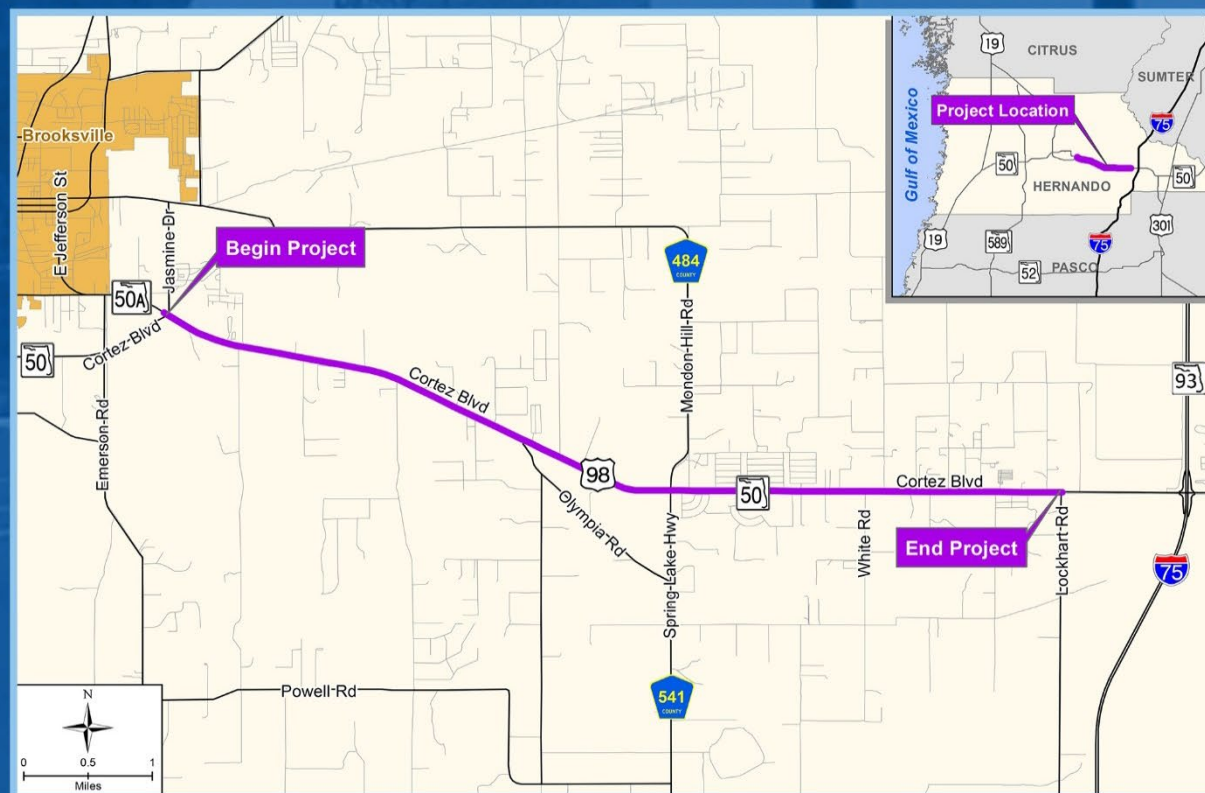


Public Hearing Scrapbook

TO THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STATE ROAD 50 (US 98 / CORTEZ BOULEVARD) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

