

COMMENTS AND COORDINATION REPORT

COBB ROAD (CR 485) / US 98 PD&E STUDY

From SR 50 to Suncoast Parkway in Hernando County, Florida

WPI Seg. Nos. 257299 1 & 405017 1; FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P



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This proposed action consists of capacity and safety improvements to
Cobb Road (CR 485), a two-lane undivided arterial,
from SR 50 to US 98 and US 98, a two-lane undivided arterial,
from Cobb Road to Suncoast Parkway

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1.0 REPORT OVERVIEW

This report provides the documentation associated with the Public Involvement Program that was developed and implemented for the Cobb Road (CR 485) & US 98 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The purpose of this program was to establish and maintain communication with the public at-large, as well as with individuals, elected officials, and agencies who may have an interest in the project. This program afforded all citizens the opportunity to understand the planned project and express concerns about the project. It has been carried out in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended. Federal, state, regional, and local agencies and governments with a concern in the planned project because of jurisdictional review or expressed interest, as well as potentially affected and interested individuals, were identified over the course of the PD&E study through meetings, announcements, and mailings, as described in this report. In an effort to resolve all issues identified, the Department has conducted an interagency coordination and consultation effort and public participation process. This document details the Department's efforts to fully identify, address, and resolve all project-related issues identified through the Public Involvement Program.

The methods for disseminating information about this study were an Advance Notification package, which was distributed to appropriate federal, state, regional, and local agencies, a kickoff meeting for elected and appointed officials, a Public Workshop, and a Public Hearing. Each of these events is summarized in this report. Also included are comments from the public and review agencies, along with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) responses to those comments, as well as copies of handout materials provided at the public meetings and the Public Hearing transcript.

2.0 PROJECT SUMMARY

The FDOT conducted a PD&E Study to find the most appropriate alignment and design concept for the proposed widening of Cobb Road (CR 485) from SR 50 to US 98 and a portion of US 98, from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway, in Hernando County, Florida (Exhibit 1). The objectives of the PD&E Study were to evaluate and document engineering and environmental issues associated with the proposed improvements and to determine the potential effects associated with the alternatives developed during the study, including the "No-Build" alternative. This would help the FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to reach a decision on the type, design, and location of the necessary improvements. The PD&E study also satisfies the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FHWA requirements in order to receive federal funding for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the recommended improvements.

The existing Cobb Road from SR 50 to Shadyside Drive is a 4-lane divided facility, with a 24-foot (ft.) raised median, 12-ft. inside lanes, 14-ft. outside lanes, and 5-ft. sidewalks. From Shadyside Drive to US 98, the existing Cobb Road is a 2-lane rural facility with 12-ft lanes and

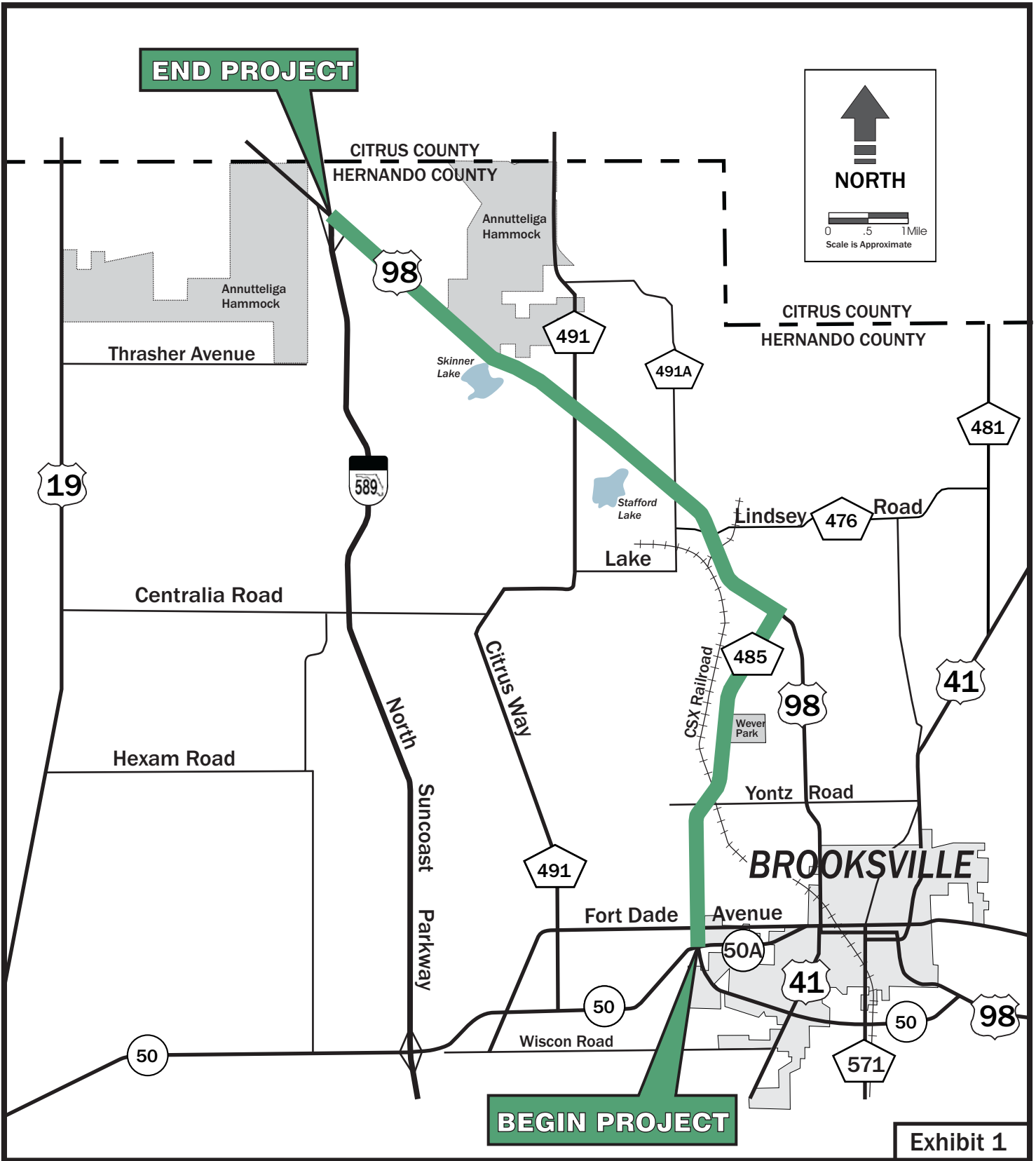
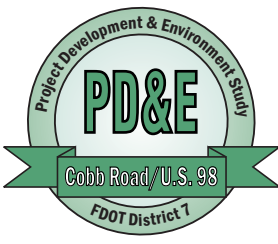


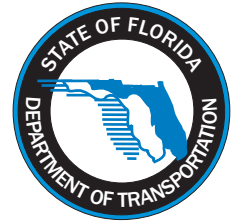
Exhibit 1



Project Location Map

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10-ft. shoulders, 4 feet of which are paved. The existing US 98 from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway is a 2-lane rural facility with 12-ft lanes and 8-ft. shoulders, 4 feet of which are paved. Both Cobb Road and US 98 have open drainage ditches.

The Study evaluated a series of improvement alternatives intended to increase safety and meet future traffic demand along the project corridor. These improvements are an important element of the regional roadway network and are included in the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization's *2025 Long Range Transportation Plan*. The recommended alternative identified in the Study is described below.

For this PD&E Study, the project was divided into segments for analysis. The segments of Cobb Road were chosen based on surrounding characteristics such as land use and environmental constraints, as well as the potential need for realignments. The segments of US 98 were chosen to match FDOT resurfacing project limits for consistency. The project segmentation is shown on the Project Location Map in Exhibit 1. The segments of the project are identified as follows:

- Segment 1a: Cobb Road from north of SR 50 to north of the Brooksville Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) driveway
- Segment 1b: Cobb Road from north of the Brooksville WRF driveway to north of Yontz Road
- Segment 2a: Cobb Road from north of Yontz Road to south of US 98
- Segment 2b: Cobb Road/US 98 Intersection
- Segment 3: US 98 from north of Cobb Road to CR 491
- Segment 4: US 98 from CR 491 to Suncoast Parkway

The recommended typical section for Segment 1a is an urban typical section consisting of two 12-ft. travel lanes in each direction, a 6-ft. sidewalk on the left (west) side and a 12-ft. shared use path on the right (east) side. This typical section utilizes a 17.5-ft. median and fits within the existing right-of-way width (minimum 100 ft.). The proposed design speed is 45 mph. The preferred typical section for Segment 1b and for the portion of Segment 2a south of Youth Drive is a suburban typical section consisting of two 12-ft. travel lanes in each direction with 8-ft. outside shoulders (5 ft. paved) and a 12-ft. shared use path on the right (east) side. This typical section utilizes a 30-ft. median (22-ft. curb to curb and 4-ft. offsets to edge of inside travel lanes). The proposed design speed is 55 mph. The preferred typical section for Segment 2a north of Youth Drive and Segments 2b, 3 and 4 is a rural typical section consisting of two 12-ft. travel lanes, 8-ft. outside shoulders (5-ft. paved) and 6-ft. inside shoulders (4-ft. paved) in each direction, and a 12-ft. shared use path on the right (east) side. The proposed design speed is 70 mph.

3.0 ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

As required by State and Federal law, the FDOT initiated an Advance Notification (AN) process to inform a number of Federal, State, and local agencies of this project and its scope of anticipated activities. The AN package, which consisted of a transmittal letter, a project fact sheet, and a project location map, was distributed to the appropriate Federal, State, regional, and local agencies on August 6, 2001. The following agencies received AN Packages. An asterisk (*) indicates those agencies that responded to the package. (A copy of the AN Package, along with all responses received, is contained in Appendix A.)

Federal Agencies

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Railroad Administration
- National Marine Fisheries – Habitat Conservation Division
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Regulatory Branch
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Centers for Environmental Health and Injury Control
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office
- U.S. Department of the Interior – U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs, Environmental Services Staff
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IV

State Agencies

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Southwest District*
- Florida Department of State – Division of Historical Resources*
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Office of Environmental Services
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Regional Director
- Florida Department of Transportation – Environmental Management Office
- Florida Department of Transportation – Federal-Aid Program Coordinator

Regional

- Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council*
- Southwest Florida Water Management District*

American Indian Nations

- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida*
- Muskogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
- Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Seminole Tribe of Florida

Presented below are the pertinent comments from the agencies that responded to the AN package. The letters from these agencies are contained in Appendix A.

Southwest Florida Water Management District
(Appendix A, Exhibit 1)

Comment: No Comment/Consistent.

Response: No response required.

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
(Appendix A, Exhibit 2)

Comment: The planned project has been found to be regionally significant and consistent with adopted goals, objectives, and policies of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Response: No response required.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
(Appendix A, Exhibit 3)

Comment: The study is consistent with the Department's authorities in the Florida Coastal Management Program. However, as detailed project information is not yet available, the Department cannot determine the consistency of the road improvement at this time

Response: No response required.

Comment: As noted on the Advance Notification Fact Sheet, roadway construction activities will require issuance of an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), pursuant to Part N of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 62-113, 40D-4, and 40D-40, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Early coordination of project plans with the SWFWMD is recommended.

Response: The FDOT will coordinate and meet with the SWFWMD during the design phase of the project. All construction activities will comply with applicable Florida statutes and administrative codes, and an ERP application will be developed and submitted in preparation for these activities.

Comment: The ERP applicant will be required to eliminate or reduce any proposed wetland resource impacts to the greatest extent practicable.

Response: No response required.

Comment: The planned project lies within the Brooksville Ridge physiographic region and part of a large hammock belt known historically as the “Big Hammock.” The roadways traverse the Annutteliga Hammock, an area of karst topography with high environmental value. In addition to the CARL-acquired sites, numerous proposed acquisition sites may be impacted by roadway construction and/or expansion. Much of the region has been targeted for preservation through the Water Management Lands Trust Fund, Save Our Rivers Program, as it is an area of high groundwater recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer, contains unique and valuable natural systems, and is of significant historical and archaeological importance.

Response: No impacts are anticipated to any lands or properties that belong to CARL, Water Management Lands Trust Fund, Save Our Rivers Program, or any other Federal, State, or local agencies. A geotechnical survey was conducted during the PD&E phase, detecting no areas of karst geology within the FDOT right-of-way. The ERP process includes stormwater and dredge and fill activity review for all construction. Construction activities will adhere to and comply with Federal and State permitting requirements for avoidance, minimization and compensation of wetland impacts, the management of water quantity and quality, and the preservation of all cultural and natural resources. No impacts to the Annutteliga Hammock are expected.

Comment: Surface land uses and activities in this area can have direct impacts to groundwater. Per section 62-40.310(1)(h), F.A.C., the Department’s review of all programs, rules, and plans seeks to “protect aquifers from depletion through water conservation and preservation of the functions of high recharge areas.” Because the roadway improvements project is located in this critical area, we recommend that the ERP applicant consider a full range of planning strategies to utilize Best Management Practices (BMPs), buffer wetland areas, and treat stormwater to protect groundwater and adjacent surface water resources.

Response: The FDOT will apply for an ERP during the design phase of the project. The permitting process requires that water quality and quantity, wetland impacts, groundwater and surface water protection, aquifer recharge, and habitats and protected species be addressed. The FDOT will plan and implement the required and necessary BMPs and other acceptable methodologies to minimize and mitigate all impacts to natural resources.

Comment: The project area is in the vicinity of numerous recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites. The Department recommends that the proposed cultural resource assessment survey be conducted by a professional archaeologist and coordinated throughout with the Division of Historical Resources.

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Response: A Cultural Resource Assessment, conducted in accordance with the procedures contained in 36 CFR Part 800 and including background research and a field survey coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), was performed for the project. No archaeological or historical sites or properties are expected to be encountered during subsequent project development. The FHWA, after consultation with the SHPO, has determined that no resources listed or eligible for listing on the NRHP would be impacted. The SHPO coordination letter is shown in Appendix A, Exhibit 3-A.

Florida Department of Community Affairs
(Appendix A, Exhibit 4)

Comment: The State has determined that, at this stage, the proposed action is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. However, detailed project information is not yet available and therefore, DEP cannot determine the consistency of the project at this time.

Response: The planned project has been reviewed by the Florida Department of Community Affairs and has been deemed consistent with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Coastal Management Program, as confirmed by a letter dated December 7, 2001.

City of Brooksville Department of Public Works
(Appendix A, Exhibit 5)

Comment: The locations of several existing City of Brooksville utilities within the project area are described.

Response: No response required.

Florida Department of State – Division of Historical Resources
(Appendix A, Exhibit 6)

Comment: No Comment/Consistent.

Response: No response required.

Executive Office of the Governor – Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
(Appendix A, Exhibit 7)

Comment: No Comment/Consistent.

Response: No response required.

Division of Forestry – Forest Resource Planning and Support Services Bureau
(Appendix A, Exhibit 8)

Comment: No Comment/Consistent.

Response: No response required.

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
(Appendix A, Exhibit 9)

Comment: Stated no knowledge of cultural resources in the project area; requested that the Miccosukee Tribe be kept informed of the any cultural resources that may be found during the study.

Response: No response required.

4.0 PUBLIC OFFICIALS/AGENCY KICKOFF MEETING

A project “kickoff” notification letter was submitted to local and regional elected and appointed officials for an August 29, 2001 meeting which was held at the Lykes Memorial Library in Brooksville from 10:00 a.m. to noon. No responses were received as a result of this notification.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an informal meeting for elected officials and public agency representatives in the Brooksville/Hernando County area to apprise them of the project’s purpose and schedule, and to receive input from them on issues and concerns related to the proposed improvements to Cobb Road (CR 485) from SR 50 to US 98 and US 98 from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway.

