



## *Public Involvement Plan*

### **118<sup>th</sup> Avenue (CR 296) Connector Study from US 19 to East of the Roosevelt Connector**

PD&E Study

WPI No: 413622-1

FPID: 413622-1 22 01

County: Pinellas

**August 2004**



## *Public Involvement Plan*

### **118<sup>th</sup> Avenue (CR 296) Connector Study from US 19 to East of the Roosevelt Connector**

PD&E Study

WPI No: 413622-1

FPID: 413622-1 22 01

County: Pinellas

**In accordance with Part 1, Chapter 8 of the *PD&E Manual* this Public Involvement Program is submitted to the Project Manager for review and approval.**

Submitted By

\_\_\_\_\_  
American Consulting Engineers of Florida, LLC

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**August 2004**



## ***Public Involvement Program***

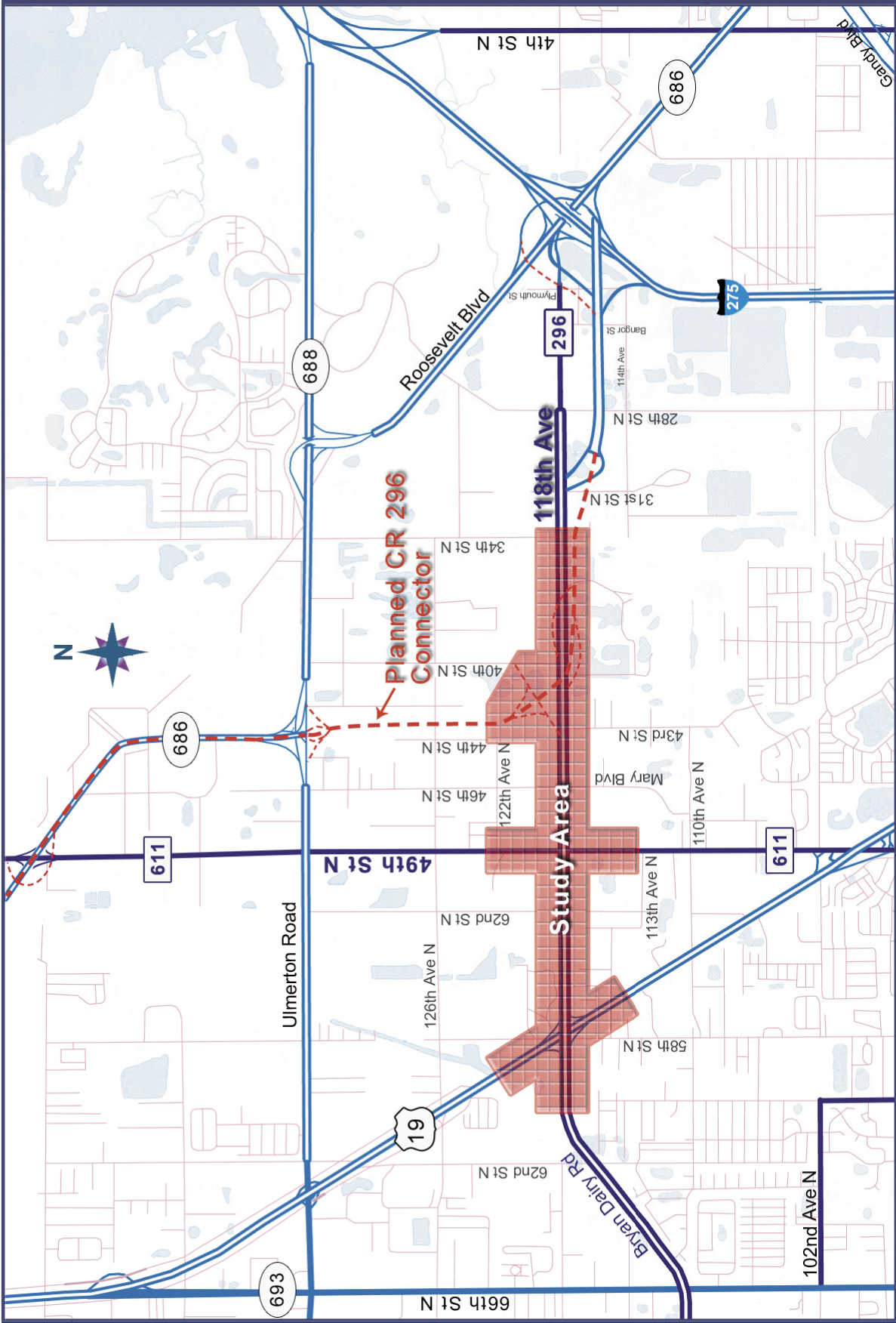
This program is in compliance with the Florida Department of Transportation's *Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual*, Section 339.155, Florida Statute (F.S.), Executive Orders 11990 and 11988, CEQ Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and 23 CFR 771.

The success of any transportation improvement is dependent upon a successful public outreach effort. Therefore, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is committed to conducting a pro-active public involvement program that focuses on soliciting community interaction throughout the project development process. It is believed that the positive value of implementing a strong public involvement program will result in public awareness of and support for the project.

