Welcome

November 17, 2026

Public Meeting for the Design Phase of the Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation of State Road 45/ U.S. 41 from South of State Road 758 (Bee Ridge Road) to South of State Road 683/ U.S. 301
City of Sarasota

FDOT District One
Financial Project Identification Number
452784-1



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Public Meeting Notices

PUBLIC MEETING

State Road (S.R.) 45/U.S. 41 from South S.R. 758 (Bee Ridge Road) to South of S.R. 683 (U.S. 301)
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MEETING DATE: November 17, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public meeting on Tuesday, November 17, to discuss the Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation project that includes median modifications along State Road (S.R.) 45 /U.S. 41 from south of S.R. 758 (Bee Ridge Road) to south of S.R. 683 (U.S. 301).

FDOT provides multiple ways to participate.

In-Person Option:
Attend in person anytime November 17, Tuesday, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Sarasota County Selby Library, Jack J. Geldbart Auditorium, 1331 1st St, Sarasota, FL 34236. The open house format provides a video presentation that will replay automatically so attendees can arrive at their convenience and the project team will be available to answer questions for the duration. Attendees will also have the ability to submit comments.

Online Project Website:
For the communities' convenience and 24-hour access, all meeting materials including the project video will be available online the day before the meeting. This option also includes the option to comment online.

https://www.swflroads.com/project/452784-1

Comments:
While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send comments by December 1, 2026, to be included in the meeting record.

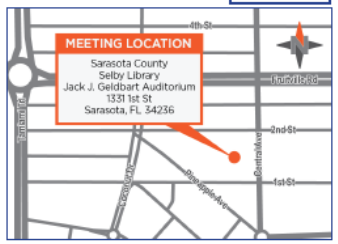
PUBLIC COMMENT

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet from the project limits to provide comments to FDOT regarding this project.

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact:
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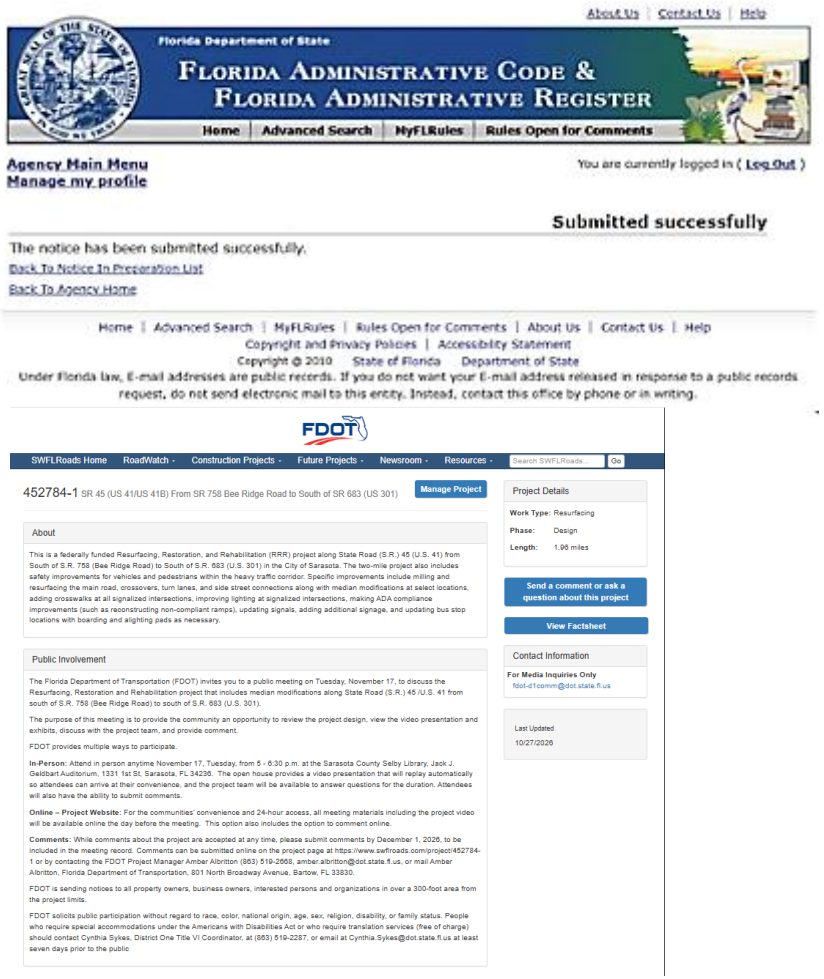
FOR PROJECT INFORMATION PLEASE SCAN



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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.