Information displayed and distributed at the meeting included a project location aerial map and a project fact sheet with a comment form. One-on-one discussions to answer questions and obtain information were conducted. Copies of the meeting sign-in sheets and handout materials are attached as Appendix B.

5.0 AGENCY COORDINATION

In addition to Advance Notification, coordination took place with jurisdictional and other local agencies over the course of the study process, as described below. Copies of pertinent correspondence are contained in Appendix C.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was consulted regarding potential impacts to the Cooley's water willow (*Justicia cooleyi*), a federally-protected plant species. This species was found to be present in a disturbed area on the east side of Cobb Road, just north of the CSX railroad crossing. Coordination with the USFWS on this issue resulted in a determination that the planned project is not likely to adversely affect this species. (See letter dated January 7, 2003, in Appendix C.)

CSX Transportation

CSX Transportation was consulted to coordinate two CSX railroad crossings along the project. One is a spur crossing on US 98 near Lake Lindsey Road which appears to be abandoned. CSX indicated that this crossing must continue to be shown on maps and that FDOT must agree to replace the crossing, pending the approval of a permit for a new concrete plant to be served by this line. The second is on Cobb Road just north of Yontz Road, where a siding switch is located within the proposed right-of-way of the project. The switch cannot be left in the crossing and would need to be relocated. CSX proposed a double track crossing and relocation of the switch to the west side of Cobb Road. FDOT representatives agreed that this appeared to be the best solution because it would allow the proposed alignment of the widening improvements to stand. CSX will continue to coordinate the relocation of the switch and track redesign with FDOT during the final design of proposed improvements to Cobb Road.

6.0 PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP

A Public Workshop was held for the study on Thursday, June 13, 2002, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Dolores S. Parrott Middle School, 9220 Youth Drive, in Brooksville. A newsletter announcing the meeting and describing the study process was prepared and distributed 21 days prior to the Workshop to elected officials, agencies, and property owners within 300 feet of the centerline of the recommended alternative through the length of the project.

The format of the Workshop was informal, with displays available for review and a comment box for submittal of written comments. A project audio-visual presentation ran continuously over the course of the Workshop. FDOT representatives were available to answer questions and receive verbal comments. The study's Draft Preliminary Engineering Report was available for review at the Workshop.

To help organize the study alternatives, the project was divided into four segments, corresponding to the different roadway corridor characteristics in the study area. Segment 1 extended from SR 50 to just north of Yontz Road; Segment 2 continued from this point to just beyond the Cobb Road-US 98 intersection. Segment 3 extended along US 98 to County Road 491, with Segment 4 continuing from this point to the end of the project at the Suncoast Parkway. Three basic design concepts were presented for consideration: an urban design, a suburban design, and a rural design. Study alternatives incorporating these concepts were presented for each segment. The "No Build" alternative limited work in the project area to routine maintenance and does not have any impacts associated with it.

The urban design concept included two 12-ft. lanes in each direction, full curbs and gutters on both the inside and outside of the roadway, and a 46-ft. wide raised median. A 5-ft. wide sidewalk would be built on the west side of the roadway, and a 12-ft. wide shared use path for pedestrians, bicyclists and other users would be built on the east side. The suburban design concept was similar except that it included 8-ft. wide shoulders and ditches on the outside, instead of curbs and gutters, and a narrower, 22-ft. wide raised median. The inside lanes would be separated from the median by a 4-ft. wide paved shoulder. The rural design concept included ditches instead of curbs and gutters and a shared use path instead of a sidewalk. With a minimum width of 240 feet, this design would require the greatest right-of-way width of the three concepts.

Three project alternatives were presented for Segment 1: an urban design concept and a suburban design concept both with new right-of-way on the west side of the existing road, and a suburban design concept that would be built to save the pavement of the existing roadway. Project alternatives presented for the other three road segments were all based on the rural design concept. Three variations were presented for Segment 2: one built on a western alignment; one built for “best fit”, meandering along the existing road where necessary; and one built to save the existing pavement. One project alternative was presented for Segments 3 and 4: an alignment along the southwest side of the existing roadway.

Approximately 43 individuals signed the attendance record. Fourteen comment forms were received at the Workshop or in the mail following the Workshop. Copies of the Workshop notification materials, sign-in sheets, handout materials, and evaluation matrix are attached as Appendix D.

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for the planned project was held on November 21, 2002, at Dolores S. Parrott Middle School, 9220 Youth Drive, in Brooksville. An informal open house period took place from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., with a formal presentation given at 6:00 p.m. A newsletter announcing the meeting and describing the project was prepared and distributed 21 days prior to the Hearing to elected officials, agencies, and property owners within 300 feet of the centerline of the recommended alternative through the length of the project.

The purpose of the Hearing was to provide the public with specific information regarding the study’s recommended alternative. The hearing also provided an opportunity for area property owners and other residents to express their views on the project, its potential for impact, and other related matters. The public record for the Hearing remained open until December 2, 2002. A transcript was prepared to officially document all proceedings and citizen comments.

As a result of input received at the Public Workshop and throughout the public involvement process, the following project alternative was selected as the Recommended Alternative. Segment 1 from SR 50 to the driveway leading to the City of Brooksville Cobb Road Water Reclamation Facility would use the urban typical section, designed to generally fit within the existing right-of-way (minimum 100 feet). North of the Reclamation Facility driveway, Segment 1 would use a suburban typical section following a left alignment, with approximately 38 feet of additional right-of-way acquired from the west side of Cobb Road. Segment 2 would begin with

the same suburban typical, transitioning just north of Youth Drive to a rural typical section on a left alignment; this would require approximately 120 feet of additional right-of-way along the west side. Segments 3 and 4 would continue the rural typical section on a left alignment and would require 40 feet of additional right-of-way on the southwest side of US 98.

The Recommended Alternative also involves designating existing Cobb Road as US 98 to provide a route bypassing downtown Brooksville. The existing Cobb Road intersection with US 98 would be realigned to allow southbound and northbound through movements between existing Cobb Road and US 98 to the north.

Excluding FDOT personnel, 42 individuals signed the attendance register. Copies of the Hearing notification materials, sign-in sheets, handout materials, evaluation matrix, and transcript are attached as Appendix E. Specific questions and comments raised at the Hearing were answered during informal discussions, by letter, or are answered in this report. Five written comment forms or letters were received and six official statements were made for the record. Informal comments were also made over the course of the Hearing. While some of the comments made at the Hearing and in the letters and comment forms received following it were of a general nature, the following summarizes the substantive comments made.

Comment: The proposed design of driveway connections at the Cobb Road-US 98 intersection is inadequate and will negatively affect the values and potential uses of affected properties.

Response: The Department of Transportation must re-establish any driveway connections that were disrupted or altered as a result of a roadway project. No access is being eliminated at the Cobb Road-US 98 intersection that will not be replaced. The final disposition of rights-of-way and frontage would be determined during the right-of-way acquisition stage of the project.

Comment: The project will exacerbate existing drainage problems at the Cobb Road-US 98 intersection. Standard retention ponds may not control runoff from the highway.

Response: A detailed drainage analysis was conducted as part of the PD&E study, indicating the measures to be taken to ensure the project does not contribute to any existing drainage problems.

Comment: It is of concern that Brittle Road is to be paved one-half mile in each direction from its intersection with US 98 when the road simply leads to an abandoned mine.

Response: The proposed paving of a portion of Brittle Road is not due to mining operations but, rather, because Brittle Road is a public right-of-way.

Comment: The proposed raised median at the intersection of Fort Dade Avenue and Cobb Road will cause difficulties for area residents traveling on Fort Dade and will negatively impact the retail gas station at the northeast corner of the intersection.

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- Response: The partial median opening proposed at this intersection is in keeping with adopted access management standards. With Cobb Road being converted into a US route (which is one of the main reasons for the project), more stringent access controls are necessary.
- Comment: The acceleration lane on southbound Cobb Road at the Yontz Road intersection is inadequate.
- Response: The design of this intersection would be further examined in during the Design Phase of the project.
- Comment: Why will certain intersections be realigned and not others?
- Response: The proposed realignment of the Brittle Road intersection is to eliminate a severe skew in the angle at which this road crosses US 98. The severity of the existing skew makes development of a safe intersection difficult without a realignment.
- Comment: A sound barrier wall should be installed along Cobb Road to buffer the noise generated by increased truck traffic.
- Response: A detailed noise analysis was conducted as part of this Project Development and Environment Study. The analysis revealed there are 56 potential noise sensitive receptor locations identified along the project corridor where noise may increase due to the planned project. Twenty-one of the 56 potential receptor sites were found to experience an increase in noise levels as a result of the planned project. Noise barrier modeling conducted on the impacted receptors found that there are no apparent solutions available to mitigate the noise impacts at these receptors. Therefore, based on the results of the evaluation, noise abatement barriers are not feasible.
- Construction of the planned project will have a temporary affect on the noise sensitive sites adjacent to the project corridor. Trucks, earth moving and pile driving equipment, pumps and generators are construction noise sources. The contractor will adhere to the 2000 FDOT Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and any special provisions in the construction contract related to the control of noise.
- Comment: US 98 should use the suburban typical cross-section, which is 150 feet wide, rather than the rural typical cross-section, which is 240 feet wide. The 240-foot road would exceed the needs of the area. In addition, to improve safety, a traffic signal should be installed at the intersection of 491 and US 98.
- Response: Roadway and land use conditions along US 98 warrant a facility that allows for safe accommodation of high speed traffic. The rural typical cross section is the preferred choice in this area. At the present time the traffic volumes using this

intersection do not meet the criteria for installation of a traffic light. This issue may be further examined during the design phase of the project.

Comment: Shared use path will be rendered unsafe where driveways cross the path to access Cobb Road. This is a particular problem because trucks carrying heavy equipment and machinery must access businesses along Cobb Road via these driveways.

Response: The rules governing the proposed shared use path would be no different than those governing normal sidewalks. Given the high volume of rock hauling trucks on Cobb Road itself, a separate path that provides the required accommodation of bicyclists and pedestrians will be safer than the option of forcing bicyclists onto the roadway itself.

8.0 SUMMARY

This report describes the Public and Agency Involvement Program undertaken for the Cobb Road (CR 485) and US 98 PD&E Study. The program's primary elements included: 1) distribution of an Advance Notification package, 2) a Public Information Workshop, and 3) a Public Hearing.

The level of agency interest in this study was low, while public concerns primarily focused on the economic effects on small business, and the need for timely development of the project.

APPENDIX A
Advance Notification Package and Comments

Advance Notification Package



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August 6, 2001

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RE: WPI Seg. Nos. 257299 1 & 405017 1; FAP Nos. 2891 007P & 2891 008P
CR 485 (Cobb Road) & US 98 PD&E Study / Hernando County / Advance Notification

Dear Ms. Raffington:

The attached Advance Notification package is for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study on CR 485 (Cobb Road) from SR 50 to US 98 and US 98 from CR 485 to the North Suncoast Parkway in Hernando County. This information is forwarded to your office for processing through the appropriate State agencies in accordance with Executive Order 95-359. Distribution to local and Federal agencies is being made as noted.

Although more specific comments will be solicited during the permit coordination process, we request that permitting and permit reviewing agencies review the attached information and furnish us with whatever general comments they consider pertinent at this time.

This is a Federal-aid action and the Florida Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration, will determine what degree of environmental documentation will be necessary. The determination will be based upon in-house environmental evaluations and comments received through coordination with other agencies. Please provide a consistency review for this project in accordance with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program.

In addition, please review this improvement's consistency, to the maximum extent feasible, with the approved Comprehensive Plan of the local government jurisdiction(s) pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

Ms. Jasmin Raffington
August 6, 2001
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We are looking forward to receiving your comments on the project within 45 days. Should additional review time be required, a written request for an extension of time must be submitted to our office within the initial 45-day comment period.

Your comments should be addressed to:

Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District Environmental Management Engineer
Florida Department of Transportation
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Your expeditious handling of this notice will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeraldo Comellas, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer

JC/RJS
Attachment

MAILING LIST:

Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator

Federal Emergency Management Agency – Mitigation Division, Chief

Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Economic Analysis, Director

National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Conservation Division, Area Supervisor

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Regulatory Branch, District Engineer

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Regional Environmental Officer

U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office

U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Geological Survey, Chief - Review Unit

U.S. Department of Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Supervisor

U.S. Department of Interior – National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region IV, Regional Administrator

U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs, Environmental Services Staff, Chief

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Southwest District Office

Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Office of Environmental Services, Director

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Regional Director

Environmental Management Office, Manager (MS 37)

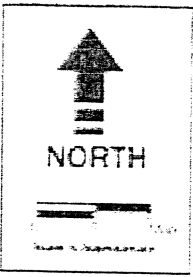
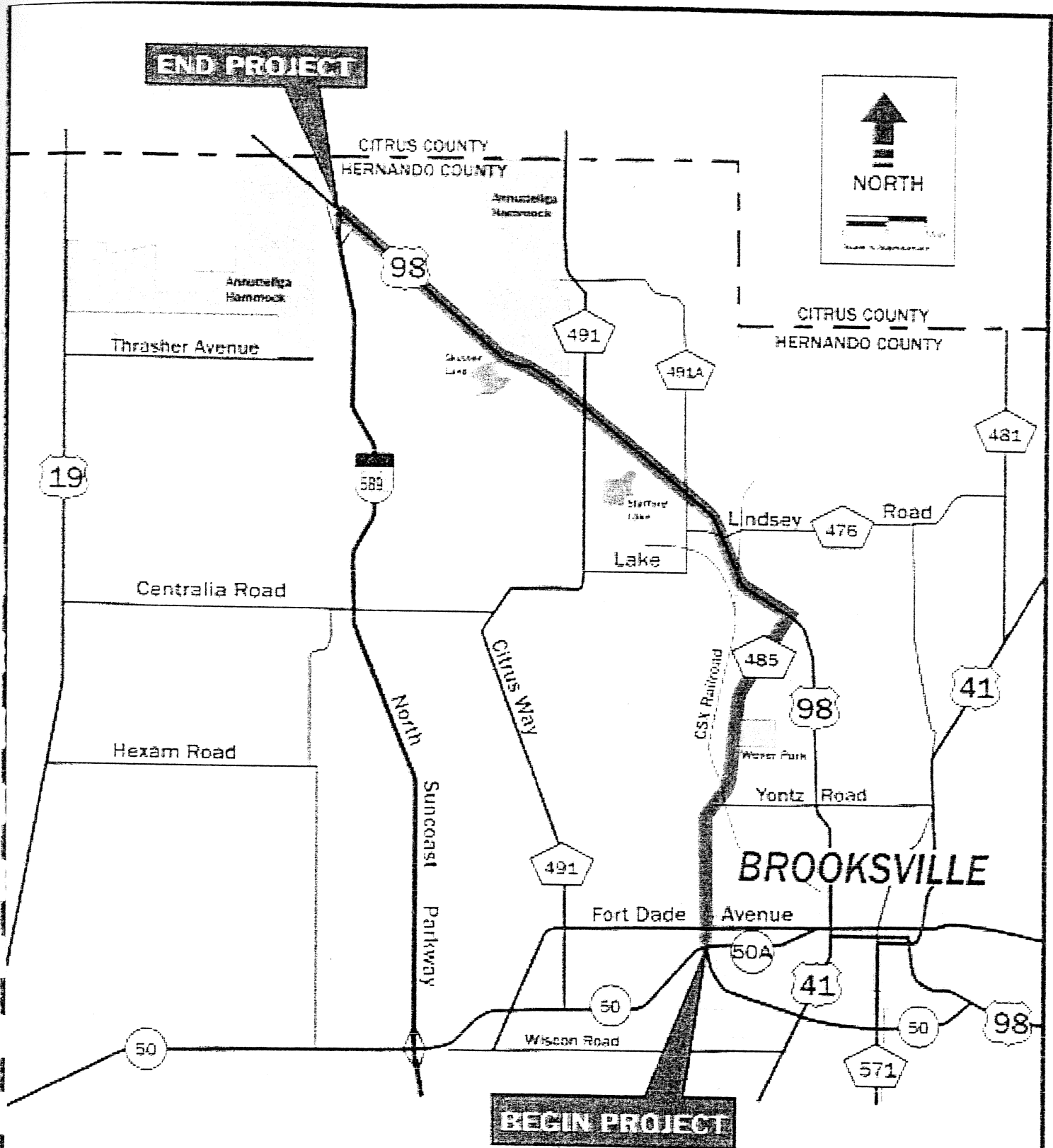
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**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FACT SHEET**

