

Public Hearing

Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO - Meeting Rooms A and B

March 14, 2019

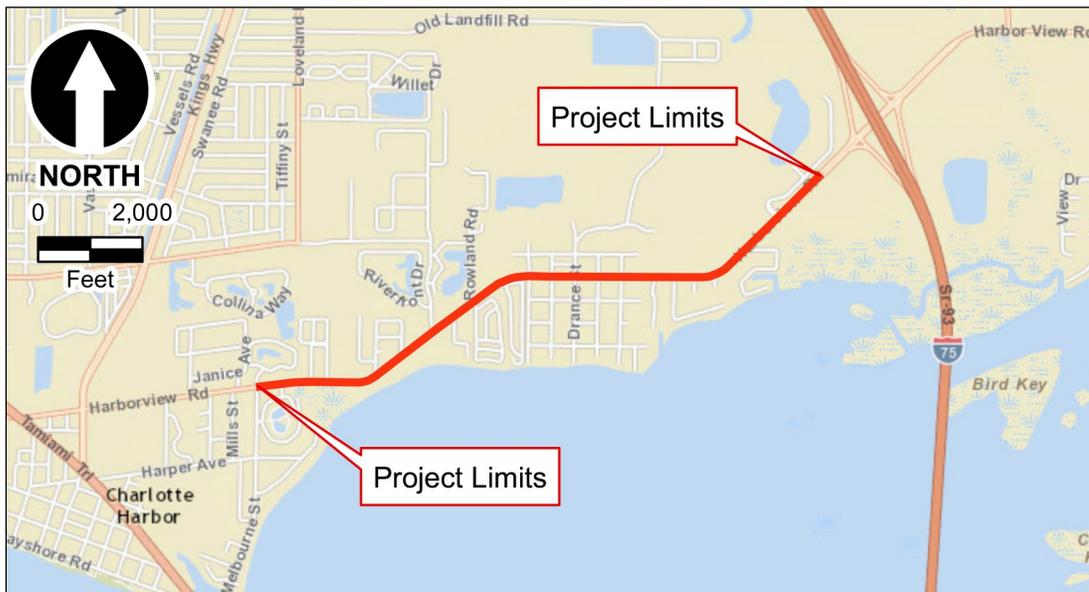
open house at 4 p.m., formal presentation at 5 p.m.

Welcome to the Public Hearing for the Harborview Road (CR 776) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is holding this hearing in cooperation with Charlotte County and the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The purpose of this meeting is to provide you the opportunity to review project information, ask questions and offer comments about the proposed improvements to Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75 in Charlotte County. Maps, display boards and other project information are on display here this evening. Project representatives are available to discuss the study and answer questions.

A comment form is included in this handout. We encourage you to complete the form and drop it in one of the boxes provided or, if you prefer, you may mail your comments, written statements, or exhibits, postmarked by **March 25, 2019**, to the address on the comment form.

Introduction

FDOT is doing a PD&E study to evaluate widening Harborview Road from two to four lanes. Widening the road will improve connectivity between US 41 and I-75 and enhance safety along the corridor. The project is 2.3 miles in length. The objectives of this PD&E study are to evaluate and document engineering and environmental considerations that will assist the department in reaching a decision about the type and location of necessary improvements to Harborview Road. The study is being conducted in order to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.



