile. This study will evaluate replacement alternatives for the Longboat Key bridge.

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.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The kickoff meeting and official comment period will be open from Tuesday, March 16, 2021 through Friday, April 2, 2021 with the live component on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. 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, mailing your comment and/or attached questionnaire 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. 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 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 workshop.

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.



An Alternatives Public Information Meeting is tentatively scheduled for early 2022.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Study website: www.swflroads.com/sr789/longboatkey



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HYBRID (ONLINE & LIVE IN-PERSON) PUBLIC KICKOFF MEETING



Dates:

Online – Mar. 16, 2021 through Apr. 2, 2021

Live In-Person – March 23, 2021



How/Where:

Online – www.swflroads.com/sr789/longboatkey

Live In-Person – Harbourside Ballroom (Dining Room)
3000 Harbourside Ballroom, Longboat Key, FL 34228

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. 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. at (863) 519-2792 or patrick.bateman@dot.state.fl.us. A member of the project team will follow up with you to address your question(s).



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.