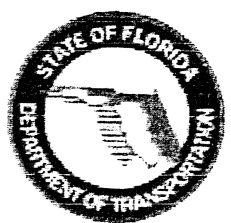
1. **Need for Project:** The Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the FDOT have identified the need to make improvements to CR 485 (Cobb Road) from SR 50 to US 98, and US 98 from CR 485 to the North Suncoast Parkway in Hernando County, Florida. The majority of the project lies within unincorporated Hernando County. However, a small portion of the project lies within the City of Brooksville city limits, at the southeastern end of the project. The need for capacity improvement to this section of CR 485 and US 98 is included in the Hernando County MPO's 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan (adopted December 1998). In addition, to the capacity improvements, the project is to provide a safer enhanced route for truck traffic to use in bypassing downtown Brooksville.
2. **Description of the Project:** The proposed Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study limits for this project are on CR 485 (Cobb Road) from SR 50 to US 98, and US 98 from CR 485 to North Suncoast Parkway. The total length of the study is approximately 11.5 miles (18.55 kilometers). A project location map is attached.
3. **Environmental Information:**
 - a. **Land Uses:** The project study area contains mostly rural and agricultural land uses, as well as scattered single-family residential and commercial uses in the southern portion of the corridor. Large rock and sand mining operations are located to the north and west of the study corridor. Notable land uses along the corridor include D.S. Parrott Middle School, Wever Park, the Annutteliga Hammock Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) site, and three major mining facilities.
 - b. **Wetlands:** Wetlands occur throughout the project area and include several types. Hydric hammocks, ditches and swales, small lakes and ponds, freshwater marshes, and floodplain wetlands are present in the proposed study area. Impacts to wetlands are expected to be minimal, as the majority of wetlands that abut the highway are roadside swales and upland ditches.
 - c. **Floodplains:** Based on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the project is located in the vicinity of Flood Zone A, which is classified as "areas of 100 year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors not determined." Potential impacts will be evaluated as set forth in Executive Order 11988 "Floodplain Management" and 23 CFR 650 and coordinated with the appropriate regulatory agencies.



Project Location Map

Cobb Road (CR 485) / US 98 PD&E Study

WPI Segment Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1
 FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P



- d. **Wildlife and Habitat:** Coordination with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC), Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be conducted during the PD&E Study. Due to the location of the project in the vicinity of the Annutteliga Hammock there is potential for the occurrence of both faunal and floral rare and/or protected species. Based on identified habitat types and information provided by the regulatory agencies, protected species surveys will be conducted by experienced wildlife biologists. Specific field surveys for protected species that potentially occur within the study area will be conducted following established survey protocols and guidance provided by the regulatory agencies. Potential impacts to wildlife/protected species will be assessed and appropriate mitigation and minimization measures will be developed. Known occurrences of protected species in the project area include the Southeastern American Kestrel, the Florida sandhill crane, and other wading birds. The potential for involvement with the Florida black bear exists, as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) has identified bear habitat within the project area.
- e. **Outstanding Florida Waters:** There are no waterbodies within the project study area designated as Outstanding Florida Waters.
- f. **Aquatic Preserves:** There are no State Aquatic Preserves within the project study area.
- g. **Coastal Zone Consistency:** A Coastal Zone Consistency determination is required.
- h. **Cultural Resources:** Previous surveys of the area indicate that there are potential structures located in the study area, which may be eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The Florida Site File also lists potential archaeological sites in the study area. A cultural resource assessment survey (CRAS) will be conducted during the PD&E Study to identify all historic and archaeological sites eligible for listing on the NRHP.
- i. **Coastal Barrier Resources:** There are no Coastal Barrier Resource Units in the study area.
- j. **Contamination:** Based on a preliminary field reconnaissance and FDEP files review, there are potential hazardous material and/or contamination sites within the project corridor. However, there are no federal or state Superfund sites present. It is expected that the proposed study will have minimal contamination involvement, if there is any involvement it will involve retail petroleum facilities. A contamination screening evaluation will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 22 of the FDOT PD&E Manual.
- k. **Sole Source Aquifer:** The project is not located within a sole source aquifer.

4. **Navigable Waterway Crossings:** None.

5. **Permits Required:** Various permit applications may be required to be filed and approved prior to construction. Agencies which may have an interest from a permitting standpoint include, but may not be limited to, the following (actual permits required will be determined during subsequent project development):

- Southwest Florida Water Management District - Environmental Resource Permit
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - NPDES Permit
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Dredge and Fill Permit

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: <i>Application</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction <i>Preapplication</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	2. DATE SUBMITTED August 6, 2001	Applicant Identifier 257299 1/ 405017 1
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	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY 	Federal Identifier

5. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name: Florida Department of Transportation	Organizational Unit: Environmental Management Office
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code): 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, Leon, Florida 32399-0450	Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code): Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E. District VII Environmental Management Engineer 813/ 975-6077

6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 5 9 - 6 0 0 1 8 7 4	7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (enter appropriate letter in box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A A. State B. County C. Municipal D. Township E. Interstate F. Intermunicipal G. Special District H. Independent School Dist. I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning J. Private University K. Indian Tribe L. Individual M. Profit Organization N. Other (Specify):
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other (specify):	9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation

10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 2 0 2 0 5 TITLE: Highway Planning and Construction	11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: Cobb Road & US 98 PD&E Study FPN(s): 257299 1 22 01/ 405017 1 22 01
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (cities, counties, states, etc.): The City of Brooksville, and Hernando County	

13. PROPOSED PROJECT: Start Date: 05/2001 Ending Date: 05/2003	14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant b. Project: Fifth (5th) Congressional District
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15. ESTIMATED FUNDING: <table border="1"> <tr><td>a. Federal</td><td>\$</td><td>2,125,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>b. Applicant</td><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>c. State</td><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>d. Local</td><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>e. Other</td><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>f. Program Income</td><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>g. TOTAL</td><td>\$</td><td>2,125,000.00</td></tr> </table>	a. Federal	\$	2,125,000.00	b. Applicant	\$		c. State	\$		d. Local	\$		e. Other	\$		f. Program Income	\$		g. TOTAL	\$	2,125,000.00	16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS? a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE August 6, 2001 b. NO. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372 <input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW
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17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																						

18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED

a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.	b. Title District VII EMO Engineer	c. Telephone number 813/975-6077
d. Signature of Authorized Representative 		e. Date Signed 8/6/01

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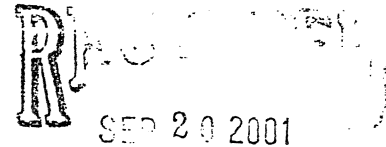
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September 17, 2001

Jasmin Raffington
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State of Florida Clearinghouse

Subject: Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Advance Notification of Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study for Cobb Road and U.S. 98 - Federal Project Numbers: 257299 1 22 01 and 405017 1 22 01 - Hernando County
SAI#: FL200108140804C

Dear Ms. Raffington:

The staff of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) has conducted a consistency evaluation for the project referenced above. Consistency findings are divided into four categories and are based solely on the information provided in the subject application.

FINDING	CATEGORY
x	Consistent/No Comment
	Consistent/Comments Attached
	Inconsistent/Comments Attached
	Consistency Cannot be Determined Without an Environmental Assessment Report/Comments Attached

This review does not constitute permit approval under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, or any rules promulgated thereunder, nor does it stand in lieu of normal permitting procedures in accordance with Florida Statutes and District rules.

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me in the District's Planning Department at extension 4421.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Quinn, AICP
Government Planning Coordinator

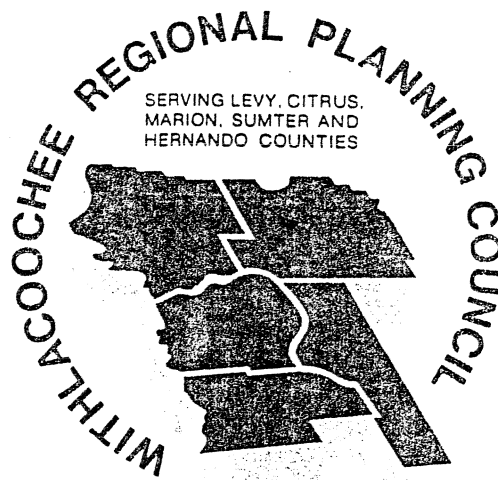
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SUBJECT: **SAI #: 200108140804C**
U. S. Department of Transportation
Advance Notification - PD&E Study
WPI Seg. Nos. 257299 1 and 4050187 1
FAP Nos. 2891 007P and 2891 008P
CR 485 (Cobb Road) and US 98
Hernando County, FL
WRPC ICR #: 43-H8-01-FHwA

Dear Ms. Raffington:

Pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Executive Order 12372, Governor's Executive Order 95-359, and WRPC Rules Chapter 29E-6, *FAC*, the staff of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council reviewed the above-referenced project and find it to be consistent with the goals and policies of the WRPC's adopted *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Withlacoochee Region* and, in particular, with:

- Policy 2.4.13:** Plan and design transportation facilities that provide maximum access to jobs and markets.
- Policy 2.12.1:** Coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the development of policies that maintain adequate regional transportation facilities for continued economic development.
- Policy 4.10.5:** Confer with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission], and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service when revising land use plans that might affect the habitat of threatened or endangered species of plants and animals.

Appendix A
Exhibit 2

Ms. Jasmin Raffington
September 6, 2001
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- Goal 5.5:** Provide transportation facilities to ensure that the regionally significant roadways operate at acceptable levels of service.
- Policy 5.5.2:** Perform timely maintenance, expansion, and repair of roads and bridges to minimize costly reconstruction and to enhance safety.


In addition, the applicant should be aware of the followings goals and policies which may be pertinent to this project:

- Policy 4.3.10:** Require protective devices to prevent construction activity from causing increased sediment in surface waters or wetlands.
- Policy 4.4.1:** Utilize natural drainage and floodplain functions in new development and redevelopment; prohibit significant interference of floodplain functions.
- Policy 4.4.11:** Limit dredging to maintenance of existing channels, and retention and detention ponds. Do not dispose of dredged material in wetlands unless it is for the purpose of restoring an altered system, or in sensitive vegetative communities. Require restoration or mitigation where dredge and fill regulations have been violated.
- Policy 4.6.2:** Design and build new local, state, and private roads, bridges, and causeways so as not to interfere with surface water flows, and with appropriate protective measures to avoid degrading water quality.
- Goal 4.8:** Avoid adverse impacts to the natural functions of the region's wetlands or surface water systems from development and redevelopment.
- Policy 4.8.18:** Design new public and private roads so as not to impede the natural flow of water.
- Policy 4.9.2:** Design roads and bridges to incorporate design features that facilitate the free passage of wildlife so as to avoid vehicle and animal collisions.

Hernando County responded with no comments.

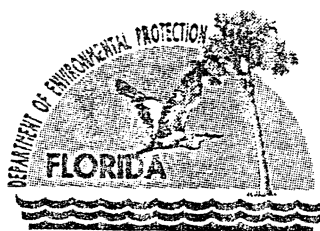
We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Vivian A. Whittier
ICR Procedural Coordinator

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September 17, 2001

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RE: FDOT – Advance Notification – Cobb Road & US 98 PD&E Study, Hernando County,
SAI # FL200108140804C

Dear Ms. Raffington:

The Department has reviewed the above referenced Advance Notification from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Federal Highway Administration to conduct a study of CR 485 (Cobb Road) & US 98 capacity and truck route traffic improvements. Funding for the Federal aid action and PD&E study is consistent with the Department's authorities in the Florida Coastal Management Program. However, as detailed project information is not yet available, the Department cannot determine the consistency of the road improvements project at this time. Additional information is required concerning the anticipated roadway width, design, impacts, construction, and mitigation for any proposed wetland impacts. Further evaluation(s) of the project will be conducted during the environmental documentation and permitting stages. Future consistency will be based in part on adequate consideration of comments offered in this and subsequent reviews. Department staff offer the following comments and recommendations:

- ◆ As noted on the Advance Notification Fact Sheet, roadway construction activities will require issuance of an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*, and Rules 62-113, 40D-4, and 40D-40, *Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)*. Early coordination of project plans with the SWFWMD is recommended.
- ◆ The permit applicant will be required to eliminate or reduce any proposed wetland resource impacts to the greatest extent practicable:
 - Minimization should emphasize avoidance-oriented corridor alignments, wetland fill reductions via steep or vertically retained side slopes, and median width reductions within safety limits.
 - Wetlands should not be displaced by the installation of stormwater conveyance and treatment swales; compensatory treatment in adjacent uplands is the preferred alternative.
 - After avoidance and minimization have been exhausted, mitigation must be proposed to offset the adverse impacts of the project to existing wetland functions and values.

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- Significant attention is given to forested wetland systems, which are difficult to mitigate.
- The cumulative impacts of concurrent and future road improvement projects in the vicinity of the subject project should also be addressed.

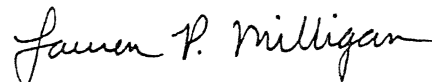
- ◆ **Please note:** The proposed project lies within the Brooksville Ridge physiographic region and part of a large hammock belt known historically as the “Big Hammock.” The roadways traverse the Annutteliga Hammock – an area of karst topography with high rolling hills, formed valleys, prairie basins, lakes, unique northern hardwood forests, and high-quality longleaf pine sandhills. In addition to the CARL-acquired sites, numerous proposed acquisition sites may be impacted by roadway construction and/or expansion. Much of the region has been targeted for preservation through the Water Management Lands Trust Fund, Save Our Rivers Program, as it is an area of high groundwater recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer, contains unique and valuable natural systems, and is of significant historical and archaeological importance.

Surface land uses and activities in this area can have direct impacts to groundwater. Per section 62-40.310(1)(h), *F.A.C.*, the Department’s review of all programs, rules, and plans seeks to “[p]rotect aquifers from depletion through water conservation and preservation of the functions of high recharge areas.” Because the roadway improvements project is located in this critical area, we recommend that the ERP permit applicant consider a full range of planning strategies to utilize Best Management Practices, buffer wetland areas, and treat stormwater to protect groundwater and adjacent surface water resources.