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Project Limits

State Road 45 (U.S. 41) from South of State Road 758 (Bee Ridge Road) to South of State Road 683 (U.S. 301), approximately 2 miles in length



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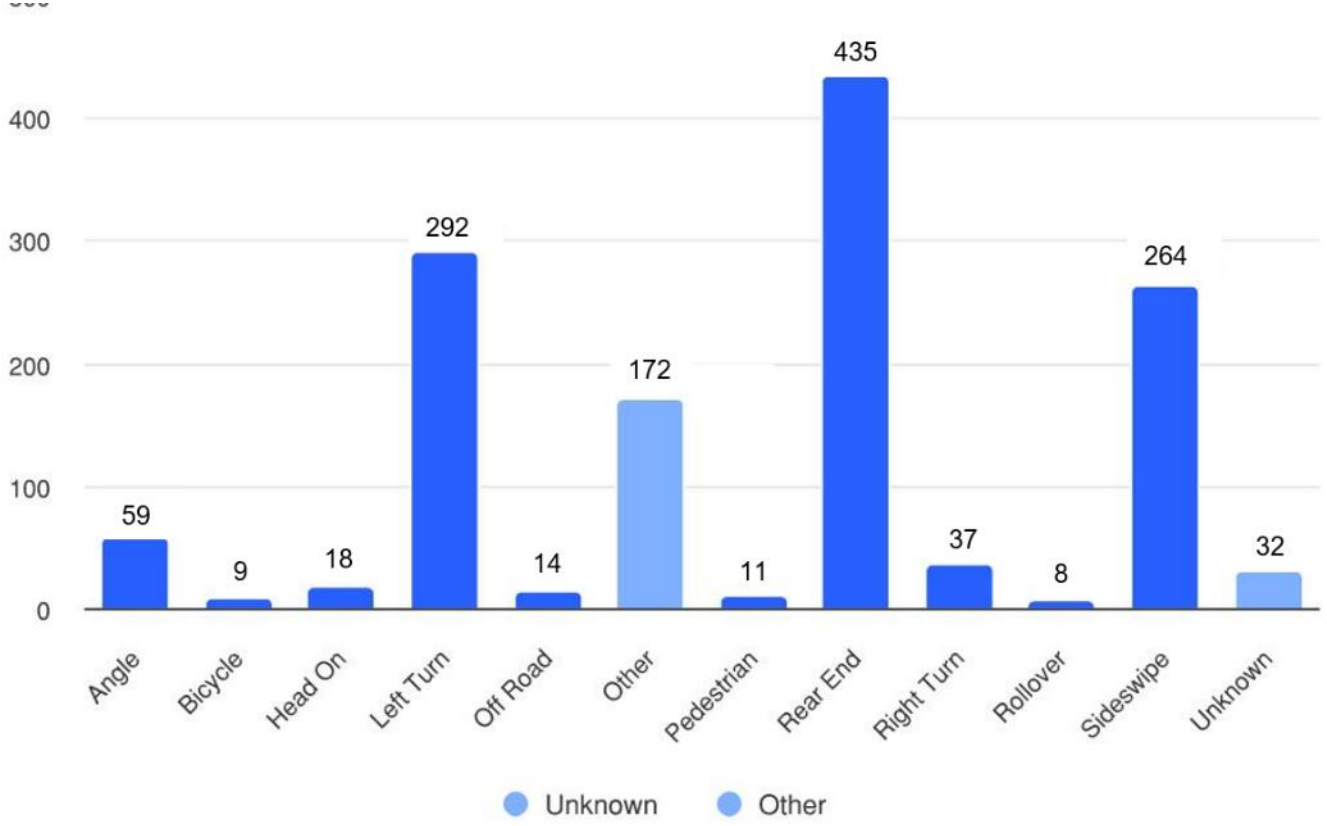
The Purpose of This Project