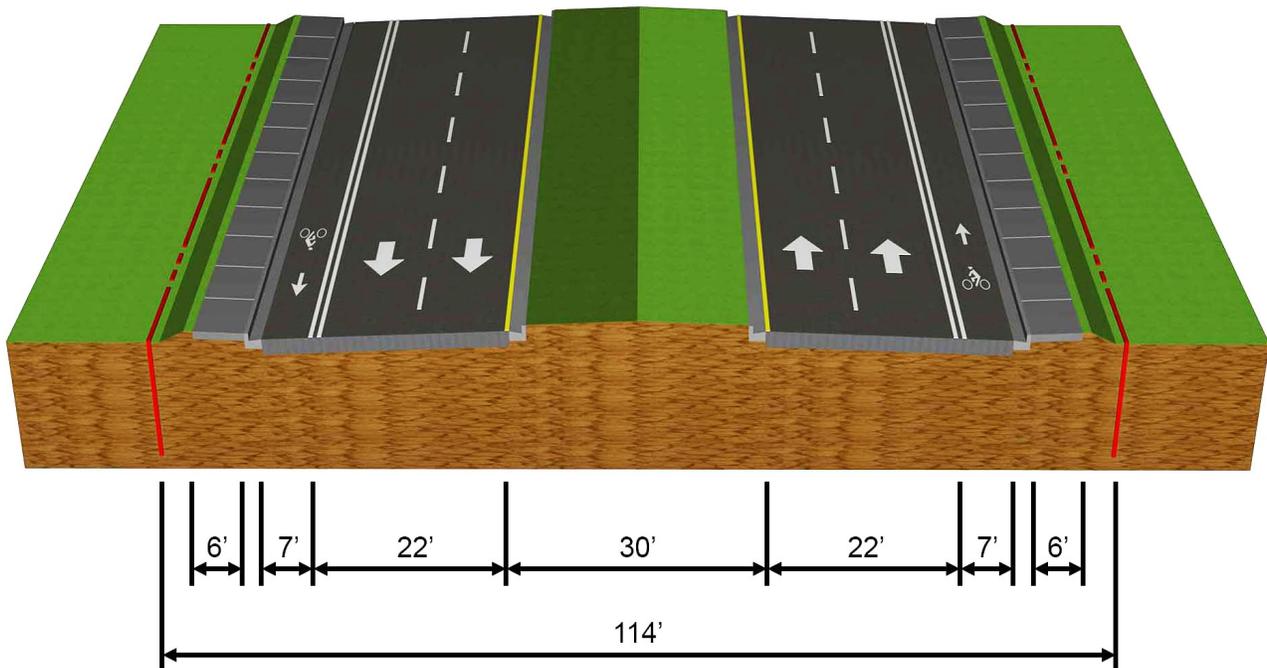
Need for Improvement

Harborview Road connects US 41 to I-75 directly north of the Peace River and is also designated as an emergency evacuation route. Within the project limits, Harborview Road is a two lane roadway. This segment is the only portion of Harborview Road between US 41 and I-75 that is a two lane roadway.

The need for the proposed widening of Harborview Road is indicated by a projected traffic volume increase from the current range of 7,800 to 8,500 vehicles per day to a range of 19,000 to 28,000 vehicles per day by the year 2045. The proposed widening improvements will accommodate increased traffic demand, including truck traffic, generated by projected growth in Charlotte County. The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO identifies this project in their 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan.

Preferred Alternative

The Preferred Alternative for Harborview Road includes four 11-foot travel lanes, curb and gutter along the inside and outside edges of pavement, and a 30-foot grassed median. Six-foot sidewalks and seven-foot buffered bicycle lanes will accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the corridor. The widening alignment shifts both north and south of the existing roadway to minimize impacts to the surrounding residences. The proposed improvements require 34 feet of proposed right-of-way, to be combined with the existing right-of-way for a total width of 114 feet. Additional right-of-way is also needed for offsite stormwater ponds. Existing access to properties along Harborview Road will change due to the addition of a median, a result of widening the road. Roundabouts will be included at Melbourne Street and the MPO entrance.



No-Build Alternative

Throughout this study, a “no-build” alternative is also considered and will remain a viable alternative as evaluations continue. The “no-build” alternative assumes that no improvements will be made to Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75 through 2045, except for routine maintenance.

Environmental Evaluations

FDOT evaluated environmental and socioeconomic factors related to the proposed widening in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and other federal requirements. The evaluation considered the project's effects on threatened and endangered species, wetlands and floodplains, cultural and historic resources, contamination sites, right-of-way acquisition and relocations, land use, stormwater management and permitting, noise, air quality, construction effects and aesthetics. Based on these evaluations, we do not anticipate significant effects to the environment associated with widening Harborview Road.

What Happens Next?

Following the public hearing and comment period, the study team will finalize engineering and environmental evaluations and project documentation. FDOT District One will make its final recommendation and submit the completed project document to OEM for acceptance. A legal advertisement announcing the acceptance of the study document will appear in the Charlotte Sun newspaper. FDOT anticipates completing the study by Summer 2019.

Right-of-Way

Maps on display this evening illustrate right-of-way, or property, FDOT needs to acquire to build the proposed roadway widening. FDOT carries out a right-of-way and relocation program in accordance with Section 339.09, Florida Statutes and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Act of 1970 to address these effects. Brochures are available this evening, as are the representatives from FDOT to discuss the right-of-way acquisition process with you. Please contact FDOT District One Right-of-Way Office by telephone at (863) 519-2401 during business hours, if you have additional questions about right-of-way.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

This hearing is developed in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and related statutes. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

Memorandum of Understanding

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.

Project Information

Information and graphics available on the project website at:

<http://www.swflroads.com/harborview/melbournesttoi75/>.

If you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please fill out a comment form with your contact information and place it in the comment boxes provided tonight. You may also submit it by mail to the address on the back of the comment form.



Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative	Preferred Alternative
Business Impacts		
Number of business relocations	0	0
Residential Impacts		
Number of residential relocations	0	3
Environmental Effects		
Archaeological/Historic sites (potential)	None	Medium
Public parks, recreation areas, or wildlife refuges	None	None
Religious facility relocations	None	None
Noise (potential)	None	Medium
Wetland (acres)	0	3.5
Historic Storage Basin (acre feet)	0	1.2
Threatened and endangered species (potential)	None	Medium
Contamination sites (high / medium)	None	0 / 0
Right-of-Way Needs		
Right-of-way to be acquired for roadway improvements (acres)	0	11.0
Right-of-way to be acquired for stormwater facilities (acres)	0	8.6
Right-of-way to be acquired for Historic Storage Basin Compensation (acres)	0	0.9
Estimated Total Project Costs (2018 Cost)		
Design	\$0	\$4,020,000
Wetland Mitigation Cost	\$0	\$269,000
Right-of-way cost for roadway	\$0	\$6,957,000
Right-of-way cost for stormwater facilities	\$0	\$1,522,000
Total Right-of-Way Cost	\$0	\$8,479,000
Total Construction Cost	\$0	\$29,050,000
Construction Engineering & Inspection	\$0	\$4,358,000
Preliminary Estimate of Total Project Cost	\$0	\$46,176,000