- ◆ The project area is in the vicinity of numerous recorded (and unrecorded, but known to local collectors) archaeological sites. The Department recommends that the proposed cultural resource assessment survey be conducted by a professional archaeologist and coordinated throughout with the Division of Historical Resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Advance Notification and would like to request that copies of the Environmental Assessment be sent through the State Clearinghouse for review. Please feel free to call me at (850) 487-2231 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Lauren P. Milligan
Environmental Specialist
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

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cc: Lori Collins, DEP, Southwest District

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February 21, 2003

IN REPLY
REFER TO: HPO-FL

Dr. Janet Snyder Matthews, Director
Division of Historical Resources
State Historic Preservation Officer
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Attn: Ms. Laura Kammerer

Dear Dr. Matthews:

Subject: CR 485/U.S. 98 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
From SR 50 to the Suncoast Parkway
Financial Management #: 257299-1 & 405017-1
Federal-aid Project #: P-2891 (007) & (008)
Hernando County

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is conducting a PD&E study for the subject project. The proposed project involves improving CR 485 and U.S. 98, from a primarily two-lane roadway to a four-lane facility, from the vicinity of SR 50 to the Suncoast Parkway 1.

A Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) was prepared in February 2003. The purpose of the CRAS was to locate and identify any cultural resources within the area of potential effect (APE), and to assess their significance in terms of eligibility for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*.

The following documents are enclosed for your review:

- A copy of the CRAS dated February 2003;
- One completed Survey Log Sheet;
- One set of original Florida Master Site File (FMSF) forms with original photographs (8HE28, 8HE67-71 and 8HE73-74), (8HE461-462 and 8HE477-478), (8HE439-443 and 8HE445-449), and (8HE477); and
- One *NRHP* Registration Form.

The archaeological field survey identified and evaluated eight previously recorded archaeological sites (8HE28, 8HE67-71, and 8HE73-74) and four newly recorded sites (8HE461-462 and 8HE477-478) within the APE. None of these 12 archaeological sites are considered potentially eligible for listing in the *NRHP*. In addition, two archaeological occurrences were found.

Dr. Janet Snyder Matthews
February 21, 2003

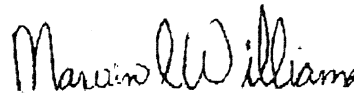
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The historic structures field survey identified and evaluated 10 newly discovered historic resources (8HE439-443 and 8HE445-449) within the APE. One of these historic resources, the Hammock Consolidated School (HCS) (8HE447) is considered potentially eligible for listing in the *NRHP* under Criterion A in the areas of education and community planning and development. The HCS was constructed in 1941 as a two-teacher schoolhouse, constructed of locally quarried stone. Although minimal modifications have been made, the building conveys its historic function as a rural schoolhouse. A *NRHP* Registration Form has been prepared and included in the CRAS. The potential *NRHP* boundaries for the historic structure are located adjacent to, but outside of the existing right-of-way. Located at the corner of U.S. 98 and CR 491, the HCS fronts CR 491, facing east, and the proposed improvements recommend widening to the other (south) side of U.S. 98. Therefore, the proposed roadway improvements appear to have no physical involvement with this potentially *NRHP*-eligible structure. None of the remaining nine historical resources are considered potentially eligible for listing in the *NRHP*.

Based on the information presented in the CRAS, the FHWA has determined that none of the historic properties and archaeological sites, except for the HCS (8HE477), is considered eligible for listing in the *NRHP*. Based on the information presented in the CRAS and the application of adverse effects criteria included in 36 CFR Part 800.5, the FHWA has determined that the HCS is eligible for listing in the *NRHP*, and that this proposed undertaking would have no effect on the Hammock Consolidated School. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.8; we request your review and concurrence with the above stated determination of eligibility and effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marvin L. Williams at (850) 942-9650 extension 3029.

Sincerely,

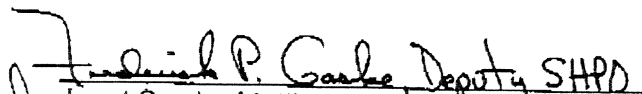


For: James E. St. John
Division Administrator

Enclosure(s)

✓ cc: Mr. Waddah Farah, FDOT, District Seven EMO, (MS-50)

The Florida Division of Historical Resources concurs with this determination, and finds the report complete and sufficient.


Janet Snyder Matthews, Ph.D.
Florida State Historic Preservation Officer

3/14/03
Date

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✓ cc: C. Leroy Irwin, FDOT, CEMO



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RE: Florida Department of Transportation - Advance Notification for Project
Development and Environmental Study for Cobb Road and US 98 - FPN(s):
257299 1 22 01/405017 1 22 01 - Hernando County, Florida
SAI: FL 200108140804C

Dear Mr. Comellas:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 14 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated the review of the above-referenced project.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notes that the funding for the Federal Aid action and Project Development and Environmental Study is consistent with the DEP's authorities in the Coastal Management Program. However, detailed project information is not yet available, and therefore, the DEP cannot determine the consistency of the interstate improvements project at this time. In addition, information is required regarding the anticipated roadway width, design, impacts, construction, and mitigation for any proposed wetland impacts. Please refer to the enclosed DEP comments.

Appendix A
Exhibit 4

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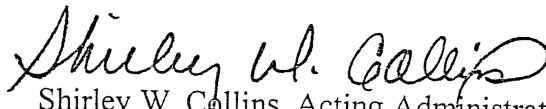
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Based on the information contained in the referenced application and the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that, at this stage of project development, the referenced project is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. However, the applicant is required to provide the Florida State Clearinghouse with the detailed project information requested by the DEP as soon as the information becomes available. In addition, the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council notes the project's consistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Please attach a copy of this letter and any enclosures to your application facesheet or cover form and forward to the federal funding agency. (If applicable, enter the State Application Identifier (SAI) number, shown above, in box 3A of Standard Form 424 or where appropriate on other cover form.) This action will assure the federal agency of your compliance with Florida's review requirements and reduce the chance of unnecessary delays in processing your application.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Should questions arise regarding this letter, please call Ms. Jasmin Raffington at (850) 922-5438.

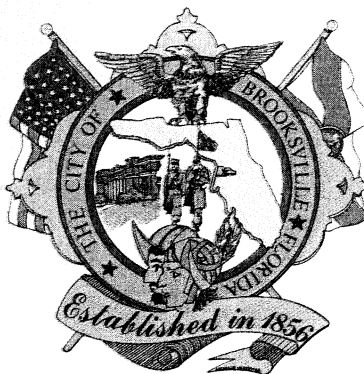
Sincerely,


Shirley W. Collins, Acting Administrator
Florida Coastal Management Program

SWC:jj

Enclosures

cc: Lauren P. Milligan, Department of Environmental Protection
Joseph P. Quinn, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Vivian Whittier, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council



Reply to: Department of Public Works
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September 07, 2001

Mr. Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District Environmental Management Engineer
Florida Department Of Transportation
11201 N. McKinley Drive / MS 7 - 500
Tampa, Florida 33612 - 6456

RE: WPI Seg. Nos. 257299 1 & 405017; FAP Nos. 2891 007P & 2891 008P
CR 485 (Cobb Road) & US 98 PD & E Study / Hernando County / Advance
Notification

Dear Sir:

We received the Advance Notification package for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study on CR 485 (Cobb Road) from SR 50 to US 98 and US 98 from CR 485 to the North Suncoast Parkway in Hernando County.

Please note the following with regard to the existing City Of Brooksville utilities that appear to be within the project area:

- 1. A twelve inch (12") water line is located on the East right-of-way CR 485 with a six inch (6") crossing located at the Hess Station, Lee Road, Shady side Drive, and a twelve inch (12") crossing on the West right-of-way of Springhill Road, and an eight inch (8") crossing on the East right-of-way of Springhill Road.**
- 2. A sixteen inch (16") force main is located on the East right-of-way of CR 485 (Cobb Road), and runs through the intersection of Springhill Road and continue along the right-of-way to Cobb Road WRF facilities for the City of Brooksville, then the sixteen inch (16") crosses at this point to the West right-of-way and continue to Florida Crushed Stone Plant site.**
- 3. A twelve inch (12") force main is located on the East right-of-way of CR 4485 (Cobb Road) from Cobb Road WRF to the corner of Yontz Road where it is located along the South right-of-way of Yontz Road.**

Mr. Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.

September 07, 2001

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4. At the intersection of SR 50 and Jefferson Street, a twelve inch (12") water line, and a twelve inch (12") force main is located on the North right-of-way of Jefferson Street on runs to the East along the right-of-way.

Attached are maps to show the existing City utilities in the project area.

If I can be of further help, do not hesitate to call me at (352) 544-5465.

Sincerely,



Emory H. Pierce,
Director of Public Works

CC: City Mgt.

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 Advance Notification for Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study for Cobb Road & US 98. FPN(s): 257299 1 22 01/ 405017 1 22 01.
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Appendix A
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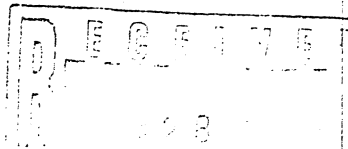
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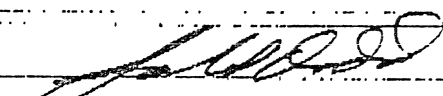
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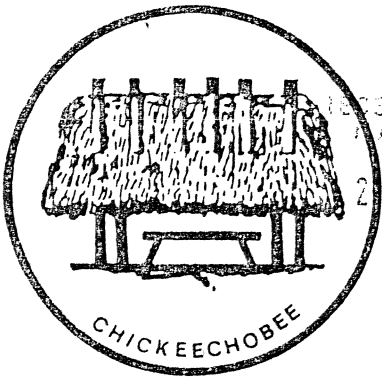
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Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

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Max Billie, Treasurer

Andrew Bert Sr., Secretary
Jerry Cypress, Lawmaker

August 14, 2001

Mr. Jeraldo Comellas
District EMO Engineer
Florida DOT
11202 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33612-6456

Dear Mr. Comellas:

The Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida received your letter concerning the proposed improvements to CR 485 and US 98 in Hernando County. We have no first hand knowledge of any cultural resources in this area. However, we do appreciate the opportunity to comment and will participate in this process. We request that the Department of Transportation keep us informed during the study as to any cultural resources it may find.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please contact me at (305) 223-8380, Ext. 2243, if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Steve Terry
NAGPRA Representative

Appendix A
Exhibit 9

APPENDIX B
Public Officials/Agency Kickoff Meeting Materials



COBB ROAD & US 98

Project Development & Environment Study

WPI Nos. 257299 1 & 405017 1; FAP Nos. 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P

Public Officials/Agency Kickoff Meeting

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has begun a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the proposed improvements to Cobb Road (CR 485) and a portion of U.S. 98, in Hernando County. As shown on the attached Project Location Map, the proposed project begins at the Cobb Road/SR 50 intersection and ends at the Suncoast Parkway interchange at US 98, a distance of approximately eleven miles.

The proposed improvements are intended to increase safety and meet future traffic demand on the facilities. These improvements are an important element of the regional roadway network and are included in the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Long Range Transportation Plan.

The objectives of PD&E Study are: 1) to analyze and document viable alternatives for accomplishing the needed improvements; 2) to analyze and document the projected environmental and social effects of implementing the project (it should be noted that the “No-Build Alternative” will remain under consideration throughout the Study process); and 3) to provide for public and agency participation in the study process.

A Public Involvement Plan has been prepared for this study. In addition to today’s Kickoff Meeting, the plan includes an Alternatives Public Workshop, a Public Hearing, and other elements. The Alternatives Workshop will be held once viable alternatives have been developed. Comments received from today’s meeting, along with comments from

other interested parties over the course of the study, will be used in developing those alternatives. The Study’s Public Hearing will be held once the effects of the alternatives (including the No-Build Alternative) have been documented and a preferred alternative has been identified. Other public involvement elements include project newsletters, informal meetings with stakeholders or other local interests (as needed), press releases, and presentations to the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Project Schedule

Project Kickoff	August 2001
Alternatives Public Workshop	Spring 2002
Public Hearing	Winter 2002/03
Location/Design Acceptance	Spring 2003

Once the PD&E Study is completed (signified by the granting of “Location/Design Acceptance” by the Federal Highway Administration) the project can move forward to the Design phase, when actual construction plans are prepared, followed by the Right-of-Way Acquisition phase and finally, construction of the project.

It is important that we obtain any information regarding concerns and suggestions on this project as early as possible in the PD&E Study process. Therefore, the Department invites and encourages your questions and comments, both today and over the course of the Study.

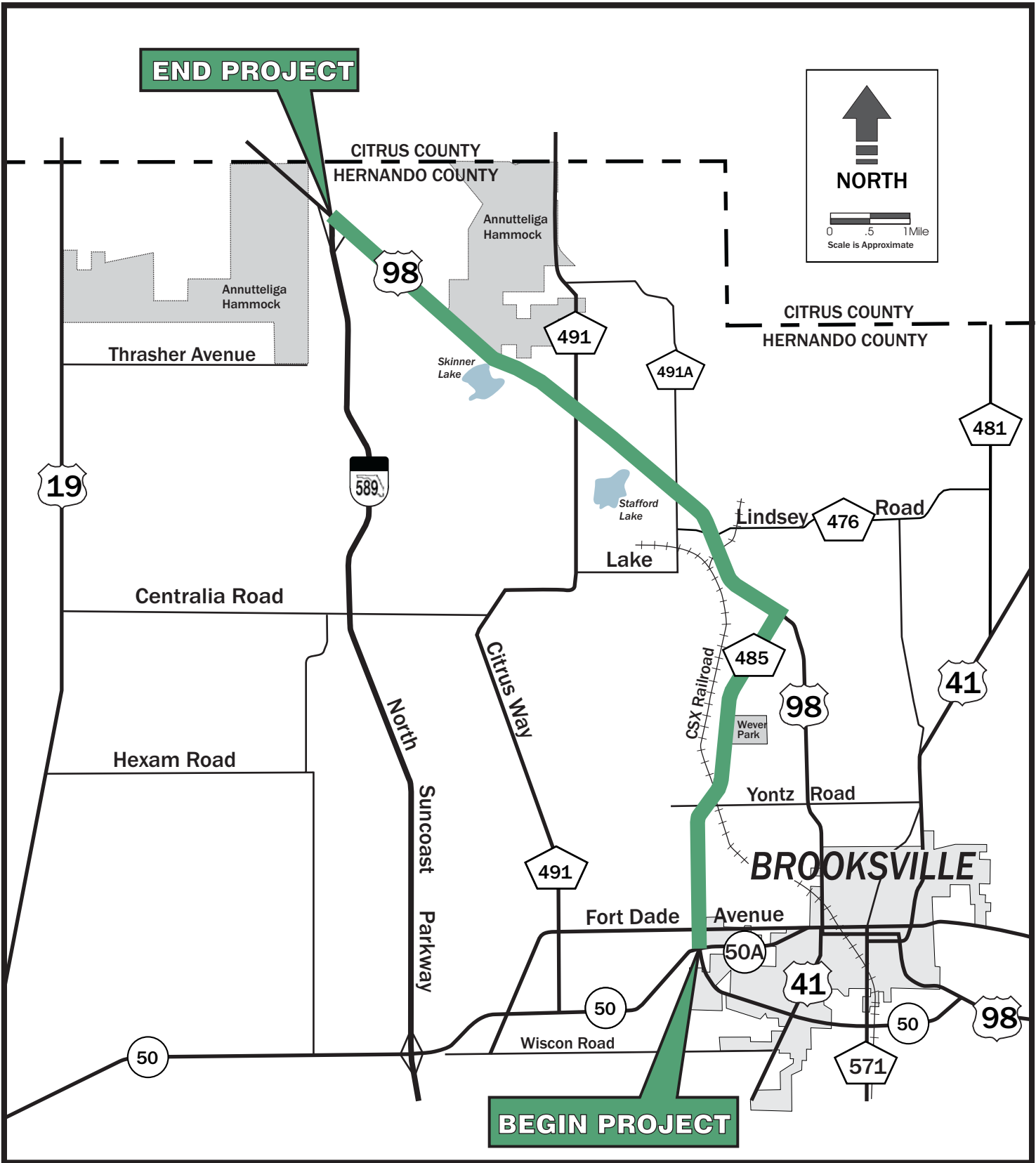
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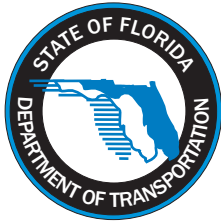
Mr. Gabor Farkasfalvy, Project Manager

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Project Location Map
Cobb Road (CR 485) / US 98 PD&E Study
 WPI Segment Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1
 FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P





COBB ROAD & US 98

Project Development & Environment Study

WPI Nos. 257299 1 & 405017 1; FAP Nos. 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P

August 29, 2001

Public Officials/Agency Kickoff

COMMENT FORM

We encourage your comments regarding this project.

