

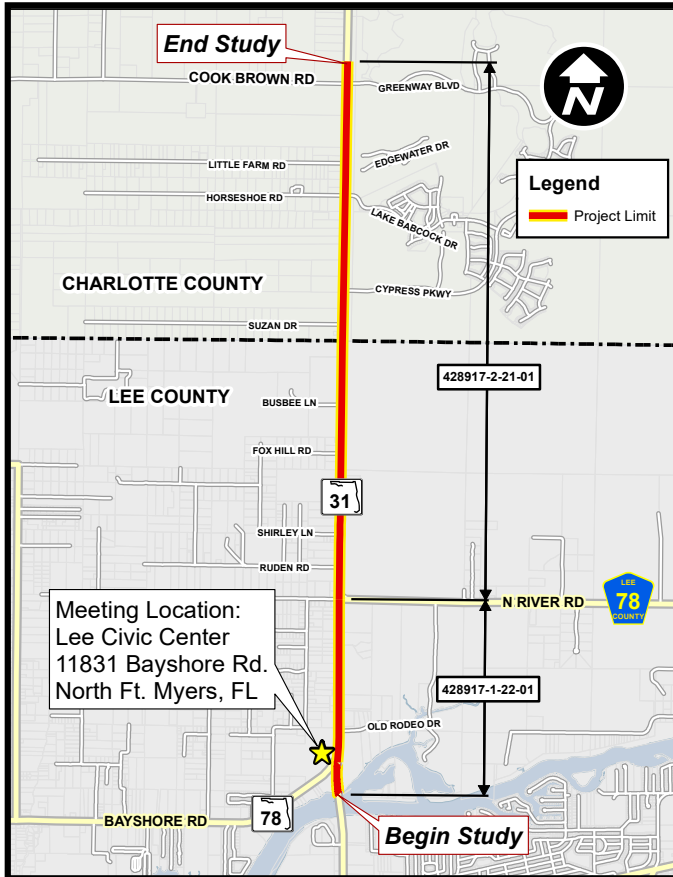


# State Road 31 from State Road 78 to Cook Brown Road

## Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

Financial Project Identification (FPID) Numbers:  
428917-1-22-01 and 428917-2-21-01

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### INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the State Road (SR) 31 Project Development and Environment Study from SR 78 to Cook Brown Road in Lee and Charlotte counties on Thursday, March 11, 2021. You can participate in-person or virtually. The in-person open-house will begin at 5 p.m. The virtual and in-person hearing and testimony portion will begin at 6 p.m.

The purpose of this project is to evaluate the potential widening of SR 31 from SR 78 to Cook Brown Road. The public hearing is being held to present information about the preferred alternative and engineering and environmental analysis completed to date. The hearing provides the opportunity for the public to offer feedback on the preferred alternative for the official hearing record.

### UPCOMING HEARING

FDOT has two ways to participate in the public hearing: online through the project webpages [www.swflroads.com/sr31/bayshorerdtoriverrd](http://www.swflroads.com/sr31/bayshorerdtoriverrd) or [www.swflroads.com/sr31/cr78tocookbrownrd](http://www.swflroads.com/sr31/cr78tocookbrownrd) or by attending the live event. All hearing materials, including the project video, will be available online one week prior to the live public hearing event. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person event. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments.

**ONLINE OPTION:** Attend virtually from a computer, tablet or mobile device. You can register in advance by visiting <http://bit.ly/SR31PDE> or the project webpage(s) or by scanning the QR code. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing online. **Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar. Please review the hearing materials online through the project website prior to this event.**



**PHONE OPTION (Listen Only):** Join the hearing in listen-only mode by dialing (914) 614-3221 and entering the passcode 961-698-442 when prompted. Callers may submit comments directly to the project manager by using the contact information listed on the back. **Please review the hearing materials online through the project website prior to calling in.**

**IN-PERSON OPTION:** Attend in person at the Lee Civic Center, Whaley Hall 11831 Bayshore Road, Fort Myers, Florida, 33917. FDOT requests advance registration to ensure all attendees are accommodated safely. To register, please visit [www.swflroads.com/sr31/bayshorerdtoriverrd](http://www.swflroads.com/sr31/bayshorerdtoriverrd) or [www.swflroads.com/sr31/cr78tocookbrownrd](http://www.swflroads.com/sr31/cr78tocookbrownrd) or contact the project manager. Attendees will be asked to follow all safety and sanitation guidelines, as well as adhere to any local ordinances. Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person hearing.

Project documents will be available for public viewing from February 18, 2021 to March 25, 2021 at the FDOT Southwest Area Office located at 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913 and at the Riverdale Branch Library located at 2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33905. They will also be available on the project webpages.

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### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project. Comments received by email, mail, virtually, or in-person will be treated the same. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by Thursday, March 25, 2021, to be included in the formal public hearing record.

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 hearing.

If you have any questions or comments about the project, please contact: FDOT Project Manager, Patrick Bateman, P.E. by phone at (863) 519-2792, email at [Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us), or by mail to the Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831-1249.