- **Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation** of U.S. 41 to extend the service life of the existing roadway, improve multimodal capacity and enhance safety
- RRR projects are identified and prioritized based on projections of pavement condition and are funded under FDOT's Pavement Resurfacing program
- Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes along the corridor by modifying the two-way left-turn lane and converting the median into left turn lanes



Crash Data in the Corridor

Crash Data from 2021 to 2026



Project Overview

The project includes:

- Milling and resurfacing the existing roadway, including left and right turn lanes, median openings, and side street connections
- Adding raised concrete medians and traffic separators to reduce the number of crashes in the corridor
- Adding crosswalks at all signalized intersections
- Updating signal technology and providing improved lighting at signalized intersections
- Upgrading drainage inlets at select intersections
- Upgrading pavement markings and signage to increase visibility
- Updating transit boarding and alighting pads



Why Are Improvements Being Proposed

Improved Safety

- Repaving the existing corridor with new roadway markings and signage
- Upgrading and modifying intersections helps reduce severe crashes and improve conditions at high-risk conflict points
- New pedestrian features improve safety and ensure crosswalks and curb ramps comply with current ADA standards



Corridor Connectivity

- Upgrading existing signals allows better communication with one another, reducing stops and easing congestion

Infrastructure Modernization

- Replacing older signal components extends the service life of the road network and modernizes intersection infrastructure

Comparing the Existing Roadway To The Proposed Design

- Maintains the same number of lanes
- Adds raised concrete medians and traffic separators to remove conflict points and improve safety
- Updates sidewalks and curb ramps for ADA compliance



- Modernizes traffic signal infrastructure
- Provides new roadway signage that has enhanced reflectivity to improve nighttime visibility
- Enhances street lighting at signalized intersections

Reducing Conflict Points through Access Management

Conflict Points

- *Areas where paths legally cross on a roadway*
- *More conflict points result in more crashes*
- *Reducing the number of conflict points increases safety*

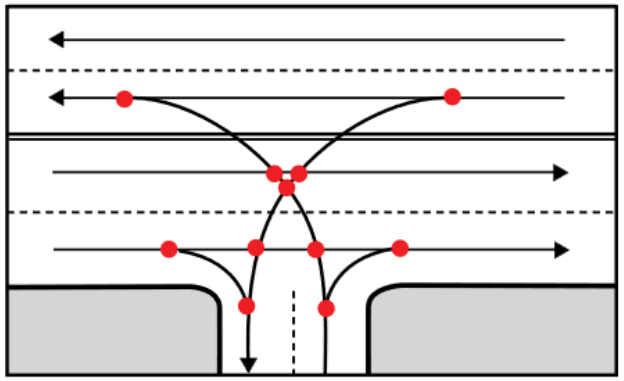
Replacing Two-Way Left Turn Lane with Raised Median

45%

Reduction in crashes

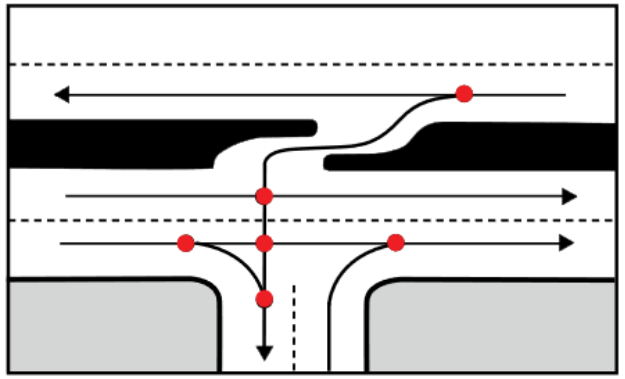
Source: 2019 FDOT Access Management Guidebook

