

# Bradenton-Palmetto CONNECTOR

FPID: 444843-1

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

Manatee County, Florida

### PUBLIC HEARING - JULY 16, 2026

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to attend the Bradenton-Palmetto Connector PD&E Study Public Hearing on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

The Public Hearing is being conducted to present the Preferred Alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

You can participate live in-person or online. The information presented in either format will be the same, and all attendees will have the opportunity to comment.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

FDOT, District One began a PD&E in January 2025 to evaluate three corridor alternatives in Manatee County. The purpose of the project is to evaluate alternatives to address increasing roadway capacity, improving regional mobility, accommodate transportation demand, and safety for all users across the Manatee River.

Following the public workshop in February 2026, two of the three corridors were eliminated from further consideration, and the PD&E Study will be finalized focusing on improvements on Corridor A.

While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by **Monday July 27, 2026**, to be included in the formal record.

### SECTION 4(f)

The proposed project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act, and the project may result in a use within the meaning of Section 4(f). FDOT is seeking public review and comment on potential effects to protected activities, features, or attributes of Section 4(f) properties.

### IN-PERSON OPTION

**Thursday, July 16, 2026**

- 5 - 6 p.m. - Open house
- 6 p.m. - Formal presentation and comment

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

*Displays will be available starting at 5 p.m. to review at your own pace.*

*The project team will be available for discussion. The formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m.*

### ONLINE OPTION

**Register in advance:**

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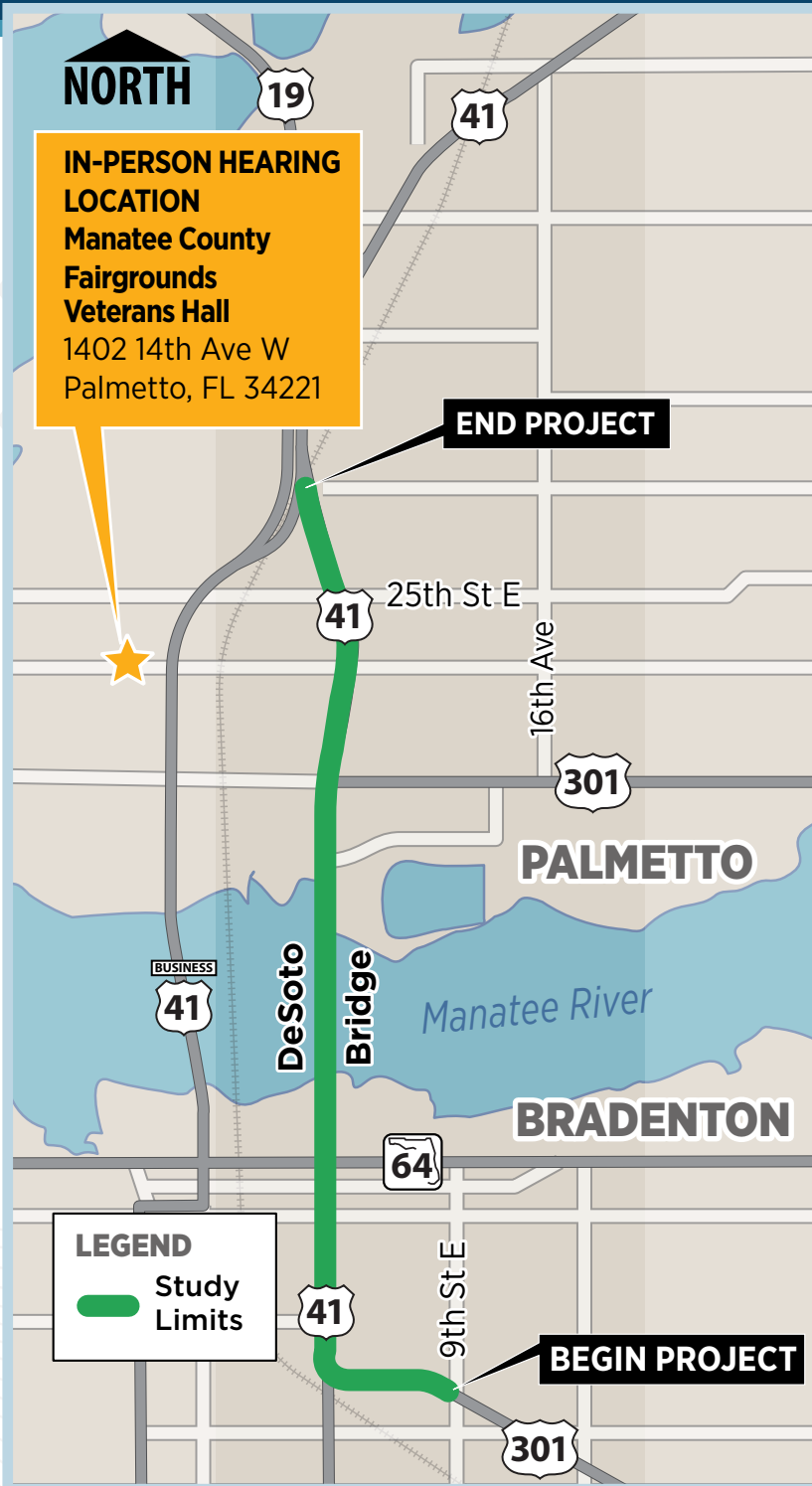
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**Thursday, July 16, 2026**

- 5:45 p.m. - Overview for how to submit a comment
- 6 p.m. - Formal presentation and comment

*This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and the formal comment portion. Materials will be posted by **Thursday, July 9, 2026** at [www.swflroads.com/project/444843-1](http://www.swflroads.com/project/444843-1)*





## CONTACT US

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

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## PROJECT TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Project documents are available for public viewing from Thursday, June 25, 2026 to Monday, July 27, 2026, online at

[www.swflroads.com/project/444843-1](http://www.swflroads.com/project/444843-1)

or in-person during normal business hours at the following locations:



### Central Library

1301 Barcarrota Boulevard West  
 Bradenton, FL 34205

### Palmetto Branch Library

923 6th Street West  
 Palmetto, FL 34221

### FDOT Manatee Operations Center

14000 East S.R. 64  
 Bradenton, FL 34212

**Copies will also be displayed at the in-person Public Hearing**

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 meeting.

The Environmental review, consultation, and other actions required 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 Información En Español** Por favor contacte a Karina Della Sera para información en español: [Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Karina.DellaSera@dot.state.fl.us) o 863-519-2750