Notes:

- 1) Mitigation Cost is based on mitigation bank credit cost and an estimate of wetland function and value loss associated with wetland impacts.
- 2) Right-of-way cost estimates were prepared by FDOT in December 2018.
- 3) Construction costs were prepared by FDOT in February 2019.

Estimated Project Costs

Estimated costs shown in the Evaluation Matrix are based on present-day dollars and the best available information at the time of the PD&E study. Funding for the design phase is included in fiscal year 2020 of the FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Right-of-way acquisition is currently included in fiscal year 2023. There is currently no funding for the construction phase of this project.

Phase	Fiscal Year
Design	2020
Right-of-Way Acquisition	2023
Construction	Not Funded

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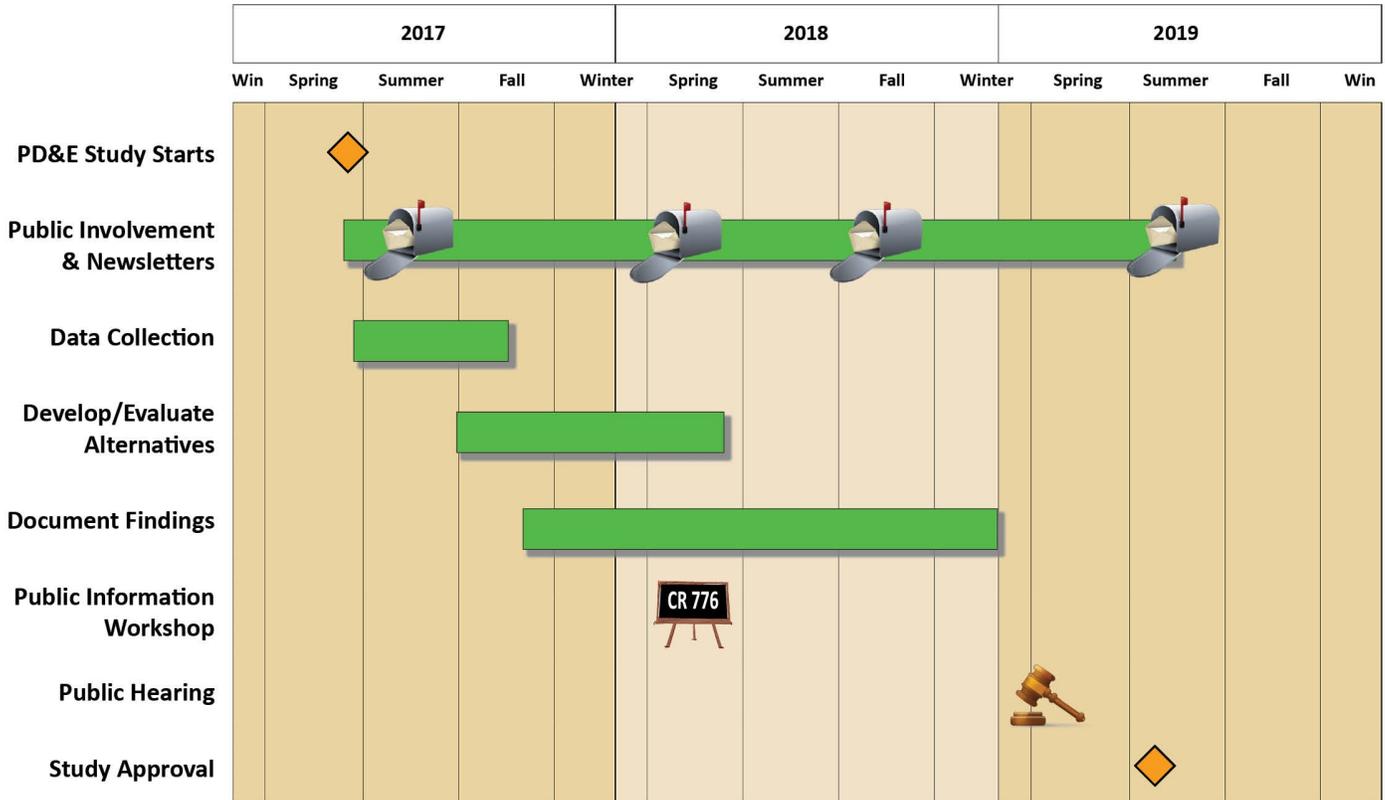




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From Melbourne Street to I-75
Charlotte County

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KEY

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- Public Information Workshop:
- Newsletter Mailed:
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Notes

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