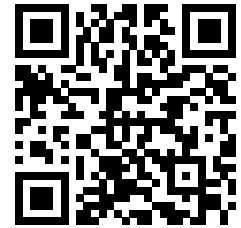


WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, welcomes you to the Public Hearing for proposed improvements to Combee Road between US 98 and North Crystal Lake Drive. FDOT is hosting this Public Hearing to provide you with the opportunity to express your views about the proposed improvements along Combee Road. Scan the QR code to view the online comment form and share your thoughts with us.

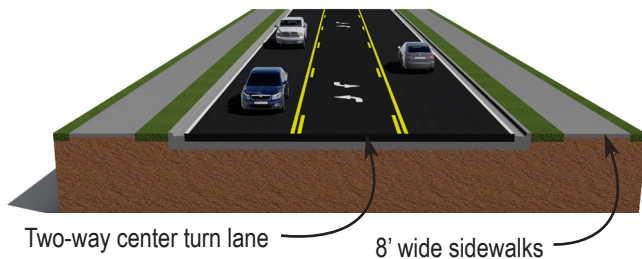


PROJECT OVERVIEW

The purpose of this PD&E study is to identify and evaluate potential impacts that may result from improving Combee Road from US 98 to North Crystal Lake Drive. FDOT recommends reconstructing Combee Road with a 13-foot-wide two-way left turn lane, one 12-foot-wide travel lane in each direction, and an 8-foot-wide sidewalk on both sides. Roundabouts are proposed at the intersections of Maine Avenue and Skyview Drive. The proposed improvements would require FDOT to acquire right-of-way to accommodate intersection improvements at US 98, Maine Avenue, Commerce Point Drive, and Skyview Drive. No residential or business relocations are proposed. Near the intersections of US 98, Maine Avenue, Commerce Point Drive, Industrial Park Drive, South Crystal Lake Drive, and Skyview Drive, existing access to properties along Combee Road would change due to the addition of a traffic separator. These traffic separators are necessary for improving safety.



PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



PROPOSED WORK AT CRYSTAL LAKE PARK

FDOT is proposing to use the existing stormwater pond within Crystal Lake Park for drainage needs. This stormwater pond may need to be expanded but no permanent impacts to the existing boardwalk or boat ramp are proposed. As part of the project development process and in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, FDOT is seeking a *de minimis* finding which confirms that impacts to park activities, features, and attributes are minimal. This hearing provides the opportunity for public comment on this proposed finding.

EVALUATION MATRIX


Evaluation Factors	No-Build	Preferred Alternative
Benefits		
Pedestrian Accommodations	Almost none	8-foot sidewalks
Bicycle Accommodations	On-road	On-road or wide sidewalk
Safety	No improvement	Improvement
Potential Environmental Impacts		
Archaeological Probability / Historical Sites (potential)	None	Low
Parks/Recreational Areas	None	Minor*
Wetlands (acres)	0	0.16
Surface Waters (acres)	0	0.31
Floodplain (acres)	0	0.32
Threatened and Endangered Species (potential)	None	Low
Contamination Sites Ranked as High/Medium Risk (number)	0	14
Property Impacts		
Utilities Relocated	None	Electric, Water
Right-of-way (acres)	0	4.6
Parcels (number)	0	11
Relocations (number)	0	0
Costs (Current Year \$)		
Design	\$0	\$2.75 M
Wetland Mitigation	\$0	\$58 k
Right-of-way	\$0	\$2.6 M
Construction	\$0	\$14.2 M
Construction Engineering & Inspection	\$0	\$1.4 M
Total Estimated Project Costs	\$0	\$21.0 M**


* Minor impacts to Crystal Lake Park are likely during construction of the drainage outfall pipe and pond improvements.


** Total estimated project costs include engineering, right-of-way, and construction but do not include utility relocations, environmental permits, or contamination remediation.

HOW TO SUBMIT A COMMENT

We encourage you to participate in the Combee Road public hearing. If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact FDOT Project Representative, Patrick Bateman, P.E.

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Project documents will be available for public viewing from October 28, 2021 to December 2, 2021 at the following locations:

1. Project website:
swflroads.com/sr659/us98toncrystallakedr
2. City of Lakeland City Hall, 228 S Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33801
3. FDOT District One Headquarters, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

This hearing is developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

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 December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.