



Barrier Island Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

State Road (S.R.) 789 from north of Longboat Pass Bridge to S.R. 64 and Gulf Drive from S.R. 64 to White Avenue/85th Street
Manatee County

FPID 446681-1

PUBLIC MEETING - FEBRUARY 2026

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the public meeting for the Barrier Island Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The purpose of this meeting is to present information about the preliminary alternatives and to provide interested persons the opportunity to express their views about the proposed improvements along the project corridor. The purpose of the PD&E Study is to evaluate alternatives to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and enhance mobility options for all users along the study corridor while maintaining the quality of life for residents and visitors.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

FDOT began this study in January 2024 to evaluate proposed improvements on State Road (S.R.) 789 from north of Longboat Pass Bridge to S.R. 64 (approximately 3.8 miles), and on Gulf Drive from S.R. 64 to White Avenue/85th Street (approximately 2.2 miles). The total project length is approximately 6 miles.

In the spring of 2024, a public kick-off newsletter was mailed to elected and appointed officials, agencies, interested parties, and property owners and tenants. Since the public kick-off, several alternatives, including the no-build alternative, have been chosen as viable options for public input and comment. Displays presenting the build and no-build alternatives are on display at the in-person public meeting and available on the project website.

PROJECT GOALS

- 1 Enhance Safety Conditions
- 2 Accommodate Bicycle Activity
- 3 Accommodate Pedestrian Activity
- 4 Improve Multimodal System Linkage
- 5 Enhance connectivity and access to multimodal transportation options

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



PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

In-Person Option

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: Anytime between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall
6101 Cortez Road
Bradenton, FL 34210

Live Online Option

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Register: <https://zavfxe.short.gy/2GlziU>

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E study is the formal process that develops and compares alternatives to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing impacts to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments. Engaging the public by sharing and receiving information is a key component of this process and is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

We are here



PROJECT SCHEDULE

	2024	2025	2026
STUDY BEGINS		✉ Kick-Off Letter (Mid 2024)	
STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS	💬 Mid 2024	💬 Early 2025	💬 Mid 2025
DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES			💬 Early 2026
PUBLIC MEETING			💬 Late 2026 (if required)
DRAFT DOCUMENTS			
PUBLIC HEARING			
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT			
STUDY APPROVAL			☑ Late 2026

Preliminary – Subject to Change



Stakeholder Meeting



Public Meeting



Public Hearing



Newsletter



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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 the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

WAYS TO COMMENT

FDOT encourages your feedback and comments on the improvements presented at the public meeting. There are multiple ways to submit comments:



At In-Person Meeting:

Fill out the comment form and return in the comment box or take it home to fill out and send via mail.



Visit the Project Website:

Submit your comments through the project website at www.swflroads.com/project/446681-1



By Mail to:

Adam Rose
FDOT Project Manager
Florida Department of Transportation
Environmental Management Office
801 N. Broadway Avenue, MS 1-40
Bartow, FL 33830



Email Comments to:

Adam Rose
FDOT Project Manager
Adam.Rose@dot.state.fl.us



ALL COMMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 9, 2026 TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC MEETING RECORD.

EVALUATION MATRIX

Evaluation Factors		No-Build Alternative	Build Alternative 1 (with Intersection Option A)	Build Alternative 1 (with Intersection Option B)	Build Alternative 1 (with Intersection Option C)
PURPOSE & NEED	Meets Purpose and Need	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN	Pedestrian Facilities	No change	6-ft-wide at Cortez Road	6-ft-wide at Cortez Road	10-ft-wide (Shared Path) at Cortez Road
	Bicycle Facilities	No change	None at Cortez Road	5-ft-wide at Cortez Road	
SOCIAL	Total Acres of Impacts	0 acres	0.4 acre	0.5 acre	0.4 acre
	Total Parcels Affected:	None	17 parcels	24 parcels	24 parcels
	- <i>Potential Residential Parcels Affected</i>	None	5 parcels	9 parcels	9 parcels
	- <i>Potential Non-Residential Parcels Affected</i>	None	12 parcels	15 parcels	15 parcels
	Potential Displacements	None	None	None	None
CULTURAL	Potential Community Uses Affected	None	None	None	None
	Potential Impacts to Historic / Archeological Sites	None	None	None	None
NATURAL	Potential Impacts to Wetlands	None	None	None	None
	Potential Impacts to Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat	None	None	0.2 acre	0.1 acre
PHYSICAL	Number of Potential Contamination Risk Sites	None	5 sites	5 sites	5 sites
	Potential Utility Conflicts	None	High	Moderate	Moderate
COSTS (2026 \$)	Estimated Construction Costs	\$0	\$42.4M	\$42.4M	\$42.5M
	Estimated Right-of-Way Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$5M	\$10.6M	\$9.2M

Notes: *Costs do not include utility relocations, environmental permits, or contamination remediation
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Para Materiales del Proyecto En Español

Por favor contacte a Karina Della Sera para información en español:
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