This document outlines the various methods by which the FDOT will disseminate project information and solicit input from the community regarding local values and concerns. This public involvement program is a living document that will be updated as the project development phase progresses. The program specifies the public involvement approach to be taken with the project and the means that will be used to involve the public in the process. This includes a list of contact persons, media, officials and agencies that may be involved in the project. The collection of public input will occur throughout the PD&E Study's duration.

### **I. Description of Proposed Improvement**

<b>Project Name:</b>	118 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (CR 296) Connector, Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study
<b>FPID:</b>	413622-1 22 00
<b>WPI No:</b>	413622-1
<b>FAP No:</b>	TBD
<b>Project Limits:</b>	The study limits for the proposed 118 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (CR 296) Connector improvements are from US 19 to East of the Roosevelt Connector in Pinellas County, as shown on the following Figure 1.
<b>Proposed Activity:</b>	To conduct a PD&E study that establishes the location and design concepts for improving the connection and capacity of 118 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (CR 296) in Pinellas County.
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	Type II Categorical Exclusion



**Legend**

- Study Area
- Planned CR 296 Connector



**118th Avenue (CR 296) PD&E Study**  
**Project Location Map**  
 118th Avenue (CR 296)  
 from US 19 to East of Roosevelt / CR 296 Connector  
 Pinellas County, Florida  
 WPI Segment No.: 413622 1

Figure 1



## **II. Identification of Concerned Public**

### **A. Agencies**

The following Federal, State, Regional and Local agencies having an involvement with this project due to jurisdictional review or expressed interest have been identified. These agencies will be contacted either directly by the FDOT through the Advance Notification (AN) process at the outset of the project, in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 2 of the *PD&E Manual* or through the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process. The ETDM process uses an Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) as a formal review committee. The ETAT members are shown below the list of contacts. As other concerned public agencies are identified throughout the Study, they also will be listed and contacted. For names of contacts and addresses, please refer to Appendix A, Agencies Mailing List.

#### **Federal:**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Federal Railroad Administration – Office of Economic Analysis (FRA)  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IV (EPA)  
U.S. Department of Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)  
U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Regulatory Branch (COE)  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control

#### **State:**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)  
Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC)  
Federal-Aid Programs Coordinator, FDOT  
Central Office, FDOT

#### **Regional:**

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)

#### **Other:**

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Chairperson  
Muskogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Principal Chief  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama, Chairperson  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Principal Chief  
Seminole Tribe of Florida, Chairperson



**B. Elected and Appointed Officials and Local Agencies**

The following elected and appointed officials and local public interest groups or organizations having a direct or expressed interest in the project have been identified and will be contacted by the FDOT (Appendix B lists public officials names and addresses):

Federal Officials

Bill Nelson	United States Senator
Bob Graham	United States Senator
C.W. Bill Young	United States Representative (District 10)

State Officials

Jim Sebesta	State Senator (District 16)
Frank Farkas	State Representative (District 52)

Pinellas County Officials

Barbara Sheen Todd	Board of County Commissioners, District 1
Calvin D. Harris	Board of County Commissioners, District 2
Robert Stewart	Board of County Commissioners, District 3
Susan Lavala	Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, District 4
Karen Williams Seel	Board of County Commissioners, District 5
John Morroni	Vice-Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, District 6
Kenneth T. Welch	Board of County Commissioners, District 7

City of Pinellas Park Officials

Bill Mischler	Mayor
Rick Butler	Vice Mayor
Sandra Bradbury	Councilwoman
Patricia Bailey-Snook	Councilwoman
Ed Taylor III	Councilman
Michael Gustafson	City Manager
Diane Corna	City Clerk
Christopher Hammonds	Interim City Attorney

**Regional Agencies:**

Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) including Executive Director, Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), and the Citizens' Advisory Committees (CAC)

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)  
St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport

**Local Agencies:**

Pinellas County

Emergency Management  
Development Review Services  
Pinellas Planning Council  
Property Appraiser





## *Public Involvement Program*

County Administrator  
 Assistant County Administrator  
 Public Works/Engineering Department  
 Parks Department  
 Sheriff's Office  
 Utilities Department  
 Planning Department  
 Transportation Planning Administrator  
 School Board Superintendent  
 School Board Chairman

City of Pinellas Park  
 Public Works Department  
 Park & Recreation Department  
 Utilities Department  
 Planning Department  
 Engineering Services  
 Traffic Division  
 Police Department  
 Fire Department

**Public Interest Groups:**

Rita Bott, Executive Director - Pinellas Park/Mid County Chamber of Commerce  
 Betti Johnson, Principal Planner - TBRPC, Local Emergency Planning Committee

The following list of Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) members will be contracted directly through the ETDM process to solicit agency input and comments on the PD&E process.

**Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT)**

Name	Agency	Email
Al Bartolotta	Pinellas County MPO	<a href="mailto:abartolo@co.pinellas.fl.us">abartolo@co.pinellas.fl.us</a>
Anita Jackson	National Park Service	<a href="mailto:anita_j_jackson@nps.gov">anita_j_jackson@nps.gov</a>
Ted Bisterfeld	US Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="mailto:Bisterfeld.ted@epa.gov">Bisterfeld.ted@epa.gov</a>
Brian Yates	Fl Department of State	<a href="mailto:byates@mail.dos.state.fl.us">byates@mail.dos.state.fl.us</a>
Callee Davenport	US Fish and Wildlife Service	<a href="mailto:callee_davenport@fws.gov">callee_davenport@fws.gov</a>
C. Lynn Miller	Southwest Florida Water Management District	<a href="mailto:clmiller@swrf.net">clmiller@swrf.net</a>
Dennis Dix	Hernando County MPO	<a href="mailto:dennisd@hernando.fl.us">dennisd@hernando.fl.us</a>
Derek Scott	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	<a href="mailto:Derek.scott@fta.dot.gov">Derek.scott@fta.dot.gov</a>
Evelyn Smart	US Coast Guard	<a href="mailto:esmart@d7.uscg.mil">esmart@d7.uscg.mil</a>
Gary Maidhof	FDOT District 7	<a href="mailto:gary.maidhof@bocc.citrus.fl.us">gary.maidhof@bocc.citrus.fl.us</a>
James Beever	FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	<a href="mailto:james.beever@fwc.state.fl.us">james.beever@fwc.state.fl.us</a>
John Fellows	US Army Corps of Engineers	<a href="mailto:john.p.fellows@usace.army.mil">john.p.fellows@usace.army.mil</a>
Hayes Johnson	US Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="mailto:johnson.hayes@epa.gov">johnson.hayes@epa.gov</a>



## *Public Involvement Program*

Ken Metcalf	FL Department of Community Affairs	<a href="mailto:ken.metcalf@dca.state.fl.us">ken.metcalf@dca.state.fl.us</a>
Lindy McDowell	FL Department of Environmental Protection	<a href="mailto:lindy.mcdowell@dep.state.fl.us">lindy.mcdowell@dep.state.fl.us</a>
Mark Sramek	National Marine Fisheries Service	<a href="mailto:mark.sramek@noaa.gov">mark.sramek@noaa.gov</a>
Marvin Williams	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	<a href="mailto:marvin.williams@fhwa.dot.gov">marvin.williams@fhwa.dot.gov</a>
Manny Lajmiri	Pasco County MPO	<a href="mailto:mlajmiri@pascocountyfl.net">mlajmiri@pascocountyfl.net</a>
Keith Mousel	FL Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services	<a href="mailto:mouselk@doacs.state.fl.us">mouselk@doacs.state.fl.us</a>
Alan Powell	US Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="mailto:powell.alan@epa.gov">powell.alan@epa.gov</a>
Steve Terry	Miccosukee Tribe	<a href="mailto:stevet@miccosukeetribe.com">stevet@miccosukeetribe.com</a>
Terry Gilbert	FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	<a href="mailto:terry.gilbert@fwc.state.fl.us">terry.gilbert@fwc.state.fl.us</a>
Warren Henderson	Natural Resources Conservation Services	<a href="mailto:warren.henderson@fl.usda.gov">warren.henderson@fl.usda.gov</a>
Willard Steele	Seminole Tribe	<a href="mailto:wsteele@semtribe.com">wsteele@semtribe.com</a>
	Hillsborough County MPO	

### **III. Public Notification**

Public notification techniques are employed to notify the public of the proposed transportation improvement and to facilitate an early and continuous exchange of ideas and information with the community. Mass media used to carry public notices, news releases, public service announcements, news items and interviews are listed under their appropriate categories as follows:

#### **A. Legal/Display Newspaper Advertisements**

Legal/display advertisements will be published in the following newspapers announcing the location, date and time of the Alternatives Public Workshop and Public Hearing:

##### **Newspapers:**

St. Petersburg Times  
P.O. Box 1121  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
33731-1121

A quarter-page legal display advertisement announcing the Alternatives Public Workshop will be published five to twelve days prior to the Alternatives Public Workshop. News releases will be prepared for publication by the FDOT during the week of the Workshop.

A quarter-page legal display and advertisement announcing the Public Hearing will be published at least 21 days prior to the Hearing and again five to twelve days before the Hearing.





**B. Newsletters**

Three newsletters will be developed for this project and distributed at the following times:

- 1) The first newsletter will be distributed prior to the Public Workshop.
- 2) The second newsletter will be distributed prior to the Public Hearing.
- 3) The final newsletter will be distributed upon completion of the PD&E Study.

In addition, information will be provided to the adjacent 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue projects at U.S. 19 and at the CR 296 (Roosevelt Connector) for inclusion in their newsletters. Likewise, information will be solicited regarding the adjacent projects for inclusion in the newsletters for this project.

