



# SR 777 (RIVER ROAD) PD&E STUDY REEVALUATION FROM CENTER ROAD TO SOUTH OF I-75 PUBLIC HEARING

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November 21, 2024

## REEVALUATION PURPOSE

The Florida Department of Transportation is conducting a public hearing for the State Road (SR) 777 (River Road) from Center Road to south of Interstate 75 (I-75) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation. A PD&E Study was previously completed for River Road from US 41 to south of I-75 in 2004 by Sarasota County. This original PD&E Study included two segments: Segment 1 from US 41 to Center Road and Segment 2 from Center Road to just south of I-75. This PD&E Study was followed by a 2008 design change and right-of-way (ROW) reauthorization reevaluation which was approved by the Federal Highway Administration. Construction began on the section of River Road from US 41 to Center Road in February 2022 and includes widening from two lanes to six lanes.

FDOT District One determined that widening River Road from Center Road to south of I-75 from two lanes to six lanes will meet travel demand and enhance safety along this section of the roadway. To re-design this section of River Road, federal and state regulations require a PD&E Study Reevaluation to determine if any additional environmental impacts would result from the additional travel lanes and related project improvements.

This reevaluation will evaluate and document any changes in impacts to affected resources (social, cultural, natural, and physical), as well as any new impacts to resources. Proposed improvements include widening from two lanes to six lanes, a shared use path on both sides of River Road, two wildlife crossings, lighting, signalization, and stormwater management facilities.

## Hearing Agenda and Checklist

### 5 p.m. Open House

- View Project Boards
- Speak to Project Team

### 6 p.m. Formal Presentation

- Watch Presentation

### Comment Period Following Formal Presentation

- Provide Formal Comments

### 5:45 p.m. Live Online Attendees

- View Public Hearing Materials (available in the Chat Feature)

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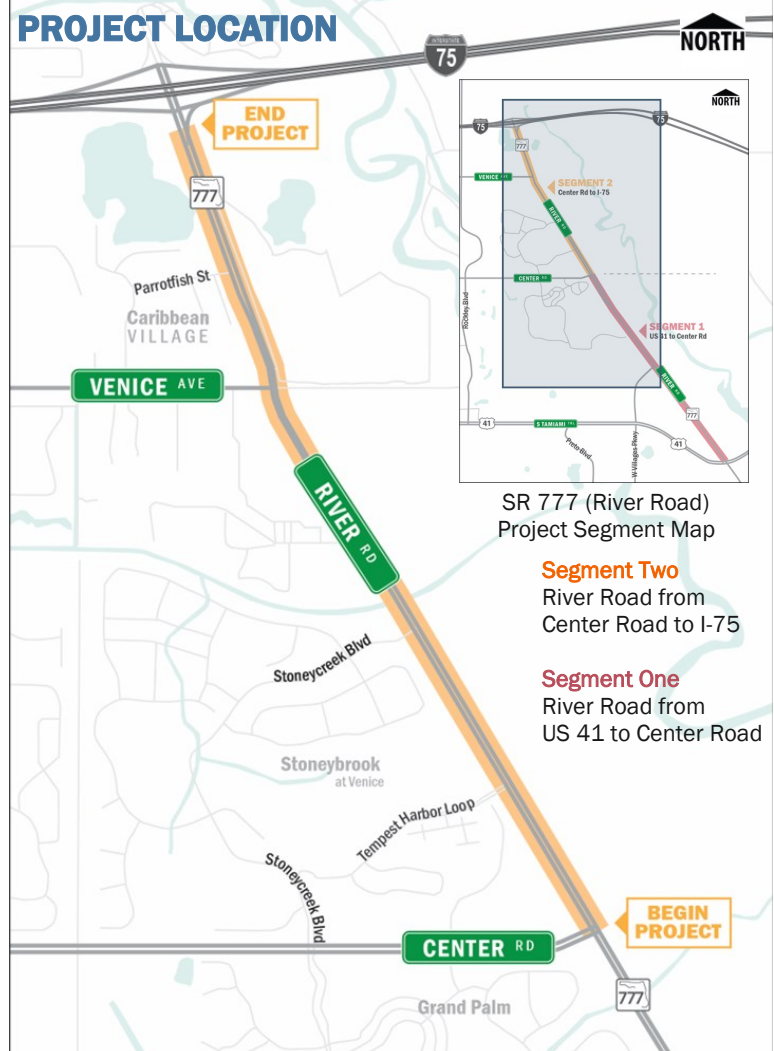
## STAY INFORMED

For the latest study information, schedule and upcoming events visit the project website or scan the QR code shown here.