Attach additional sheets, if needed.

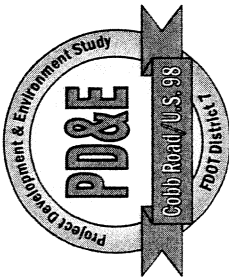
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NOTE: Please complete and place in the "Comments" box or mail to Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., at the address on the back of this Comment Form, by September 7, 2001, so that project development may continue. All comments are considered part of the public record and are available for viewing by the public and the news media.

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Mr. Kenneth A. Hartman, P.E.
District Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
11201 N. McKinley Drive
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COBB ROAD & US 98 PD&E STUDY

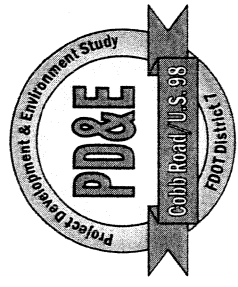
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August 29, 2001

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1. John H. Frazier	1524 Dan Jr. Ave	Bville P & L Board
2. Bill Coeiger	201 Howell Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601	CITY OF BROOKSVILLE Planning
3. Kay Adams	Hernando Co. Utilities 21030 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601	
4. Emory H. Pierce	600 S. Brooksville Ave, 34601	City of Brooksville
5. WILL SMITH	600 S BROOKSVILLE AV 34601	CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
6. SALLY SEVIER	21109 Sevierville Bl., Brooksville 34601	
7. MARY A. STAB	4417 BARNEY LN, Brooksville City Council	
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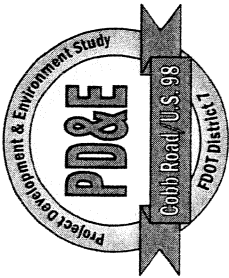
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COBB ROAD & US 98 PD&E STUDY

From CR 50 to Suncoast Parkway / Hernando County, Florida

Public Officials/Agency Kickoff Meeting

August 29, 2001

NAME (please print)	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
1. Jerry Comellas		FDOT / EMO
2. Kirk Bogen		FDOT / EMO
3. Rick Adair		" "
4. Ginger Resalado		" "
5. Gabriel Farkasfalvy		" "
6. JEFFREY SEMMOTTER		H.W. LOEMMER, INC.
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APPENDIX C
Agency Coordination Materials



Florida Department of Transportation

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THOMAS F. BARRY, JR.
SECRETARY

December 24, 2002

Mr. Peter J. Benjamin
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310
Jacksonville, FL 32216

RE: WPI Seg. Nos. 257299 1, 405017 1 /FAP Nos. 2891 007 P, 2891 008 P
Cobb Road (CR 485)/ US 98, from SR 50 to the North Suncoast Parkway
Hernando County

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This proposed project has been evaluated for impacts on federally protected threatened and endangered species. Based on the results of the literature review and field surveys conducted, the Department has concluded that no federally listed threatened or endangered species will be affected by the proposed improvements with the inclusion of the precautions include in the assessment. Furthermore, the proposed project is not located in an area designated as Critical Habitat by the U.S. Department of Interior. Therefore, the Department on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration has determined that the proposed actions will have "No Effect" with any federally protected threatened or endangered species.

If your office concurs with this determination, please respond to the Department in writing at your earliest convenience. If your agency would like a site review or any additional information, please feel free to call me at (813) 975-6457.

Sincerely,

Mr. Todd Mecklenborg
Biologist



FWS Log. No. 03-343

The Proposed action is not likely to adversely affect resources protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). This finding fulfills the requirements of the Act.

Florida Department of

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With reference to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) the Service does not have sufficient staff to review and comment on this application; therefore, we are unable to make recommendations and take no action regarding this application.

Candace Martino
for David L. Hankla
Field Supervisor

1/7/03
Date

JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cobb Rd./US 98 PD&E Study File
Financial Project ID Nos: 257299 1 22 01 & 405017 1 22 01

FROM: Herschel Conner

CC: John Kenty, Gabor Farkasfalvy

DATE: 04/08/02

SUBJECT: Meeting with CSX Transportation to Coordinate Alternative Design Concepts for widening Cobb Road and US 98 at Railroad Crossings – 04/08/02

Attendance

Gabor Farkasfalvy (FDOT7 – MP&DD)
James Andrews (FDOT7 – RR Admin)
Edward Pollock (CSX)
Unnamed Representative from CSX

Herschel Conner (HWL)
John Kenty (HWL)
Larry Buster (PB)

Purpose of Meeting

The meeting was held to coordinate two crossings of CSX tracks, one on Cobb Road just north of Yontz Rd. where a switch is located close to the existing roadway, the other located on US 98 near Lake Lindsey Road (CR 476).

Summary of Discussion

1. **Spur Crossing near Lake Lindsey Rd.** This rail line appears to be abandoned. However, CSX representatives stated that it is technically still in use, but that its continued use is subject to a permit application by Florida Rock who is trying to obtain permits for a new concrete plant that would be served by this line. CSX asked that the crossing continue to be shown until the concrete plant permit application is resolved. If the future design of the widened US 98 eliminates the crossing, FDOT must agree to replacing the crossing at a future date in accordance with the pending permit application.
2. **Cobb Road Crossing of CSX railroad north of Yontz Road.** A siding switch is located just west of the existing pavement of Cobb Road. The proposed widening of Cobb Road is along a western alignment to avoid a population of a federally listed plant species. As a result, the switch would be located within the proposed right-of-way and probably within the pavement. CSX indicated that the switch cannot be left in the crossing and would need to be relocated and that there needs to be a 15-foot clearance from the centerline of track. CSX recommended that FDOT show a relocation of the rail line/siding spur and switch in their concept plans for the project. No curves less than 10

degrees can be used and the switch must be located beyond the point of spiral curve. Between spirals there must be 100 feet of tangent. It will cost \$175 per foot (excluding grading and drainage) to relocate the rail line. Mainline track must have spiral curves, but spurs can use up to 10 degree simple curves. Actual design of the relocated track should be coordinated with Mike Duke at CSX. During our meeting Mr. Pollock conferred by cell phone with his office regarding the requirements of the Railroad at this crossing.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cobb Rd./US 98 PD&E Study File
Financial Project ID Nos: 257299 1 22 01 & 405017 1 22 01

FROM: Herschel Conner

CC: John Kenty, Gabor Farkasfalvy

DATE: 11/06/02

**SUBJECT: Field Meeting with CSX Transportation to Coordinate
Alternative Design Concepts for widening Cobb Road at t
Railroad Crossing north of Yontz Rd. – 11/06/02**

Attendance

Gabor Farkasfalvy (FDOT7 – MP&D)
James Andrews (FDOT7 – RR Admin)
Mike Duke (CSX)
Don Noble (FDOT7 – RR Admin)

Herschel Conner (HWL)
Jerry Comellas (FDOT7 – MP&D)
Larry Buster (PB)

Purpose of Meeting

The meeting was held to further coordinate the crossing of the CSX tracks on Cobb Road just north of Yontz Rd. where a switch is located close to the existing roadway. Earlier coordination in April had indicated that the switch could be moved with some realignment of the spur to the west. Now CSX is concerned that this may not be feasible for their operations.

Summary of Discussion

1. **Existing Railroad ROW.** Mike Duke of CSX indicated that their ROW extended 50 feet on either side of the centerline of tracks for both the spur and the mainline. In order to modify the track alignments and relocate the switch, additional ROW will be needed.
2. **Proposed FDOT Widening of Cobb Road in vicinity of Crossing of CSX railroad north of Yontz Road.** A public hearing for the four-laning of Cobb Rd. and US 98 is scheduled for November 21, 2002. The design concept to be presented will require right-of-way from the west side only. A siding switch is located just west of the existing pavement of Cobb Road. The proposed widening of Cobb Road is along a western alignment to avoid a population of a federally listed plant species. As a result, the existing switch would be located within the proposed FDOT right-of-way and probably within the median of the proposed four-lane divided facility.
3. **CSX Concerns and Proposed Solution.** CSX indicated earlier that the existing switch cannot be left in the crossing and would need to be relocated. Now, CSX is concerned that the spur line curvature required to relocate the switch would not work with the

newer trains using these tracks. As an alternative to relocating the improvements to Cobb Road to the east, which would effect property not previously effected, and impact the federally listed plant species, CSX proposed a double track crossing and relocation of the switch to the west side of Cobb Road. FDOT representatives agreed that this concept appeared to be the best solution, because it would allow the proposed alignment of the widening improvements to stand. CSX will perform a design evaluation of the double track crossing with the switch relocation to the west and report back to FDOT in about one month.

4. **Cobb Road/US 98 PD&E Study Status.** No changes to the conceptual design drawings will be made prior to the November 21, 2002 Public Hearing. The final solution to be developed by CSX in cooperation with FDOT will be included in the design phase of the project.

APPENDIX D
Public Information Workshop Materials

HERNANDO TIMES

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Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HERNANDO:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Mary Fanter who on oath says that she is Legal Clerk of the Hernando Times a daily newspaper published at Brooksville, in Hernando County, Florida: that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter of RE: Notice of Public Workshop

_____ in the _____ Court was published in said newspaper in the issues of June 5, 2002

Affiant further says the said Hernando Times is a newspaper published at Brooksville, in said Hernando County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Hernando County, Florida, each day and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Brooksville, in said Hernando County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm, or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Mary Fanter
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June, 2002.



Kimberly L. Cronshaw
MY COMMISSION # CC815950 EXPIRES
June 26, 2003
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

Kimberly L. Cronshaw
Signature of Notary Public

Personally known x or produced identification _____

Type of identification produced _____



Cobb Road (CR 485) and US 98 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Alternatives Public Workshop

You are invited to attend and participate

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend an Alternatives Public Workshop to discuss improvements being considered for Cobb Road (CR 485), from SR 50 to US 98, and US 98, from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway. The project limits are shown on the map.



The focus of the meeting will be to present the project alternatives and solicit public input. A short audio-visual presentation concerning the improvements will be shown continuously throughout the evening. Graphics and aerial maps will be on display. Representatives from the FDOT and their consultants will be available to discuss the project and receive your comments.

The Workshop will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2002, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Dolores S. Parrott Middle School, located at 19220 Youth Drive, in Brooksville.

This Public Workshop is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact the Project Manager by June 6, 2002.

Individuals with questions regarding this project may also contact the Project Manager, Gabor Farkasfalvy, at (800) 226-7220 or (813) 975-6455.

When: Thursday, June 13, 2002
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Dolores S. Parrott Middle School
19220 Youth Drive
Brooksville, Florida 34601

Alternatives Evaluation Matrix

EVALUATION MEASURES	SEGMENT 1			SEGMENT 2			SEGMENT 3		SEGMENT 4	
	NO-BUILD	SUBURBAN		RURAL		RURAL	RURAL	LEFT	LEFT	
		LEFT	SAVE PAV'T	LEFT	BEST FIT					SAVE PAV'T
Engineering Factors										
Additional Right-of-Way Needed (acres)	0	18.68	22.63	22.02	53.42	53.50	53.90	41.35	31.66	
Design Costs (millions of dollars) at 15% of Construction Costs	\$0.000	\$1.266	\$1.448	\$1.159	\$1.376	\$1.376	\$1.102	\$1.943	\$1.716	
Right-of-Way Costs (millions of dollars)	\$0.000	\$3.860	\$4.615	\$4.617	\$4.627	\$4.936	\$5.090	\$7.613	\$3.478	
Construction Costs (millions of dollars)*	\$0.000	\$8.443	\$9.651	\$7.730	\$9.176	\$9.176	\$7.347	\$12.956	\$11.441	
Construction Engineering & Inspection Costs (millions of dollars) at 17.5 % of Construction Costs	\$0.000	\$1.477	\$1.689	\$1.353	\$1.606	\$1.606	\$1.286	\$2.267	\$2.002	
Wetland Mitigation Costs (millions of dollars) (FS 373.4137; 2002-'03 figures; \$83,598.00/ac)	\$0.000	\$0.025	\$0.042	\$0.042	\$0.259	\$0.251	\$0.251	\$0.008	\$0.050	
Total Project Cost (millions of dollars)	\$0.000	\$15.071	\$17.445	\$14.901	\$17.045	\$17.345	\$15.075	\$24.787	\$18.688	
Social & Cultural Impacts										
Potential Residential Relocations	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Potential Business Relocations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Natural Environment Impacts										
Wetland Area (acres)	0	0.3	0.5	0.5	3.1	3	3	0.1	0.6	
Floodplains (acres)	0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	
Threatened & Endangered Species (0=No habitat to be impacted, 1=impacted habitat)	0	0	0	0	1 ^(a)	1 ^(a)	1 ^(a)	0	1 ^(a,b)	
Physical Environment Impacts										
Potential Contamination Sites within or adjacent to proposed right-of-way	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Noise Sensitive Sites	0	13	13	13	3	3	3	6	12	

* Construction Costs based on concrete pavement

^(a) Alligator - "Species of Special Concern" (Florida), "Threatened Species" (Federal)

^(b) Gopher Tortoise - "Species of Special Concern" (Florida), "Threatened Species" (Federal)



Cobb Road & US 98

(Cobb Rd., from SR 50 to US 98 and US 98 from Cobb Rd. to the Suncoast Parkway)

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

WPI Segment Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1; FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P

Number 1

This newsletter is the first in a series of three newsletters prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation to keep the public informed about the Cobb Road (CR 485) / US 98 PD&E Study.

May 2002

Public Information Workshop Scheduled

Dear Interested Citizen and Property Owner:

You are invited to attend and participate in the Cobb Road / US 98 Public Workshop on June 13, 2002, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Dolores S. Parrott Middle School, 19220 Youth Drive, in Brooksville.

This letter also serves as notice to property owners that the whole or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the centerline of one of the project alternatives pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155 (6). However, the property may not be directly affected.

Exhibits showing project alternatives and related information will be available for viewing. FDOT representatives will be in attendance to answer any questions and solicit your comments. You may provide written comments by completing a Comment Form at the Public Workshop that can be dropped in one of the comment boxes. You may also mail us your comments to the address on the back of this newsletter.

Any person requiring special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is requested to contact Mr. Gabor Farkasfalvy, FDOT Project Manager, at (800) 226-7220.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Clifford, AICP
District Planning Manager

The Cobb Road/US 98 PD&E Study

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation for the proposed widening of Cobb Road (County Road 485) and a portion of US 98. The project would include four-laning the entire length of Cobb Road and four-laning a portion of US 98 (see Project Location Map).