**C. News Releases to Local Media**

News releases will be prepared by the FDOT’s Community Involvement Specialist for distribution to the media by the District Public Information Officer. The following radio and television stations will receive news releases about the project as well as the previously listed newspapers:

**Radio:**

New Star 95.7, WSSR FM Clear Channel Communications 4002 Gandy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33611	The New Magic 94.9 FM - WWRM WSUN AM 620 11300 4 <sup>th</sup> Street North Suite 300 St. Petersburg, FL 33716	WQYK – FM 99.5 Infinity Broadcasting 5510 Gray Street, Suite 130 Tampa, FL 33609
98 Rock – WXTB FM Clear Channel Communications 4002 Gandy Blvd. Tampa, FL 33611	WFLA News Radio 970 AM WFLZ 93.3 FM 4002 Gandy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33611	WMNF – FM 88.5 Public Radio 1210 East Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Tampa, FL 33603-4449
The Bone WHPT 102.5 WHNZ 570 The Newstation 11300 4 <sup>th</sup> Street North Suite 300 St. Petersburg, Florida 33716	WTMP 1150 AM and 96.1 FM 5207 Washington Boulevard Tampa, FL 33619	The Dove WDUV 105.5 FM 877 Executive Center Drive, Suite 300 St. Petersburg, FL 33702

**Newspapers:**

St. Petersburg Times P.O. Box 1121 St. Petersburg, Florida 33731-1121	Weekly Challenger 2500 Ninth Street S. St. Petersburg, FL 33705	Florida Sentinel Bulletin 2207 E. 21 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Tampa, FL 33605
Tampa Tribune – Pinellas Edition 2560 Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard Suite 100 Clearwater, Florida 33725	Florida Administrative Weekly Department of State The Collins Building, Room L43 107 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250	



**Television:**

WTSP (CBS) TV –  
Channel 10  
11450 Gandy Boulevard  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

WTOG TV – (UPN)  
Channel 44  
3651 105<sup>th</sup> Terrace NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Bay News 9  
7901 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

WFLA (NBC) TV –  
Channel 8  
P.O. Box 1410  
Tampa, Florida 33601

WTVT (Fox) TV –  
Channel 13  
3213 W. Kennedy Blvd.  
Tampa, Florida 33609

WFTS (ABC) Tampa Bay –  
Channel 28  
4045 North Himes Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33607

**D. Invitational and Informational Letters**

A mailing list will be established and the following groups will be contacted to obtain input into the PD&E process and/or provide project information and introduce opportunities for public comment:

- Those whose property lies, in whole or in part, within 300 feet on either side of the centerline of each alternative alignment as required by Florida Statute (Section 339.155, F.S.). The property owner list will be compiled from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's office utilizing a GIS Database containing current tax maps and ownership records.
- Elected and appointed officials in the area (city, county, state, federal) and community leaders who have been identified have requested to be put on the mailing list.
- Permitting agencies and other federal, state and local agencies having jurisdiction within the project vicinity that have been identified and placed on the mailing list of officials, agencies and interested parties.
- Public and private groups, organizations, agencies, businesses or individuals that request to be placed on the mailing list for this project.
- Neighborhood Civic Associations in the project area.

**IV. Public Meetings**

The following public information meetings will be held to involve the public and interested agencies in the PD&E Study process and to inform interested parties of the project's current status:

**A. Public Official/ Agency Kickoff Meeting**

General coordination with the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff, committees, and officials during the Feasibility Study has occurred. Based upon input from this coordination, a project Kickoff Meeting will not be held. However, a letter will be sent to elected officials and agencies.



### **B. Coordination Meetings with Local Officials**

These meetings will be held prior to the Alternatives Public Workshop and the Public Hearing to inform local officials of the project status, the alternative alignment concepts and to receive their comments. Coordination will be accomplished by presentations upon request to the Pinellas County MPO, Pinellas Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), City of Pinellas Park Council, and the Pinellas Boards of County Commissioners. Presentation materials may include a fact sheet, conceptual design plans and comment forms.

### **C. Alternatives Public Workshop**

It is anticipated that one Alternatives Public Workshop will be held for this Study. The Workshop will be conducted at a location near the project limits and at convenient hours to accommodate and promote attendance. The Workshop will be conducted by the FDOT and advertised in the *St. Petersburg Times* as an informational meeting. To enhance the public's understanding of the Study and the need for the improvements, an audio/visual presentation will be prepared and shown at the Workshop. This video will be edited for use on local public access TV following the Workshop and Hearing. Board-mounted exhibits, concept plans on aerials, and a project brochure will be available at the Workshop to illustrate the various improvements under consideration.

The FDOT will individually notify elected and appointed officials on FDOT letterhead 25 days prior to the Workshop. Letters or newsletters will also be sent as invitations to all parties on the mailing list 21 days prior to the Workshop. A memorandum with a location map will be sent to the FDOT's Community Involvement Specialist for submittal to the Central Environmental Management Office and the Public Information office for distribution.

A briefing meeting will be held one week prior to the Alternatives Public Workshop with the FDOT and its representatives to discuss potential public issues and concerns. The Alternatives Public Workshop will present to the public the results of the Study to date and allow the public to express concerns, ask questions and make comments to be included in the project files.

Within two weeks following the Alternatives Public Workshop, a debriefing meeting will be held with the FDOT and their representatives to identify, review and discuss comments expressed by the public at the Workshop. The FDOT will address and respond to issues raised at the Workshop, as necessary, by letter, by distribution of news releases, or by other appropriate techniques. Responses to all written questions and comments will be summarized in a Comments and Coordination Report.