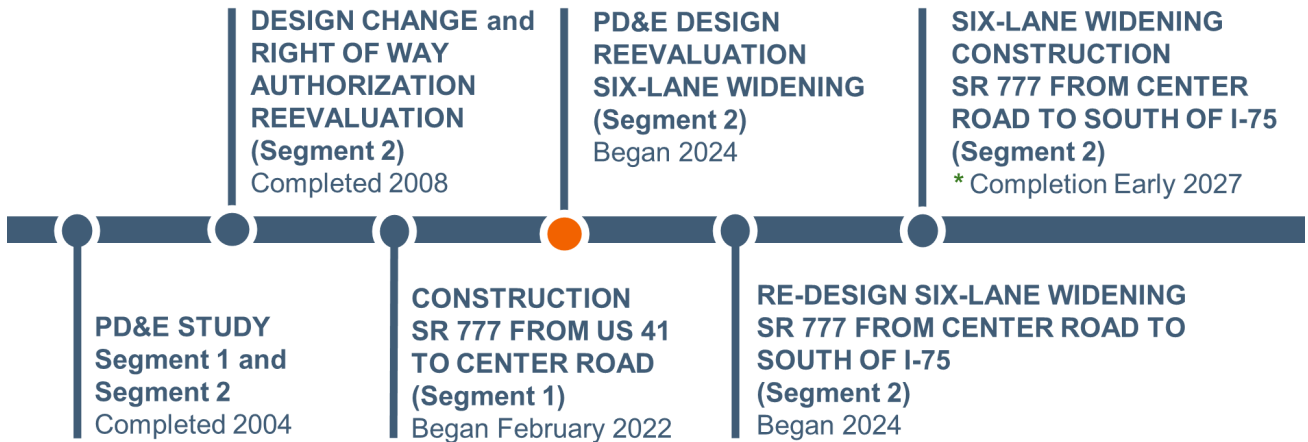
<https://www.swflroads.com/river-road-reevaluation>

## PROJECT LOCATION



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

WE ARE HERE



\*Schedule Subject to Change

## WAYS TO COMMENT

Submit a comment form in the Comment Box at the hearing tonight

Mail or email your comments postmarked by **December 2, 2024** to:

**Donald Holcomb, PE**  
**FDOT Project Representative**  
 Florida Department of Transportation  
 801 N. Broadway Ave, MS 1–40  
 Bartow, FL 33830  
 Email:  
 Donnie.Holcomb@hdrinc.com



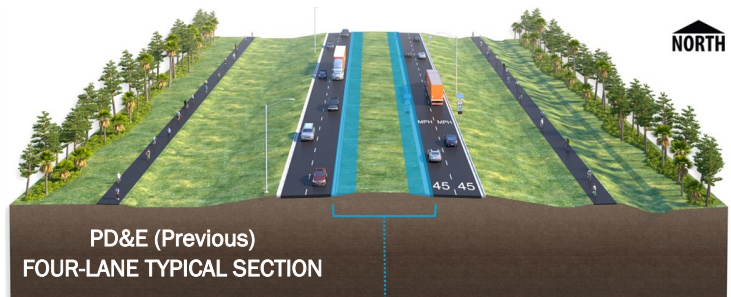
Visit the project website below or scan the QR code and submit your comment by **December 2, 2024**

All comments postmarked, emailed, or submitted through the website on or before **December 2, 2024**, will become part of the public hearing record.

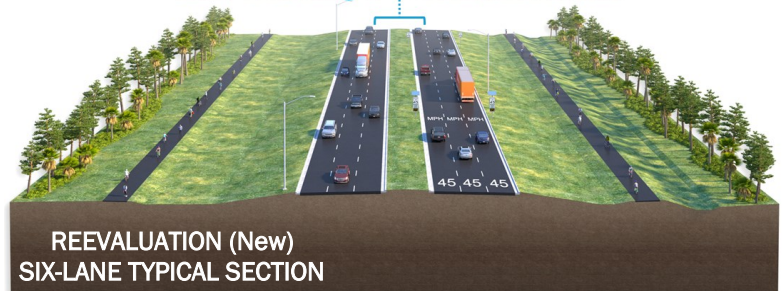
The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

## TYPICAL SECTION

- Additional two lanes will be to the inside towards the center median
- Includes two 10-foot-wide shared use paths
- Provides open ditches between the roadway and shared use path
- Provides street lighting in designated locations



### Lane Widening to the Inside Median



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District Title VI Coordinator, Florida Department of Transportation, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830 or by email at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) or at (863) 519-2287 at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.