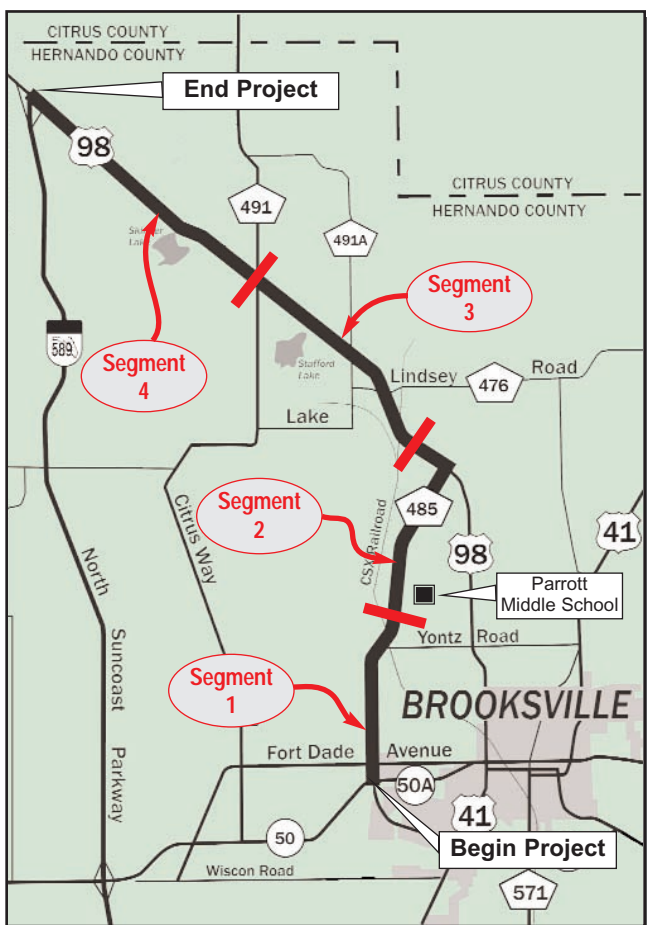
The PD&E Study is being conducted to find the most appropriate alignment and design concept for the widening, determine the potential effects associated with the alternatives developed during the study, including the "No-Build" alternative.

Ongoing transportation planning, at both regional and local levels, has identified the need for this project. Specifically, the project is needed to improve safety, increase traffic capacity, and provide other heavy trucks a better alternative to the present US 98 route through downtown Brooksville.

To create this alternative truck route, Cobb Road would be upgraded to state highway standards and would then receive the designation of US 98. The existing segment of US 98 north of Brooksville would then be downgraded to the status of a County road. The redesignation of Cobb Road, along with recent improvements to Cortez Boulevard (State Road 50), around the southern end of Brooksville, would provide a more attractive choice for truck drivers, allowing them to bypass downtown Brooksville.

The four-laning of Cobb Road would also improve safety, especially with respect to those times of day when school buses and heavy trucks are both using the facility.

The proposed project is included in the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition, it is consistent with the County's Adopted Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, and has been endorsed by the City of Brooksville.



Study Segments

To better analyze the study alternatives, the project has been divided into segments, as shown on the map.

- **Segment 1** extends from SR 50 to just north of Yontz Road and the railroad crossing.
- **Segment 2** extends from just north of the railroad crossing to just west of the Cobb-US 98 intersection.
- **Segment 3** extends to County Road 491.
- **Segment 4** extends from CR 491 to the end of the project, at the Suncoast Parkway.



**Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven
 Environmental Management Office
 11201 N. Malcolm McKinley Drive
 Tampa, Florida 33612-6403**

How to Reach Us

We encourage you to take an active part in the Cobb Road / US 98 PD&E Study. If you wish to discuss the project with a Study team member, schedule a small group meeting, or be added to the mailing list, please contact Gabor Farkasfalvy, Project Manager, at:

Telephone: 1-800-226-7220
Fax: 1-813-975-9451
Email: gabor.farkasfalvy@dot.state.fl.us
Address: Florida Department of Transportation
 Modal Planning & Development Department
 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500
 Tampa, Florida 33612-6456

Anticipated Project Schedule

Public Hearing **Fall 2002**

PD&E Study Completed **Spring 2003**

FDOT Five-Year Tentative Work Program (Fiscal Years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007)

Segment	Design	Right-of-Way	Construction
Cobb Road (CR 485) – SR 50 to US 98 (Segments 1 and 2)	2002/03	2003/04 – 2004/05 (Reserve)	Not Currently Funded
US 98 – Cobb Road to Citrus Way (Segment 3)	2003/04 – 2004/05	Not Currently Funded	Not Currently Funded
US 98 – Citrus Way to Suncoast Parkway (Segment 4)	Not Currently Funded	Not Currently Funded	Not Currently Funded

What's Next

After feasible alternatives are evaluated, a recommended alternative is selected based on project needs and related environmental, engineering, and socioeconomic factors. If acceptable, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) then approves the recommended alternative by granting Location and Design Acceptance (LDA).

This Public Workshop is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact the Project Manager, Gabor Farkasfalvy, at (800) 226-7220 by June 6, 2002.



COBB ROAD & US 98 (PD&E) STUDY

Public Workshop

*Cobb Road from SR 50 to US 98, and
US 98 from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway
WPI Seg. Nos. 257299 1 & 405017 1
FAP Nos. 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P*

June 13, 2002

COMMENT FORM

We encourage your comments regarding this project.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

If you did not receive notice of the Public Workshop but would like to be included on the mailing list for this project, please check.

NOTE: Please complete and place in the "Comments" box or mail to Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., at the address on the back of this Comment Form. All comments are part of the project record and are available for viewing by the public and the media.

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**Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary
Attn: Robert M. Clifford, AICP
District Planning Manager
Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
MS 7-500
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COBB ROAD & US 98 PD&E STUDY

From CR 50 to Suncoast Parkway, Hernando County, Florida

Public Information Workshop

June 13, 2002

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6. David Huff	15065 BOWEN RD.	SECF,
7. Will Smith	600 S BROOKSVILLE AV BROOKSVILLE FL 34601	CITY
8. Lewis Cook	5714 Jans	N.P.R
9. Sam Lane	13341 HEXAM RD BROOKSVILLE	
10. Brent Simon	5612 New Port Rinkay FR	- Sun Land -

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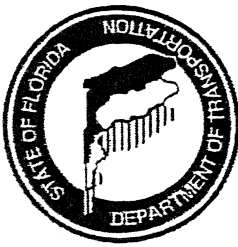
Public Information Workshop

June 13, 2002

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2. <i>Representative D. Russell</i>		
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COBB ROAD & US 98 PD&E STUDY

From CR 50 to Suncoast Parkway, Hernando County, Florida



Public Information Workshop

June 13, 2002

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4. Robert W. Coppsbill	2288 Cobble RD	Self
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6. Ed. Acord Hunter	9020 COBB RD	BROOKSVILLE FL 34601
7. Mrs. Mrs. Donald Palmer	19470 McCloy CIR.	BROOKSVILLE FL 34601
8. Daniel B. Merritt Sr.	POB 1890	Brooksville, FL 34605
9. Clay Clements	11430 Cap Mier Rd	" " 34601
10. LINDA & Doug VEZINA	19475 Bidwell Rd	Brooksville 34601



COBB ROAD & US 98 PD&E STUDY

From CR 50 to Suncoast Parkway, Hernando County, Florida

Public Information Workshop

June 13, 2002

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8. Beale Enquist	PO Box 912 Wn fl	
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From CR 50 to Suncoast Parkway, Hernando County, Florida



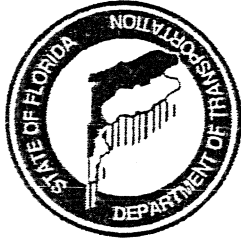
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June 13, 2002

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2. JOE JOHNSTON #3	ROLL	CITY
3. Roger L. Norton	Brooksville	SELF
4. Robert Wardlaw	Brookville	SELF
5. Robert Barkin	Brookville	SELF
6. TED MAYNARD	BROOKVILLE	SELF
7. Wayne Mangrum	Brooksville	SELF
8. Chuck Giff	Clearwater	SHH
9. Dennis Duh	Brooksville	MPO
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Public Information Workshop

June 13, 2002

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2. Gabor Farkasfalvy	District VII	FDOT
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5. Patrick Carroll		H.W. Lochner
6. John Kenty		H.W. Lochner
7. Mary Collazo		H.W. Lochner
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9. Angie Patterson		H.W. Lochner
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From CR 50 to Suncoast Parkway, Hernando County, Florida

Public Information Workshop

June 13, 2002

NAME (please print)	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
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2. Kris Carson	DOT P10	HW Lochner
3. Judith Smith	FDOT VI Access Mgmt.	
4. Roger Menendez	HW LOCHNER	
5. Bill Riba	FDOT - Sa Feat	
6. Lee Royal	FDOT	
7. JAMAL WAGAMIA	11 P.M. D7	
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APPENDIX E
Public Hearing Materials

HERNANDO TIMES

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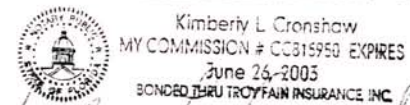
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_____ in the _____ Court was published in said newspaper in the issues of October 31 and November 13, 2002.

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Mary Fanter
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of November, 2002.


Kimberly L. Cronshaw
Signature of Notary Public

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Type of identification produced _____

PUBLIC HEARING



Cobb Road (CR 485) and US 98

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

WPI Segment Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1 / FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P



You are invited to attend and participate in the Public Hearing for the Cobb Road (CR 485) and US 98 Project Development and Environment Study. This Hearing is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The Hearing will be held:

Date: November 21, 2002
Open House: 4:30 p.m.
Formal Hearing: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Dolores S. Parrott Middle School
19220 Youth Drive
Brooksville, Florida

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the Recommended "Build" Alternative for Cobb Road (CR 485), from SR 50 to US 98, and for US 98, from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway. The build alternative includes widening Cobb Road and US 98 to four lanes and redesignating Cobb Road as US 98. The No-Build Alternative will remain a viable alternative throughout the PD&E Study process.

The Public Hearing will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed project. Project documents and conceptual design plans developed by the Department will be available for public review from October 30, 2002 through November 21, 2002 at Lykes Memorial Library, 238 Howell Avenue, in Brooksville (Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9:30 to 8:00; Wed., Fri., Sat., 9:30 to 5:00). These materials will also be available for review at the Hearing, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

FDOT representatives will be available at the Hearing to answer questions and receive comments. The formal portion of the Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will consist of a presentation on the proposed improvements, followed by a public comment period.

Persons who wish to submit written statements in lieu of, or in addition to, oral statements may do so at the Hearing, or they can mail them to the following address: Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary, ATTN: Robert M. Clifford, AICP, District Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, M.S. 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456. All comments must be postmarked by December 2, 2002 to become part of the official Public Hearing record.

This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771, Section 339.155, Florida Statutes, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the Hearing need to contact Gabor Farkasfalvy, Project Manager, at least three days prior to the Hearing by calling (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6455, by email to gabor.farkasfalvy@dot.state.fl.us, or by written correspondence to Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612-6456. If you have questions concerning this project, please contact Gabor Farkasfalvy at the numbers listed above.

Florida Administrative Weekly Advertisement

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** announces a public hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2002

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Dolores S. Parrott Middle School
19220 Youth Drive
Brooksville, FL 34601

PURPOSE: This hearing is being held to afford interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, and environmental effects of WPI Seg. Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1, otherwise known as Cobb Road (CR 485) & US 98 Project Development and Environment Study. The limits of the project are Cobb Road (CR 485), from SR 50 to US 98, and US 98, from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway, in Hernando County.

Anyone needing project or public hearing information or special accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 should write to the address given below or call telephone number (800) 226-7220. Special accommodation requests under the Americans With Disabilities Act should be made at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing to: Mr. Robert Clifford, AICP, District Planning Manager, Modal Planning and Development Department, Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612-6456.

RECOMMENDED "BUILD" ALTERNATIVE SUMMARY

Cobb Road / US 98 PD&E Study

WPI Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1
 FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P

	SEGMENTS				TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	
Engineering Factors					
Additional Right-of-Way Needed (acres), Including pond sites	15.7	42.3	45.5	29.0	132.6
Design Costs (millions of dollars) at 15% of Construction Costs	\$1.5	\$1.8	\$2.3	\$2.0	\$7.5
Right-of-Way Costs (millions of dollars), Including pond sites	\$2.8	\$3.7	\$6.6	\$3.1	\$16.2
Construction Costs (millions of dollars)*	\$10.0	\$12.0	\$15.1	\$13.1	\$50.2
Construction Engineering & Inspection Costs (millions of dollars) at 10% of Construction Costs	\$1.0	\$1.2	\$1.5	\$1.3	\$5.0
Wetland Mitigation Costs (millions of dollars)	\$0.0	\$0.2	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.3
Total Project Cost (millions of dollars)	\$15.3	\$19.0	\$25.5	\$19.5	\$79.3
Social & Cultural Effects					
Residential Relocations	0	0	0	0	0
Business Relocations	0	0	2	0	2
Natural Environment Effects					
Wetland Area (acres)	0.1	2.8	0.1	0.6	3.6
Floodplains (acres)	0.07	0	0	0.16	0.23
Threatened & Endangered Species Involvement	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES
Physical Environment Effects					
Potential Contamination Sites within or adjacent to proposed Right-of-Way	2	0	2	0	4
Noise Sensitive Sites Effected	16	0	3	2	21

* Costs based on concrete pavement



**Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven
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Cobb Road & US 98

(Cobb Rd., from SR 50 to US 98, and US 98, from Cobb Rd. to the Suncoast Parkway)

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

WPI Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1; FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P

Number 2

This newsletter is the second in a series of three newsletters prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation to keep the public informed about the Cobb Road (CR 485) / US 98 PD&E Study.

October 2002

Public Hearing Announcement

Dear Property Owner or Interested Citizen:

You are invited to attend and participate in a Public Hearing regarding proposed improvements to Cobb Road and US 98 in Hernando County. This Hearing is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in partnership with Hernando County. The Hearing will be held:

Date: November 21, 2002
Time: Open House 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Formal Hearing 6:00 p.m.
Place: Dolores S. Parrott Middle School
19220 Youth Drive
Brooksville, Florida

The Hearing is being conducted to afford persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed widening of Cobb Road (County Road 485) and a portion of US 98. The project would include four-laning the entire length of Cobb Road and four-laning a portion of US 98.

This newsletter serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the centerline of the proposed project. This does not mean, however, that all properties would be directly affected.

Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information depicting the project's alignment and proposed improvements will be available for public review from October 30, 2002 through December 2, 2002 at the Lykes Memorial Library, located at 238 Howell Avenue, in Brooksville.

Department representatives will be available at Parrott Middle School beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the Hearing to answer questions and discuss the project informally. Aerial photographs will be displayed showing the pro-

posed improvements and an audio-visual presentation about the project will run continuously. A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting. In addition, project related materials and brochures regarding right-of-way acquisition will be available.

At 6:00 p.m. Department representatives will begin the formal portion of the Hearing, which will include a presentation and an opportunity to make formal public comments. Following the formal portion of the Hearing, the informal Open House will resume and continue until 7:30 p.m.

In addition, verbal statements, written statements or exhibits submitted at the Hearing will become part of the official Public Hearing record. Written statements may be mailed to: Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary, ATTN: Robert M. Clifford, AICP, District Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, M.S. 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456. All comments must be postmarked by December 2, 2002 to become part of the official Public Hearing record.

This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact the Project Manager, Gabor Farkasfalvy, at (800) 226-7220 by November 14, 2002.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Clifford, AICP
 District Planning Manager

What Happens Next?

During this Hearing and for 10 days afterward, you will have the opportunity to present your views concerning the project. Your comments will be entered into the official Public Hearing record for the project if postmarked by December 2, 2002.

Location Design Acceptance (LDA) for this project is anticipated to be received from the Federal Highway Administration in Winter of 2003. Individuals on the project mailing list will be notified of the approved alternative.

Title VI and Title VIII Compliance

This Hearing is being held to afford all citizens the opportunity to understand the proposed project and express concerns about the project to the Department. This Hearing complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended.