### **D. Public Hearing**

In compliance with the *PD&E Manual*, 23 CFR 771 and Section 339.155, P.S., a formal Public Hearing will be held for this project once the draft environmental document has been approved by FHWA. A quarter-page legal display advertisement will run in the *St. Petersburg Times*, once at least 21 days and again five to twelve days prior to the Hearing. Elected and appointed officials and agencies will be notified 25 days prior to the Hearing. Property owners and interested parties included on the mailing list will be notified at least 21 days prior to the Hearing. The Public Hearing will be held to involve the public and interested



parties in the PD&E process, to inform interested parties of the project's recommended alternative and to solicit comments for the official project record.

**E.      **Unscheduled Meetings and Presentations****

The FDOT and their representative (if required) will be available on short notice to attend meetings or make presentations. Such meetings and presentations may be held at any hour between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on any day of the week. Aerial maps, press releases, advertisements, audio/visual displays and other materials may be used for these meetings.

**V.   **Coordination with the City of Pinellas Park, Pinellas County, Pinellas County MPO****

Upon request, coordination meetings will be held by the FDOT with the City of Pinellas Park, Pinellas County, and Pinellas County MPO to discuss their concerns regarding the project and solicit comments. Presentation materials for these meetings may include the conceptual design plans and fact sheets. A list of regularly scheduled meetings for the Pinellas County MPO, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners, and the City Council meetings for the City of Pinellas Park for 2004 is included in Appendix C.

**VI.   **Alternatives Public Workshop/Public Hearing****

In compliance with the *PD&E Manual*, an Alternatives Public Workshop will be held after alternative concepts have been analyzed.

In compliance with the *PD&E Manual*, 23 CFR 771, and Section 339.155, FS, a Public Hearing will be held as part of the PD&E Study.

**A.      **Alternatives Public Workshop/Public Hearing Site****

Depending on schedule and availability, the Alternatives Public Workshop and Public Hearing may be held at one of the following locations:

Pinellas Park High School 6305 118th Ave. N Largo, FL 33773 (727) 538-7410	or Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School 6410 118th Ave. N Largo, FL 33773 (727) 547-4526
---	--

**B.      **Public Advertisements****

Legal display advertisements will be placed in the *St Petersburg Times*. A quarter-page display advertisement will be published 5 to 12 days prior to the Alternatives Public Workshop and at least 21 days and again five to twelve days prior to the Public Hearing. In addition, the Public Hearing will also be advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

**C.      **Letters of Invitation****

Letters of Invitation will be mailed to property owners, as required by Section 339.155, F.S., a minimum of 21 days prior to the Alternatives Public Workshop and the Public Hearing. Public officials and agencies will be notified a minimum of 25 days prior to the Workshop and Hearing.



**D. Workshop/Hearing Preparation**

An audio/visual presentation, conceptual design plans, brochure and comment form will be developed and made available at the Alternatives Public Workshop and Public Hearing. The audio/visual presentation will be edited for use on local public access TV following the Workshop/Hearing.

**E. Briefing Meeting**

The Department will hold a briefing meeting approximately one (1) week prior to the Alternatives Public Workshop and the Public Hearing. The meeting will be held at the FDOT with various Department staff and their representatives to discuss potential public issues or concerns. The Workshop and Hearing graphics, video, and brochure will also be presented for review and comment.

**F. Public Hearing Transcript**

A court reporter will prepare a verbatim transcript of the Public Hearing to include written and oral comments received at the Hearing and written comments postmarked ten days after the Hearing. The transcript will be forwarded to the District Environmental Management Office (EMO).

**G. Environmental/Engineering Documentation for Public Inspection**

Documents that may be made available at the Public Hearing for public review include the Draft Environmental Documents and other draft reports including: Preliminary Engineering Report, Noise Study Report, Air Quality Report, Wetland Evaluation Report, Threatened and Endangered Species Evaluation Report, Contamination Screening Evaluation Report, Cultural Resource Assessment Survey, Location Hydraulics Report, Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan and Conceptual Design Plans.

**H. Location of Documents for Public Review**

Public notice will be provided in the Public Hearing advertisement as to where the Study documents are located for public review. Public review sites will include:

- Pinellas Park Branch Library located at 7770 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Pinellas Park, Florida 33781 (corner of 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street), Pinellas County
- FDOT District VII EMO office

The referenced documents will be available for public review 21 days prior to the Public Hearing.

**I. Title VI and Title VIII Civil Rights Acts**

Information regarding the Title VI Program and the Relocation Assistance Program, which complies with Title VIII, will be provided at the Alternatives Public Workshop and Public Hearing. This information will be provided in the presentation, the handout and through availability of personnel on the Title VI Program and the Relocation Assistance Program that complies with Title VIII.



### **J. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance**

Notification of the Department's intent to comply with the ADA will be provided in the public advertisements, letters of invitation to property owners and local officials and by the selection of a public meeting site that meets all ADA requirements.

### **K. Alternative Public Workshop and Public Hearing Scrapbook**

Scrapbooks containing 11"x17" reproductions of the Alternatives Public Workshop and Public Hearing display boards, concept plans, presentation material, brochure and sign-in sheets will be provided to the FDOT. The scrapbook will also include a project description, a project location map, description of alternatives evaluated and shown, a list of documents on display and a summary of the Workshop or Hearing.

