

Bradenton-Palmetto CONNECTOR

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Bradenton-Palmetto Connector Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

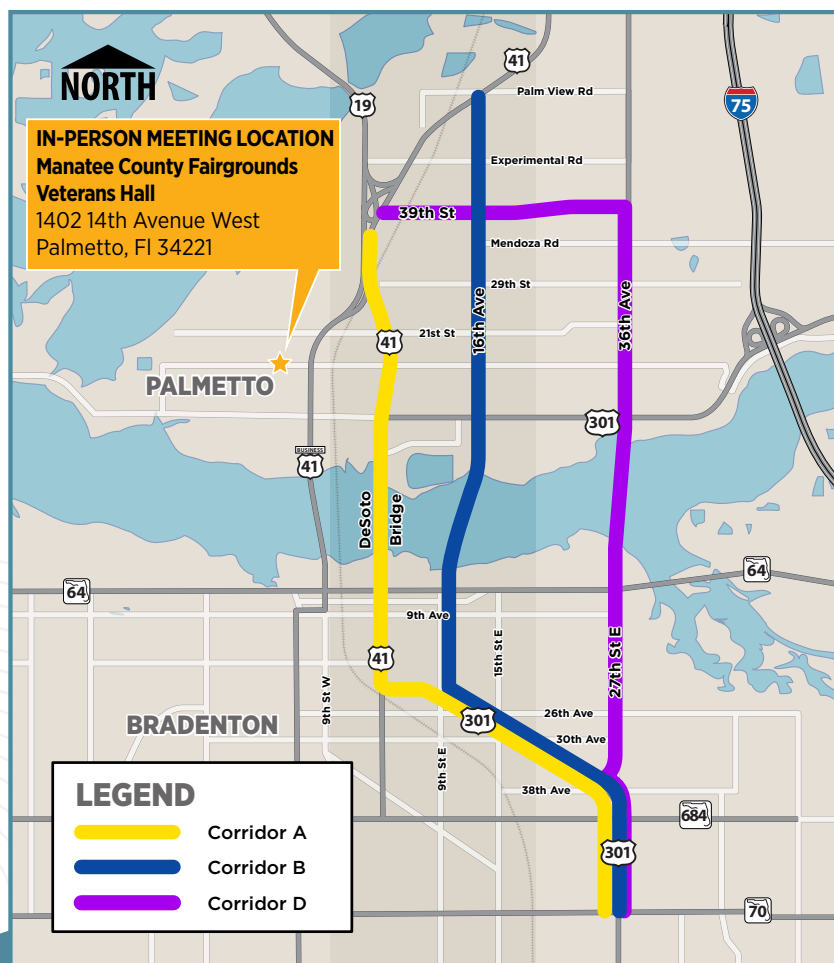
Manatee County, Florida

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to attend the Bradenton-Palmetto Connector PD&E Study Public Workshop on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

This study will evaluate alternatives to address improving regional mobility, accommodate transportation demand, and safety for all users, including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, freight, and transit across the Manatee River as part of the regional transportation system.

The Bradenton-Palmetto Connector Public Workshop 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 workshop live online or in-person. The same material will be displayed at both the in-person and online meetings and will be posted on the project website.



IN-PERSON OPTION

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Anytime between 5 - 7 p.m.

Manatee County Fairgrounds
Veterans Hall
1402 14th Avenue West
Palmetto, FL 34221

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

ONLINE OPTION

Register in advance:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc5h36aw>
Thursday, February 5, 2026
6 - 7 p.m.

*This event will include a viewing of the project video and a live question-and-answer component with the project team. Materials will be posted on the project website by **Tuesday, January 27, 2026** at (<https://www.swflroads.com/project/444843-1>)*





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ABOUT THE PROJECT

FDOT, District One, began a PD&E study in January 2025 to evaluate three corridor alternatives in Manatee County. The purpose of the project is to evaluate additional capacity and transportation demand across the Manatee River as part of the regional transportation system.

The need for the proposed project is based on the following criteria:

- Increase roadway capacity
- Address anticipated transportation demand
- Enhance safety

While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by **Monday, February 16, 2026**, to be included in the formal record.

CONTACT US

FDOT encourages the public to participate in the Bradenton-Palmetto Connector PD&E Study public workshop. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact:

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Visit the Project Webpage

<https://www.swflroads.com/project/444843-1>

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 at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

This planning project may be adopted into the environmental review process, 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:
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