

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCATION AND DESIGN CONCEPT ACCEPTANCE

SR 659 (Combee Road) from US 98 to North Crystal Lake Drive
Project Development and Environment Study
Financial Project Number: 440274-1-22-01

On September 2, 2022, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Office of Environmental Management (OEM) granted Location and Design Concept Acceptance for the SR 659 (Combee Road) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study in Polk County, Florida. The 1.4-mile study recommends reconstructing Combee Road with a 13-ft wide two-way left turn lane, one 12-ft wide travel lane in each direction, and an 8-ft wide sidewalk on both sides. The study recommendation also includes roundabouts at the intersections of Maine Avenue and Skyview Drive.

Approval of the recommended alternative is the result of the PD&E study that evaluated various alternatives for SR 659 (Combee Road) including the no-build alternative. The study included environmental and engineering analyses, a public involvement program, and interagency coordination.

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.

For more information about the PD&E study, please contact Patrick Bateman, P.E., FDOT Project Representative, at 863-519-2792, or e-mail to Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us. The project is currently in the design phase of development.