### **L. Debriefing**

A debriefing Meeting will be held with the project team approximately two weeks after the Workshop and Hearing. The purpose of the meeting is to identify, review and discuss comments and issues expressed by the public. Issues raised at the Workshop will be considered during the refinement of alternative concepts. Questions and comments received from the public, but not answered at the Hearing will be followed up after the Hearing. If a written response is necessary, the FDOT and their representatives will prepare all letters of response. A copy of all responses will be included in the project files and incorporated in the Comments and Coordination Report. This report will also summarize the responses to comments received from the Advance Notification process, the Alternatives Public Workshop, local government meetings, MPO meetings and any informal meetings.

## **VII. Recommendation Notice**

Once all comments are addressed and FHWA approves the final environmental document and grants Location Design Acceptance (LDA), a legal advertisement announcing FHWA's approval will be prepared and published by FDOT in the *St Petersburg Times*. Notification will be sent to all individuals on the Public Hearing mailing list (including property owners, elected officials and agencies) by newsletter to inform them of FHWA's approval of the environmental document. This notice shall include the date the document was signed by FHWA, a brief description of the alternative selected, the schedule for remaining phases and the name of the design project manager (if it has been assigned).

## **VIII. Comments and Coordination Report**

A Comments and Coordination Report will be developed to summarize the coordination with local officials. This report will also summarize the comments and responses, results and recommendation of the Informal Meetings, Alternatives Public Workshop and Public Hearing. In addition, this report will contain other public involvement techniques utilized in the study process such as the Advance Notification responses.

## **IX. Location Design Acceptance (LDA) and Public Notice**

In compliance with the *PD&E Manual*, a public notice will be prepared and published by the FDOT in the *St Petersburg Times*. This notice will inform the public that LDA has been received and the schedule for the next phase of the projects development. This notice shall





## *Public Involvement Program*

---

include the date the document was signed by FHWA, a brief description of the alternative selected, the schedule for remaining phases and the name of the design project manager (if it has been assigned).

### **X. Public Information During Design and Construction**

Additional public information techniques such as a Community Awareness Plan may be employed during the proposed project's design and construction phases following the PD&E Study phase to keep the public informed of the project's design and construction status.

### **Appendices**

- A. Public Involvement Program Agencies Mailing List
- B. Public Involvement Program Public Officials/Public Interest Groups Mailing List
- C. 2004 Meeting Schedules

# **Appendix A**

**Public Involvement Program**

**Agencies Mailing List**

**APPENDIX A**  
**Public Involvement Program Agencies Mailing List**

---

**Federal**

Mr. John Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator  
Region IV  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Mr. Bruce Dawson, Field Manager  
Eastern States Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of Interior  
411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404  
Jackson, MS 39206

Mr. Peter Benjamin, Supervisor  
Fish & Wildlife Service  
U.S. Department of Interior  
6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310  
Jacksonville, FL 32216-0958

Mr. James E. St. John, Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administrator  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Mr. Kenneth O. Burris, Jr., Regional Director  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Region IV  
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341-4148

Mr. Fred Dennin, Regional Administrator  
Office of Economic Analysis  
Federal Railroad Administration  
61 Forsyth Street S.W., Suite 16T20  
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Ms. Linda Poythress, Supervisory Environmental Officer  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Richard B. Russell Federal Building  
75 Spring Street S.W.  
Atlanta, FL 30303-3309

Dr. Chip Grout, Director  
Environmental Affairs Program, M.S. 423  
U.S. Geological Services  
U.S. Department of Interior  
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Room 2D318  
Reston, VA 20192

Dr. Richard Jackson, MD, Director  
National Center for Environmental Health  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
4700 Buford Highway NE, M/S F-29  
Atlanta, GA 30341

Dr. John R. Hall, PhD., Chief  
Regulatory Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
701 San Marco Boulevard  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

---

## State

Ms. Carolyn Ismart, Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Environmental Management Office  
605 Suwannee Street, (MS-37)  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Federal-Aid Program Coordinator  
Florida Department of Transportation  
M.S. 35  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Mr. Brian S. Barnett, Interim Director  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Office of Environmental Service  
620 South Meridian Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

Ms. Janet Matthews, Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Florida Department of State  
Division of Historical Resources  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0225

Ms. Deborah Getzoff  
Director  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Southwest District  
3804 Coconut Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 36619

---

## Regional

Mr. Paul Bertels, Chairperson  
Pinellas County MPO  
Pinellas County Technical Coordinating Committee  
600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750  
Clearwater, FL 33755

Mr. Ned Allen, Chairperson  
Pinellas County MPO  
Pinellas County Citizens' Advisory Committee  
600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750  
Clearwater, FL 33755

Mr. Brian Smith, Executive Director  
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750  
Clearwater, FL 33755

Mr. Manny L. Pumariega, Executive Director  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100  
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Mr. Roger Sweeney, Executive Director  
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)  
14840 49th Street North  
Clearwater, FL 33762-2893