Before Access Management



More Conflicts Points

After Access Management



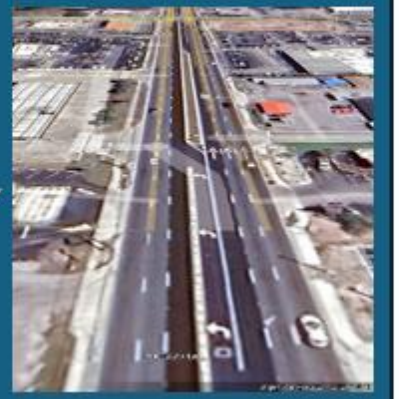
Fewer Conflicts Points

Substantial Improvement with Similar Designs

#1 – 444049-1 : US 41 FROM 63RD AVE W TO 53RD AVE W – CONSTRUCT A MEDIAN AND REPLACE THE EXISTING TWLTL



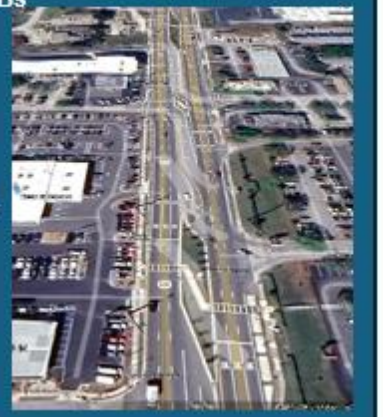
56% Less Fatal and Serous Injury Crashes



#5 – 446954-1 : SR 684 (CORTEZ RD W) FROM 26TH ST W TO 14TH ST W – Median Modification/Speed Management/PHBs



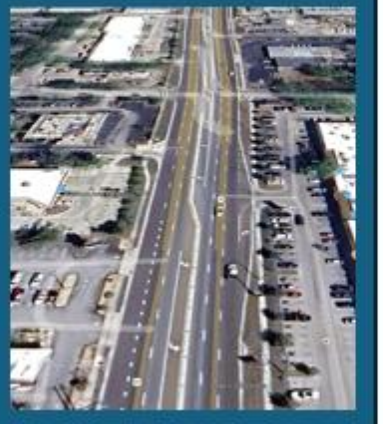
69% Less Fatal and Serous Injury Crashes



#11 – 438374-1 : US 41 FROM 301 BLVD TO 21ST AVE – CONSTRUCT A MEDIAN AND REPLACE THE EXISTING TWLTL



41% Less Fatal and Serous Injury Crashes



#58 447884-1 : SR 867 FROM CYPRESS LAKE DR TO EDINBURGH DR – CONSTRUCT A MEDIAN AND REPLACE THE EXISTING TWLTL



55% Less Fatal and Serous Injury Crashes



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Preliminary Roadway Design

From Siesta Drive (far left) to North of Bougainvillea Street (far right)



A larger image is available at the in-person meeting and on the project website

Public input is requested regarding potential locations for additional access within the raised median segments

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Proposed Roadway Design

From Webber Street (far left) to Arlington Street (far right)



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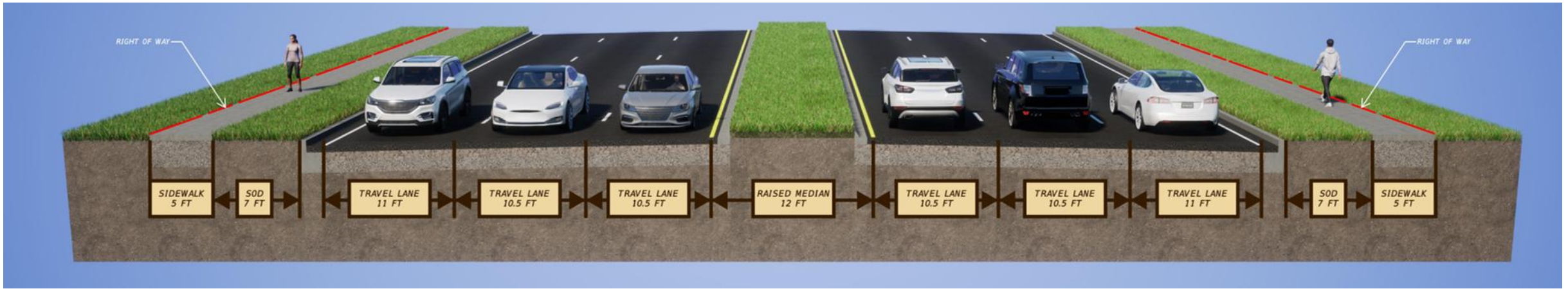
From South of Hawthorne Street (far left bottom) to Browning Street (right curve)