Public participation at this Hearing is encouraged and solicited without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or family status.

Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI and/or Title VIII, may do so by contacting the District Seven Title VI and VIII Program Officer, Attn: Robert Clifford, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456, or the Florida Department of Transportation Equal Opportunity Office, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 65, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399. All inquires or complaints will be handled according to FDOT procedure and in an expeditious manner.

Florida Department of Transportation
 Project Development and Environment Study

Cobb Road and US 98

WPI Nos: 257299 1 & 405017 1
 FAP Nos: 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P

Public Hearing

Thursday, November 21, 2002
 Open House 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Formal Hearing 6:00 p.m.

Dolores S. Parrott Middle School
 19220 Youth Drive, Brooksville

For more information, contact:

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The Cobb Road/US 98 PD&E Study

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation for the proposed widening of Cobb Road (County Road 485) and a portion of US 98. The Study proposes to four-lane the entire length of Cobb Road and a portion of US 98 (see map at right). The Study is being conducted to find the most appropriate alignment and design concept for the widening and to determine the potential effects associated with the alternatives developed during the study, including the "No-Build" alternative.

Ongoing transportation planning has identified the need to improve safety, increase traffic capacity, and provide heavy trucks a better alternative to the present US 98 route through downtown Brooksville. To create this alternative truck route, Cobb Road would be upgraded to state highway standards and would then receive the designation of US 98. The existing segment of US 98 north of Brooksville would then become a County road. The redesignation of Cobb Road, along with recent improvements to Cortez Boulevard (State Road 50), around the southern end of Brooksville, would provide a more attractive choice for truck drivers, allowing them to bypass downtown Brooksville. The proposed improvements to Cobb Road would also improve safety, especially with respect to those times of day when school buses and heavy trucks are both using the facility.

The proposed project is included in the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition, it is consistent with the County's Adopted Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, and has been endorsed by the City of Brooksville.

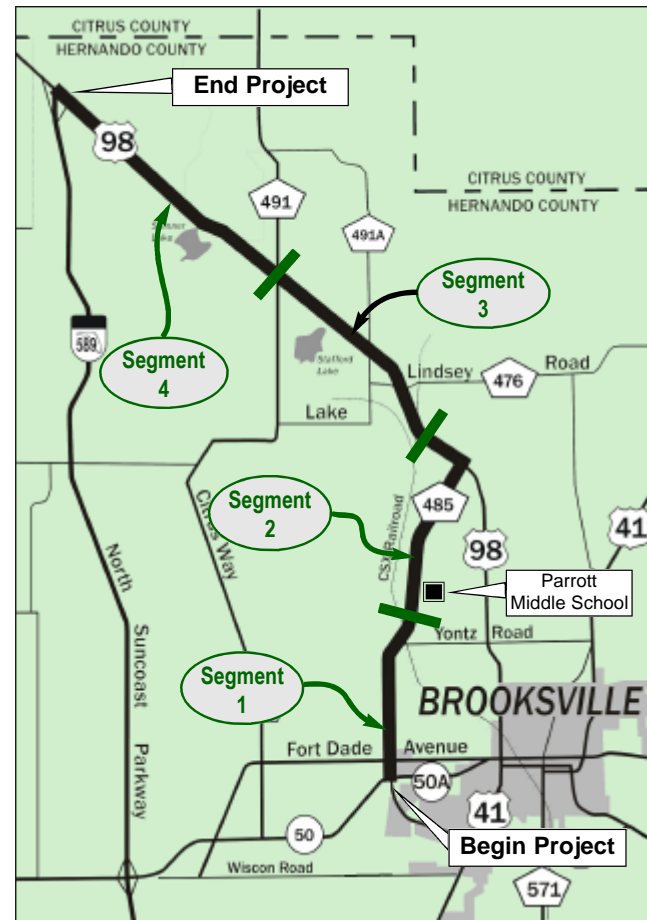
Study Segments

Segment 1: from SR 50 to north of Yontz Road.

Segment 2: from north Yontz Road to west of the Cobb Road/US 98 intersection.

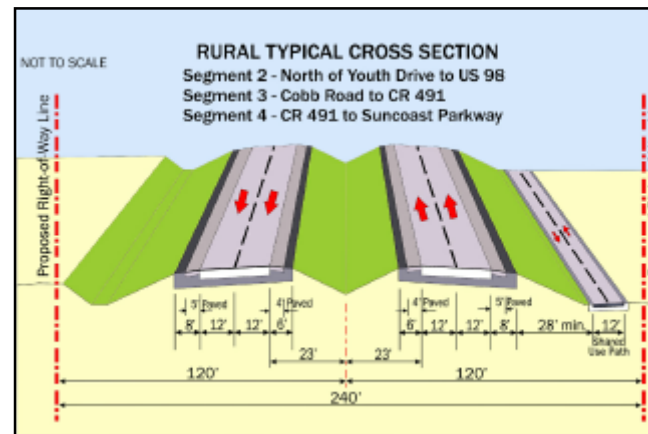
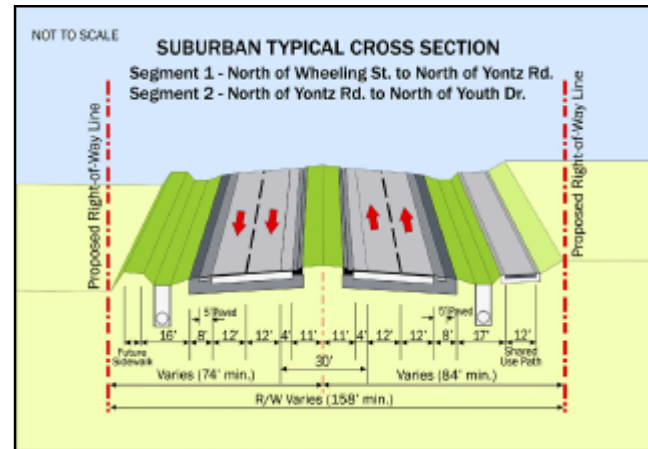
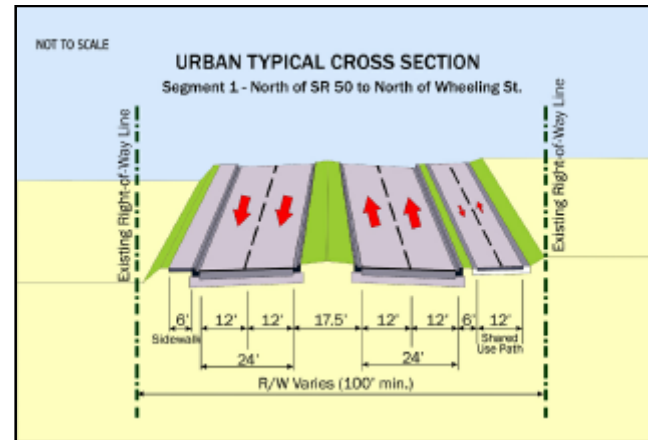
Segment 3: from west of the Cobb Road/US 98 intersection to County Road 491.

Segment 4: from west of County Road 491 to the Suncoast Parkway.



Project Location Map

Recommended Project Alternative



Segment 1 — From SR 50 to Wheeling Street, an urban typical section would be used. It would have four 12-foot travel lanes, a 17.5-foot curbed median, a 6-foot sidewalk on the west side, and a 12-foot shared use path (for pedestrians and bicyclists) on the east side of Cobb Road. This typical section is designed to generally fit within the existing right-of-way (minimum 100 feet). North of Wheeling Street in Segment 1, the recommended alternative transitions to a suburban typical section following a left alignment. Additional right-of-way needed for the four-lane improvement would be acquired from the west side of Cobb Road. The suburban typical cross section would also include four 12-foot travel lanes, a 12-foot shared use path, and a 30-foot wide median. The suburban typical cross section would require a minimum of 158 feet of right-of-way, or approximately 38 feet of additional right-of-way.

Segment 2 — the recommended alternative would continue with the suburban typical on a left alignment to a point just north of Youth Drive, where it would transition to a rural typical section on a left alignment. The rural typical cross section includes four 12-foot travel lanes, a 46-foot median, and the shared use path on the east side would be continued. The rural typical cross section would require a minimum 240 feet of right-of-way, or approximately 120 feet of additional right-of-way along the west side.

Segments 3 and 4 — The recommended alternative is the rural typical section on a left alignment. The additional 40 feet of right-of-way would be acquired on the southwest side of US 98.

A separate shared use path (trail for pedestrians and bicyclists) is included in each of the recommended typical sections. The separate shared use trail is recommended because it provides a buffer between the non-motorized travelers and the high volume of heavy trucks using the main travel lanes. The recommended improvement also involves designating existing Cobb Road as US 98 to provide a route bypassing downtown Brooksville. The existing Cobb Road intersection with US 98 would be realigned to allow southbound and northbound through movements between existing Cobb Road and US 98 to the north.

FDOT Five-Year Adopted Work Program (Fiscal Years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007)

Segment	Design	Right-of-Way	Construction
Cobb Road (CR 485) – SR 50 to US 98 (Segments 1 and 2)	2002/03	2003/04 (Reserve)	Not Currently Funded
US 98 – Cobb Road to Citrus Way (Segment 3)	2003/04 – 2004/05	Not Currently Funded	Not Currently Funded
US 98 – Citrus Way to Suncoast Parkway (Segment 4)	Not Currently Funded	Not Currently Funded	Not Currently Funded



COBB ROAD & US 98 (PD&E) STUDY

Public Hearing

*Cobb Road from SR 50 to US 98, and
US 98 from Cobb Road to the Suncoast Parkway
WPI Seg. Nos. 257299 1 & 405017 1
FAP Nos. 2891 007 P & 2891 008 P*

November 21, 2002

COMMENT FORM

We encourage your comments regarding this project.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NOTE: Please complete and place in the "Comments" box or mail to Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., at the address on the back of this form, by December 2, 2002. All comments are part of the project record and are available for viewing by the public and the media.

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**Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary
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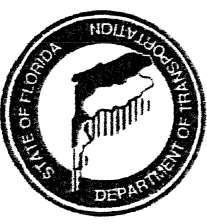
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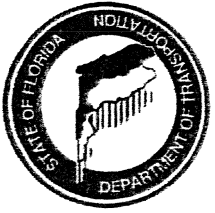
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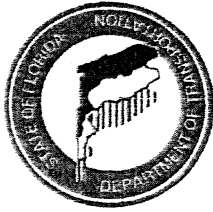


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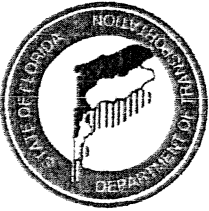
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COBB ROAD (CR 485) AND U.S. 98 PD&E STUDY
PUBLIC HEARING

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DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2002
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ORAL STATEMENTS

1 My name is James Repanta. I live at 18478
2 Fort Dade Avenue. My phone number is 540-4767.

3 My comment is: I understand that they
4 have a five-year projective time in which
5 they're going to do this road. It took them
6 seven years to do Cortez Avenue and Route 41 and
7 a part of Cobb Road, which hasn't been completed
8 yet.

9 When are they going to finish the 200 feet
10 of Route 41 by the new Super Wal-Mart so we can
11 have access to the whole road?

12 That's my comment.

13 JAMES REPANTA
14 18478 Fort Dade Avenue
15 Brooksville, FL 34601
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1 My name is Gary Klein. I'm at 8479 Cobb
2 Road here in Brooksville. My phone number is
3 765-962-1419.

4 I would like to comment that I think the
5 road would be good, but I do have some questions
6 since I live right beside it there at the start
7 of it.

8 I want to know if they're going to put up
9 some kind of a sound barrier wall there or not.
10 That's what I would like to make a comment on
11 here, that I think they should because of the
12 noise, traffic that comes from all the trucks.

13 And since they're going to name this road
14 98 instead of Cobb Road, or whatever the other
15 was, then all the truck route is going to be
16 through there like it is now. We need some kind
17 of a sound barrier wall up there.

18 So that's what I want to put in my plug
19 about right here right now. See if they can
20 think about that.

21 GARY KLEIN
22 8479 Cobb Road
23 Brooksville, FL 34601
24 765-962-1419

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1 I thank you for the opportunity for the
2 comments on Cobb Road and U.S. 98. And my name
3 is Vaikunta MurtyGulivindala.

4 I'm one of the old Deschamps or Dechamps
5 now known as RMD Retail. I'm the owner of the
6 convenience store and the gas station at the
7 junction of U.S. 98 and 491.

8 I like the improvements, but however, I'm
9 a little bit concerned about the following:
10 Number one: The U.S. 98 need not be 240 feet.
11 You can go with the suburban typical
12 cross-section, which is 150 altogether, the
13 width is 150 minimum instead of 240. Okay?

14 The 240 road is too ambitious for the
15 needs of this town. But, however, whatever is
16 best suited for the town, you could do it.

17 And also some suggestions -- some people
18 had me -- you know, I had them telling, why
19 don't you do the urban thing, like in the main
20 area.

21 Some people are, you know, telling the --
22 the urban section is enough -- should be enough
23 for the road. But, however, we just don't know
24 what is good.

25 While I'm looking at this, we can build

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1 plans, we can do a lot of things. However, we
2 have to protect the rights of the business
3 owners and the homeowners in the area. That's
4 very important. And then if we have better
5 plan, that would be it.

6 But the most important thing I came in
7 here to submit is: I own the store, and that
8 store, the Deschamps, is in business since 1952.
9 It's a very old, antiquated store; people come
10 here, sometimes there's nobody there.

11 However, I have heard and seen a lot of
12 accidents on the junction of 491 and 98. I
13 request humbly to put a traffic signal in that
14 place so that we can avoid the unpleasant
15 situations of the young people getting involved
16 in the car accident.

17 U.S. 98 is a right of way coming at 75
18 miles speed on 98, the trucks; whereas, the two
19 stop signs up and down people just don't care;
20 they just cross. But I heard a lot of times
21 there was a petition on file way back. My
22 father told me.

23 So I really appreciate addition to the
24 changes that you folks are doing. Give the
25 benefit of a traffic light for the people.

ORAL STATEMENTS

1 I appreciate -- I thank you for the help
2 and, you know, I want to be part of it. Thank
3 you. If there is anything you need, I can be
4 questioned, or help, please give me call at
5 352-754-4343; that's my store number. Thank
6 you.

7 VAIKUNTA MURTYGULIVINDALA
8 15738 Ponce De Leon Boulevard
9 Brooksville, FL 34601
10 352-754-4343

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1 My name is Bill Geiger, and my address is
2 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida, 34601;
3 that's the address of my employer, which is the
4 City of Brooksville.

5 The comment that I have is related to the
6 proposed median at the intersection of Fort Dade
7 Avenue and Cobb Road. The -- specifically, you
8 need to keep that open so that you do have
9 through movement running from east to west, west
10 to east for Fort Dade Avenue.

11 The raised median, basically what that
12 will do is force a lot of residents that live in
13 the northwest part of Hernando County to take
14 the state highway system as opposed to taking
15 secondary roads because of not being able to get
16 access directly across through there at Fort
17 Dade Avenue; plus it will have an impact on the
18 retail gas station that's located there on the
19 northeast corner of that intersection.

20 I think that as far as recommended design,
21 that's something that should be coordinated
22 between the City of Brooksville, Hernando County
23 Metropolitan Planning Organization and DOT to
24 come up with something that would be suitable
25 for that intersection.

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BILL GEIGER
201 Howell Avenue
Brooksville, FL 34601
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ORAL STATEMENTS

1 My name is Julie Moore at 9282 Cobb Road.
2 My concern is, number one, I don't like the
3 idea. I realize I'm probably outvoted on this,
4 but we need to make it safe.