Mr. Noah Lagos, Executive Director  
St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport  
14700 Terminal Boulevard, Suite 221  
Clearwater, FL 33762

---

## Local - Pinellas County

Mr. Paul Cassel, Director  
Pinellas County Development Review Services  
310 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Ms. Sarah Ward  
Transportation Planning Administrator  
Pinellas County Planning Department  
600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750  
Clearwater, FL 33755

Ms. Jan R. Herbest P.E. Director  
Pinellas County Public Works/Engineering Dept.  
440 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dr. J. Howard Hinesley, Superintendent  
Pinellas County School Board  
301 4th Street S.W.  
Largo, FL 33770-3599

Ms. Diana Kyle, Director  
Pinellas County Parks Department  
631 Chestnut Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Mr. Keith Wicks, P.E., Assistant County Administrator  
Pinellas County  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Mr. Steve Spratt, County Administrator  
Pinellas County  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Mr. David P. Healey, Director  
Pinellas Planning Council (PPC)  
600 Cleveland Street, Suite 850  
Clearwater, FL 33755-4160

Mr. David R. Bilodeau, Director  
Pinellas County Emergency Management  
400 South Ft. Harrison Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Mr. Pick Talley, Director  
Pinellas County Utilities Department  
14 South Ft. Harrison Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Mr. Jim Smith, CFA, Property Appraiser  
Pinellas County  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Sheriff Everett S. Rice  
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
10750 Ulmerton Road  
Largo, FL 33778

Mr. Brian Smith  
Pinellas County Planning, Executive Director  
600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750  
Clearwater, FL 33755

Ms. Jane Gallucci, Chairman  
Pinellas County School Board  
301 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Largo, FL 33770

---

## Local - City Pinellas Park

Director  
Public Works Department  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Director  
Parks & Recreation Department  
City of Pinellas Park  
7780 60<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Director  
Utilities Department  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Director  
Planning Department  
City of Pinellas Park  
6051 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780-1100

Director  
Engineering Services  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Director  
Traffic Division  
City of Pinellas Park  
6051 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Chief of Police  
Police Department  
City of Pinellas Park  
7700 59<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Fire Chief  
Fire Department  
City of Pinellas Park  
11350 43<sup>rd</sup> Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780



# **Appendix B**

## **Public Involvement Program**

### **Public Officials/Public Interest Groups Mailing List**

**APPENDIX B**  
**Public Involvement Program Public Officials/Public Interest Groups Mailing List**

---

**Federal Officials**

The Honorable C.W. Young  
U.S. Tenth Congressional District  
801 West Bay Drive, Suite 606  
Largo, FL 33770

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
United States Senator  
U.S. Courthouse Annex  
111 N. Adams Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

The Honorable Bob Graham  
United States Senator  
625 East Twiggs Street, Suite 500  
Tampa, FL 33602

---

**State Officials**

The Honorable Frank Farkas  
State Representative, District 52  
1510 4<sup>th</sup> Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33704-4412

The Honorable Jim Sebesta  
State Senator, District 20  
9887 4th Street North, Suite 319  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702

---

**City of Pinellas Park**

The Honorable Sandra Bradbury  
Councilwoman  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

The Honorable Ed Taylor, III  
Councilman  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

The Honorable Bill Mischler  
Mayor  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

The Honorable Patricia Bailey-Snook  
Councilwoman  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Mr. Christopher Hammonds  
Interim City Attorney  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Mr. Michael Gustafson  
City Manager  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

Ms. Diane Corna  
City Clerk  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

The Honorable Rick Butler  
Vice Mayor  
City of Pinellas Park  
5141 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33780

---

## **Pinellas County Officials**

The Honorable Barbara Sheen Todd  
Pinellas County Commission, District 1  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

The Honorable Karen Williams Seel  
Pinellas County Commission, District 5  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

The Honorable Robert Stewart  
Pinellas County Commission, District 3  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

The Honorable Kenneth T. Welch  
Pinellas County Commission, District 7  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

The Honorable Susan Latvala - Chairman  
Pinellas County Commission, District 4  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

The Honorable Calvin D. Harris  
Pinellas County Commission, District 2  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

The Honorable John Morrone – Vice Chairman  
Pinellas County Commission, District 6  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Betti Johnson, Principal Planner  
Tampa Bay Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100  
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Ms. Rita Bott, Executive Director  
Pinellas Park/Mid-County Chamber of Commerce  
Parkside Mall  
7200 US 19, Suite 326  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

---

## Other - Indian

The Honorable Mitchell Cypress  
Chairman  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
6300 Stirling Road  
Hollywood, FL 33024

cc: Mr. Steve Terry  
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians  
Tamiami Station  
P.O. Box 440021  
Miami, FL 33144

cc: Dr. Patricia Wickman, PhD.  
Dept. of Anthropology & Genealogy  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
6300 Stirling Road  
Hollywood, FL 33024

The Honorable Eddie Tullis, Chairman  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502

The Honorable R. Perry Beaver  
Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

cc: William (Bill) Day  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Chief Consultants  
128 Olive Street  
Pineville, LA, 71360

The Honorable Jerry Haney  
Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
1223 Sherry Lane  
Shawnee, OK 74801