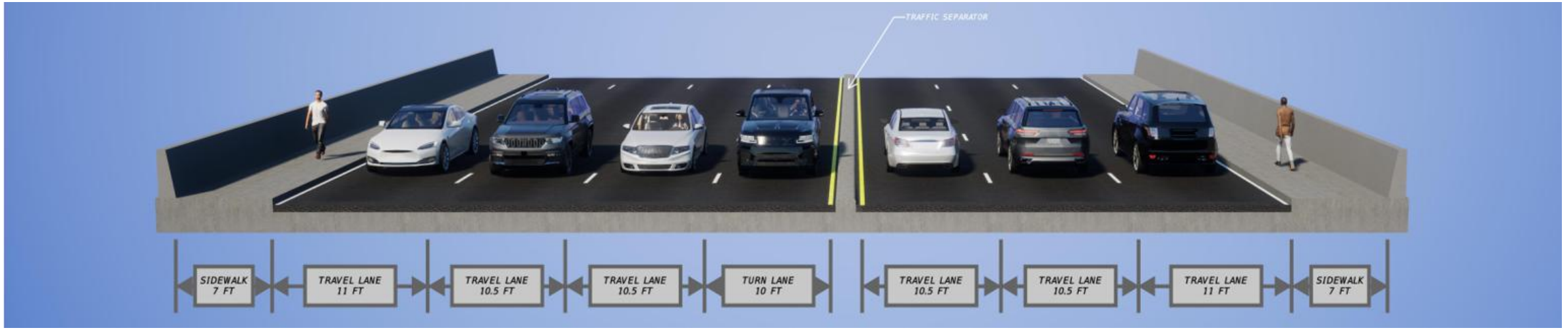


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Typical Roadway and Bridge Section





This project will have a proposed access management classification of 5

Long-term Benefits of the Project

- Maintains crucial transportation and emergency services infrastructure
- Improves the driving experience
- Reduces fatal and serious crashes
- Increases resilience to weather events
- Improves drainage at select locations
- Adds ADA compliant improvements



What To Expect Going Forward

Anticipated Project Schedule

Proposed 60% Design	Fall 2026			
Public Meeting	Fall 2026			
Final Design		Summer 2027		
Project Contract Letting			Fall 2027	
Construction				Winter 2028

What To Expect During Construction

- Access to businesses, residences, and bus stops will be maintained
- Work will occur in phases to reduce the impact on the community
- No complete road closures are expected
- Temporary lane closures are expected to occur during non-peak hours and predominantly overnight
- Roadway paving will be performed overnight to minimize inconvenience and limit traffic impacts
- Occasional daytime lane closures will be needed for center turn lane work



Continued - What To Expect



- Construction of the proposed raised concrete medians and traffic separators will require temporary traffic detours for vehicles coming from or accessing the affected side streets

- Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the duration of the project, with short-term detours

FDOT Appreciates Your Feedback

For the communities' convenience, there are multiple ways to provide comments

- Online at the project website
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- At the in-person public meeting today

- By contacting the FDOT Project Manager Amber Albritton.
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Let’s all make it home for the holidays. Move over when you see flashing lights.
ROAD RANGER

Thank you for joining us

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