5 There's a 12-foot shared bicycle path,
6 whatever it is, that's going to be just outside
7 of my gate, like six feet outside the gate, is
8 what we measured it at.

9 And we have a well-drilling business
10 there, and we have large trucks that come in and
11 back in with lots of heavy pipe, I mean, several
12 hundred pounds of pipe. It's not going to be
13 safe for those trucks to come in and out with
14 people coming in the same area. There has to be
15 some way to separate the two of them so no one
16 gets hurt. I have no idea how we can do this.
17 So somebody needs to look into it.

18 Just coming out of the -- coming out of my
19 yard, we have to cross over this path to get to
20 the road to go out and there's not even enough
21 room to turn a car there, according to these
22 estimates that they're giving us. So it needs
23 to be looked into.

24 As I said, these trucks have huge amounts
25 of heavy pipe. I just can't see that and a

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1 person using the same space. So it does need to
2 be looked at. That's it.

3 JULIE MOORE

4 9282 Cobb Road

5 Brooksville, FL 34601

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FORMAL HEARING

1 MR. CLIFFORD: Good evening. I am Bob
2 Clifford. I'd like to welcome you to the Cobb
3 Road/U.S. 98 public hearing at Parrott Middle
4 School.

5 This public hearing that is being
6 conducted tonight concerns the proposed
7 improvements on Cobb Road from State Road 50 to
8 U.S. 98, and on U.S. 98 from Cobb Road to the
9 Suncoast Parkway in Hernando County, Florida.

10 The public hearing is your opportunity to
11 receive information on the project and to
12 publicly and officially comment on the
13 recommended build alternative and documents
14 available here tonight.

15 The recommended build alternative is based
16 on environmental and engineering analyses
17 accomplished to date, as well as public comments
18 received.

19 Today is Thursday, November 21st, 2002,
20 and it is approximately 6 p.m.

21 This Project Development and Environment
22 Study and public hearing are conducted under
23 applicable federal and state laws. These
24 citations, along with the advertisement dates,
25 are listed on the board -- actually right here.

FORMAL HEARING

1 At this time I would like to introduce
2 representatives that may assist you in answering
3 any questions regarding the materials or
4 displays that we have here this evening.

5 First, I would like to introduce Kirk
6 Bogen, our project development engineer; Gabor
7 Farkasfalvy, the department's project manager;
8 Chris Carson, the department's public
9 information officer; and Herschel Conner, the
10 consultant project manager.

11 I would like to briefly describe the
12 alternatives and evaluation process that led
13 the department to the recommended build
14 alternative presented here tonight.

15 The need for the capacity improvement is
16 identified in the Hernando Metropolitan Planning
17 Organization, 2025 Long Range Transportation
18 Plan.

19 This PD&E study was initiated in April
20 2001. During the study, a total of six build
21 alternatives and a no-build alternative were
22 analyzed and evaluated. A comprehensive
23 evaluation process was applied during the
24 alternatives analysis period.

25 Some of the factors used in the evaluation

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1 process include public comments gained
2 throughout the study period, analysis of traffic
3 projections, ability to accommodate existing
4 and projected traffic, accident history, social
5 and environmental effects, construction and
6 right-of-way costs, as well as consistency
7 of local government comprehensive plans.

8 The project was divided into four
9 segments. Segment 1, from State Road 50 to
10 north of Yontz Road; Segment 2, from north of
11 Yontz Road to west of the Cobb Road/U.S. 98
12 intersection; Segment 3, from west of the Cobb
13 Road/U.S. 98 intersection to County Road 491;
14 and Segment 4, from west of County Road 491 to
15 the Suncoast Parkway.

16 In Segment 1 from State Road 50 to
17 Wheeling Street, an urban typical section is
18 proposed. It would have four 12-foot travel
19 lanes, a 17 1/2-foot curbed median, a 6-foot
20 sidewalk on the west side, and a 12-foot
21 shared-use path on the east side of Cobb Road.
22 This typical section is designed to generally
23 fit within the existing 100 feet of right of
24 way.

25 North of Wheeling Street in Segment 1 to

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1 north of Youth Drive in Segment 2, the
2 recommended alternative transitions to a
3 suburban typical section following a left
4 alignment. Additional right of way needed for
5 the four-lane improvement would be acquired from
6 the west side of Cobb Road.

7 The suburban typical section would also
8 include four 12-foot travel lanes, a 12-foot
9 shared-use path and a 30-foot-wide median. The
10 suburban typical cross-section would require a
11 minimum of 158 feet of right of way or
12 approximately 38 feet of additional right of
13 way.

14 For the remainder of the project, from
15 Youth Drive to the Suncoast Parkway in Segments
16 2, 3, and 4, the typical would transition to a
17 rural typical section on a left alignment.

18 The rural typical section includes four
19 12-foot travel lanes, a 46-foot median, and a
20 shared-use path on the east side would be
21 continued.

22 The rural typical cross-section would
23 require a minimum 240 feet of right of way or
24 approximately 120 feet of additional
25 right of way along the west side of Cobb Road,

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1 and an additional 40 feet of right of way would
2 be acquired on the southwest side of U.S. 98.

3 A separate shared-use path trail for
4 pedestrians and bicyclists is included in each
5 of the recommended typical sections. The
6 separate shared-use path is recommended because
7 it provides a buffer between the non-motorized
8 travelers and the high volume of heavy trucks
9 using the main travel lanes.

10 The recommended improvement also
11 involves designating existing Cobb Road as U.S.
12 98 to provide a route bypassing downtown
13 Brooksville. The existing Cobb Road
14 intersection with U.S. 98 would be realigned to
15 allow southbound and northbound through
16 movements between existing Cobb Road and U.S.
17 98 to the north.

18 The no-build alternative consists of only
19 providing routine maintenance and requires no
20 construction costs. However, traffic congestion
21 will continue to increase.

22 Currently, in the adopted work program for
23 fiscal years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007 Cobb Road
24 from State Road 50 to U.S. 98 is funded for
25 design with a right-of-way reserve also

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1 programmed; and U.S. 98 from Cobb Road to Citrus
2 Way is also funded for design.

3 However, in our upcoming tentative work
4 program for fiscal years 2003 to 2004 and
5 2007/2008, the segment from U.S. 98 -- of U.S.
6 98 from Cobb Road to Citrus Way has been
7 deferred out of the program.

8 Details of all of the alternatives and an
9 evaluation matrix are included in the
10 Preliminary Engineering Report, which is
11 available here tonight for your review and
12 comments.

13 Detailed drawings of the recommended
14 alternative and other graphic materials are
15 displayed here tonight. Please review the
16 materials and provide us your comments.

17 You may provide your comments by giving an
18 oral statement to the court reporter during the
19 public hearing.

20 For those of you who prefer to provide
21 written comments, you may complete the comment
22 form included in your handout that can be
23 submitted to the court reporter, dropped in one
24 the comment boxes, or mailed to us at the
25 preprinted address. To be included in the

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1 record, all letters and correspondence need to
2 be postmarked no later than December 2nd, 2002.

3 You may also provide your comments during
4 this portion of the public hearing. Please
5 complete a speaker card that looks like this.
6 Lee has them here. I will call your name in the
7 order in which they are received.

8 If you wish to speak and have not turned
9 in a card, please raise your hand and a
10 department representative will give you such a
11 card. Anybody wishing to speak? If not, we'll
12 go --

13 At this time I would like to recognize
14 any elected officials or their representatives
15 who are here tonight. I would ask them to
16 please stand and introduce themselves for the
17 record. I believe we have one.

18 MS. STAIB: Yes. City council
19 member, Maria Staib.

20 MR. CLIFFORD: Thank you. Before the
21 first speaker begins, I would like to remind
22 everyone that this portion of the hearing
23 is not a question and answer period.

24 The purpose of this portion is to allow
25 you to make public statements regarding your

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1 views and comments on the project. If you have
2 specific questions, please see one the
3 department representatives following this
4 portion of the hearing.

5 The public hearing is scheduled to
6 conclude at 7:30 p.m. I request that you limit
7 your comments to three minutes to provide an
8 opportunity for others to speak. If you need
9 more time, you can come back up after everyone
10 has had an opportunity to comment. Before
11 making your statement, please state your name
12 and address for the court reporter. At this
13 point, we will start that process.

14 The first speaker that I have who's asked
15 to speak is Gary Klein. Come up.

16 MR. KLEIN: I will -- I'm going to save
17 my comments for another time.

18 MR. CLIFFORD: Okay.

19 MR. KLEIN: Just pass over me.

20 MR. CLIFFORD: Sure. Okay.

21 The other card that I have is Daniel
22 Gardner.

23 MR. GARDNER: I just wanted to --

24 MR. CLIFFORD: Could you come to the
25 microphone so we can get you on the record?

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1 Thank you.

2 MR. GARDNER: Yes, my major concern about
3 this project is a potential flooding at -- near
4 in the area of Cobb Road and what is presently
5 Highway 98. I believe that the DOT needs to
6 reassess whether their standard retention ponds
7 are really going to control the runoff off
8 their highway.

9 There's already flooding in that
10 area. I had flood claims on my property 18
11 months ago just from tropical storms. Most of
12 it's surging from the highway, and it surges up
13 18 inches before the outflows take care of it.
14 We did not have that problem before they started
15 putting in water culverts and cleaning up
16 Highway 98. And I feel that this highway is
17 going to exacerbate it threefold. That's my
18 only comment.

19 MR. CLIFFORD: Thank you. Kirk, can you
20 talk to him after?

21 MR. BOGEN: Sure.

22 MR. CLIFFORD: Is there anyone else who
23 would like to make a comment at this time? No?
24 Seeing no -- what I -- we will move on.

25 The public hearing transcript, statements,

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1 exhibits and reference materials will be
2 available for public inspection at the
3 District 7 Florida Department of Transportation
4 offices, which is located at 11201 North
5 McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, within 3 weeks.

6 It is approximately 6:10 p.m., and I
7 hereby officially close the formal portion of
8 the public hearing for the Cobb Road/U.S. 98
9 PD&E Study.

10 The Florida Department of Transportation
11 thanks you for attending. Good evening.
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1 My name is Janice Sweatt. I live at 13506
2 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Brooksville, Florida
3 34601. My telephone number is 352-796-6446.

4 Ever since the Department of
5 Transportation put in the culverts and
6 everything, which was done several years ago, we
7 have had water problems. We have water that
8 comes up far beyond what we've ever experienced
9 in all the years that my parents lived there.

10 We have water almost up to the foundation
11 of our house because of runoff. We have deep
12 gullies that have been cut because of runoff
13 from the road.

14 We did a lot of fill on our own, then we
15 ran into problems with, I guess you call it
16 Swiftmud, and we had to make sure we didn't
17 break any laws concerning that. We filled with
18 anything that we could get for free.

19 My father, who is the owner, Adam G.
20 Broshears, B-R-O-S-H-E-A-R-S, is -- will soon be
21 90 years old. He loves that place. He and
22 Mother made their home there for the last 40
23 years.

24 For the last 15 to 20 years, myself, my
25 husband and my family have hauled off truckloads

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1 of trash that people dump. They go there
2 fishing, they cut deep roads there; we've had
3 to fill them. We cut down a tree to keep them
4 from coming in.

5 We've received threats, and we've even
6 been shot at by people that would get angry
7 because they couldn't fish where they wanted to,
8 which was where they could get into.

9 There is state land bordering my father's
10 property, and I call it my father's because he's
11 still alive, and we keep it clean. We still go
12 over and we pick it up and we haul it away. We
13 go talk to the people that are down there.

14 Of course you're always afraid of fire.
15 And they do come down there and camp and they do
16 build fires. It's just a constant battle. And
17 we are getting too old to have to continue these
18 kinds of oppositions.

19 We have people that said they were from
20 the Department of Transportation come several
21 months ago during the summer and put up stakes
22 in our yard. We didn't -- we talked to them and
23 the other men that were with them made some
24 very negative and unnecessary remarks, and we
25 were told that he worked -- the man that was in

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1 charge that was putting down the stakes, and it
2 says, "right of way, Department of
3 Transportation"; it will take the front part of
4 my father's house. What are we to do?

5 Swiftmud is going to take one side. The
6 Department of Transportation puts so much runoff
7 into the lake that we will have no place to go.
8 We are willing to make a trade with them, with
9 State, with anybody. And we would like somebody
10 to talk to us instead of come there and just
11 take over and act like they own it. And it's
12 very difficult at our age with our health.

13 And the lake at the back of the house
14 is a wonderful lake. The fishing is
15 tremendous. It has a lot of water hyacinths.
16 It has a lot of stuff that's come in there that
17 could be cleaned out. And it's called Tain
18 Lake. This lake has good fishing year-round.
19 It has eagles that nest there, owls that come
20 sit on the fence post. Eagles that bring their
21 young there and they sit on a fence post and
22 watch us in the yard.

23 We have a green falcon. We have some -- I
24 think they're called Great Blue Herons, that
25 have a nest over on the edge of the lake.

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1 They come in -- men come in there with air
2 boats and they tear it up, and they broke our
3 docks loose. They come from the other side of
4 the lake. We asked them not to, but they just
5 ignore us. They're hunting for alligators, and
6 it's not the Wildlife people.

7 So we have a lot of issues with a lot of
8 different things, and we're just trying to live
9 peacefully, because it's a beautiful place to
10 live.

11 There are deer that come and water. They
12 walk almost -- well, they walk within 200 yards
13 of the house, because they're not challenged,
14 and they feed -- they water there. We have
15 raccoons. We have every kind of wildlife you
16 can think of.

17 When you dig to plant flowers or trees,
18 you find chards from Indians where they used to
19 camp there on that lake so many years ago, and I
20 think it's the kind of place that ought to be
21 kept and not destroyed.

22 The water runoff is running us out, and
23 it's destroying the lake itself because of the
24 water hyacinths and all of the stuff that's come
25 in there from other places, because they don't

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1 wash their boats and they bring it in there and
2 then it grows. But the lake is a virgin lake
3 and weeds are shadowed there all the time.

4 We've been able to fish. A lot of people
5 fish there. And we own a good section of the
6 lake, because now it's lake, because the water
7 has gotten so high that we don't have land left.

8 We're are paying taxes on stuff and we're
9 getting no place. We can't afford to hire a
10 lawyer. We would like to have the opportunity
11 to talk to someone, to have the possibility of a
12 boat landing and make a trade with the State for
13 other land and have it made so that the lake
14 could be used to provide food and recreation,
15 for not just adults, and not to be abused, but
16 for children and families for the future,
17 because it's a beautiful lake. That's it.

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COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

I, RACHELLE SCOLARO, Court Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at
large, hereby certify that the Public Hearing was
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WITNESS my hand and seal this 29th day of
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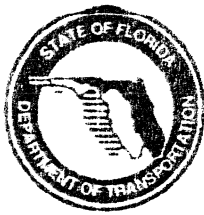
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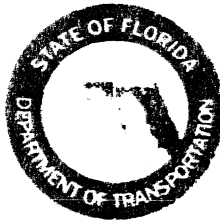
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I am the New owner of Des Champs, now known as RMG Retail. I submit the following

1. RMG Interested in Suburban typical cross Section: This will suit the needs of the area. The Rural section is ambitious and does not fit the environmental impact and causes lot of deflection and depletion of the property values.

2. OR the simple urban cross section fits the needs of the Area.

3. protect the Rights of Businesses and Home owners. Compensation is ~~the~~ not the solution

4. Need a Better plan than this.

5. Traffic Light ~~at~~ Thank you.

Judging 491 & 98. Vaidya Gulivindala.
Many Accidents