Mr. Emman Spain, NAGPRA Coordinator  
Historic Preservation Office  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 1498  
Wewoka, OK 74884

The Honorable Billy Cypress  
Chairman  
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians  
Tamiami Station  
P.O. Box 440021  
Miami, FL 33144

# **Appendix C**

**Public Involvement Program**

**Agencies 2004 Meeting Schedule**

COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE  
2004

November 25, 2003

MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) (2nd Wed.) 1:00 pm	CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) (4th Thurs.) 7:00 pm	TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee) (4th Wed.) 2:00 pm	TS&MC (Traffic Signal and Median Control Committee) (4th Wed.) 10:00 am	BAC (Bicycle Advisory Committee) (4th Monday) 8:30 am	PTAC (Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee) (3rd Monday)	LCB (Local Coordinating Committee) (every other month)	PINELLAS TRAFFIC SECURITY TASK FORCE (every 3rd month)	CPA (Countywide Planning Authority)
01/14/2004	01/22/2004	01/28/2004	01/28/2004 (if needed)	01/26/2004	01/??/2004**	01/20/2004	01/13/2004	01/06/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
02/11/2004	02/26/2004	02/25/2004	02/25/2004 (if needed)	02/23/2004	02/16/2004	-----	-----	02/03/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
03/10/2004	03/25/2004	03/24/2004	03/24/2004 (if needed)	03/22/2004	03/15/2004	03/16/2004	-----	03/09/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
04/14/2004	04/22/2004	04/28/2004	04/28/2004 (if needed)	04/26/2004	04/19/2004	-----	04/13/2004	04/13/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
05/12/2004	05/27/2004	05/26/2004	05/26/2004 (if needed)	05/24/2004	05/17/2004	05/18/2004	-----	05/11/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
06/09/2004	Cancelled	06/23/2004	06/23/2004 (if needed)	06/28/2004*	06/21/2004	-----	-----	06/15/2004* (6:30 p.m.)
07/14/2004****	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	07/26/2004*	07/19/2004*	07/20/2004	07/13/2004	07/13/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
08/11/2004****	08/26/2004	08/25/2004	08/25/2004 (if needed)	08/23/2004	08/16/2004*	-----	-----	08/10/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
09/08/2004	09/23/2004	09/22/2004	09/22/2004 (if needed)	09/27/2004	09/20/2004	09/21/2004	-----	09/21/2004* (6:30 p.m.)
10/13/2004	10/28/2004	10/27/2004	10/27/2004 (if needed)	10/25/2004	10/18/2004	-----	10/12/2004	10/05/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
11/10/2004	12/02/2004	12/01/2004	12/01/2004 (if needed)	11/22/2004*	11/15/2004	11/16/2004	-----	11/02/2004* (9:30 a.m.)
12/08/2004	12/02/2004	12/01/2004	12/01/2004 (if needed)	12/27/2004*	12/20/2004	-----	-----	12/07/2004* (9:30 a.m.)

\* Subject to Change

\*\* To Be Scheduled at a Later Date

\*\*\* Scheduled on an As-Needed Basis

\*\*\*\* Will determine by phone poll at a later time which meeting to cancel



## Pinellas County Event Calendar

July 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 9:30 a.m. BCC Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 3 p.m. BCC Meeting	28	29	30	31

Powered by [WebEvent](#) (tm).

[Home](#) | [About Pinellas](#) | [Privacy](#) | [Disclaimer](#)

## Pinellas County Event Calendar

August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <b>9:30 a.m. BCC Meeting</b>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <b>3 p.m. BCC Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Zoning and other Public Hearings	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Powered by [WebEvent \(tm\)](#).

[Home](#) | 
 [About Pinellas](#) | 
 [Privacy](#) | 
 [Disclaimer](#)

## Pinellas County Event Calendar

September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	<b>3 p.m. BCC Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Zoning and other Public Hearings	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	<b>3 p.m. BCC Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Zoning and other Public Hearings	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Powered by [WebEvent \(tm\)](#).

[Home](#) | 
 [About Pinellas](#) | 
 [Privacy](#) | 
 [Disclaimer](#)

## Pinellas County Event Calendar

October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5 <b>9:30 a.m. BCC Meeting</b>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <b>3 p.m. BCC Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Zoning and other Public Hearings	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2 <b>9:30 a.m. BCC Meeting</b>	3	4	5	6

Powered by [WebEvent \(tm\)](#).

[Home](#) | [About Pinellas](#) | [Privacy](#) | [Disclaimer](#)



## Pinellas County Event Calendar

November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 <b>9:30 a.m. BCC Meeting</b>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <b>3 p.m. BCC Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Zoning and other Public Hearings	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Powered by [WebEvent \(tm\)](#).

[Home](#) | [About Pinellas](#) | [Privacy](#) | [Disclaimer](#)

## Pinellas County Event Calendar

December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>9:30 a.m. BCC Meeting</b>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <b>3 p.m. BCC Meeting</b>  6:30 p.m. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Zoning and other Public Hearings	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Powered by [WebEvent \(tm\)](#).

[Home](#) | 
 [About Pinellas](#) | 
 [Privacy](#) | 
 [Disclaimer](#)