



# 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

Newsletter 2, January 2026

## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE BARRIER ISLAND PD&E STUDY PUBLIC MEETING!

### PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One invites you to attend the Barrier Island Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Public Meeting on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 (In-Person)** and **Thursday, February 26, 2026 (Live Online)**.

The public meeting is being conducted to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provides the opportunity for the public to express their views about the project.

You can participate in the public meeting in-person and live online. The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and live online meetings and will be posted on the project website.



### IN-PERSON OPTION:

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

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

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

This will include a looping video (no formal presentation), and the project team will be available for discussion.

### LIVE ONLINE OPTION:

Register in advance: <https://ZaVFxe.short.gy/2GziU>

**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

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

*This event will include a viewing of the project video and a live question-and-answer component with the project team. Please review the materials on the project webpage before attending the live online meeting. Materials will be posted by February 17, 2026.*

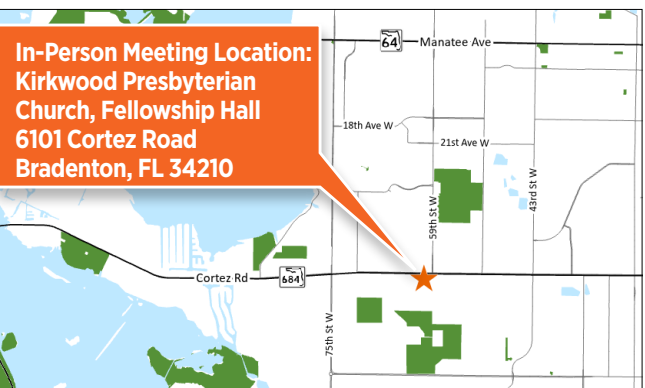


To attend online on Tuesday, February 26, 2026, please register in advance through one of the following options:

- Visiting: <https://ZaVFxe.short.gy/2GziU>
- Scanning the QR Code shown here
- Visiting the project website at: [www.swflroads.com/project/446681-1](http://www.swflroads.com/project/446681-1)



When registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online.



## 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.

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.

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, tenants, and businesses within 300 feet of the project location, as well as 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 email or U.S. postal service postmarked by March 9, 2026, to be included in the formal meeting record.**

## CONTACT US:

FDOT encourages the public to participate in the Barrier Island PD&E Study public meeting.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact:

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Visit the Project Webpage:

**[www.swflroads.com/project/446681-1](http://www.swflroads.com/project/446681-1)**

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 meeting.

Pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168, or the state project development process. 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 FHWA and FDOT.

### Para Materiales del Proyecto En Español

Por favor contacte a Karina Della Sera para información en español:  
(Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us o 863-519-2750).