FROM THE BROOKSVILLE BYPASS TO WEST OF INTERSTATE 75



HEARING DATE & LOCATION

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

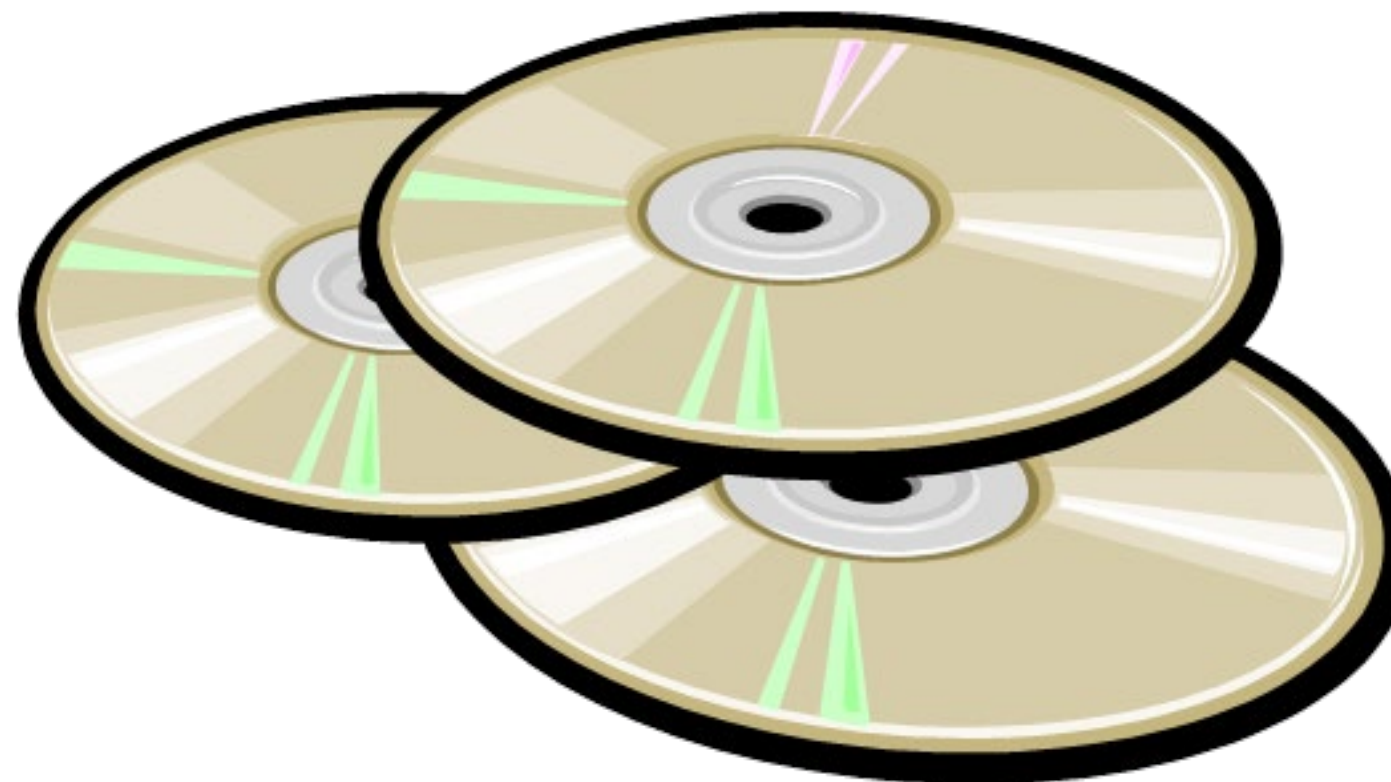
Brooksville Wesleyan Church

22319 Cortez Boulevard

Brooksville, FL 34601

FINAL

January 8, 2020



***CD of this Scrapbook, Display Boards Graphics, Handout,
and PowerPoint Presentation***



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Introduction

The purpose of this Public Hearing Scrapbook is to document the information that was presented at the hearing and includes the following information:

- Advertisements and public notices;
- Description of the proposed improvements;
- Display board graphics;
- Citizen and staff sign-in sheets;
- Newsletter and public hearing handouts; and,
- PowerPoint presentation and script

A CD containing electronic files of this scrapbook as well as the PowerPoint presentation shown at the hearing and copies of the display boards is also included. The draft study documents were available for public review at two locations (East Hernando Branch Public Library and FDOT District Seven Headquarters). They were also available at the public hearing, and posted on the project website at <https://active.fdotd7studies.com/sr50/brooksville-bypass-to-i75/>.

A separate transcript was prepared that records the proceedings of the formal portion of the public hearing and any statements made verbally for the public record. All comments received as a result of the public hearing are included in the *Comments and Coordination Report*.

Proposed Improvements

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PUBLIC HEARING: Hernando County

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Brooksville Wesleyan Church



ATTENDEES

- 100** attendees signed-in (not including **17** project/FDOT staff) including:
- 1 agency/community group represented (Hernando/Citrus MPO)

COMMENTS

- **17** written comments (**11** comment forms, and **6** emails)
- **0** verbal statement during the formal presentation
- **2** verbal comments with court reporter

Title VI Information



Title VI Information was displayed at the Sign-In Table



STATE ROAD 50 (US 98 / CORTEZ BOULEVARD) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY



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are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact Amber Russo, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612, (813)975-6260 or 1(800)226-7220, or amber.russo@dot.state.fl.us.

INFINITE SOURCE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC The Florida Department of Transportation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Kendall Village Center Civic Pavilion Room, 8625 SW 124 Avenue, Miami, FL 33183, Free parking

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Hong Benitez, P.E. at (805)470-5219 or in writing at FDOT, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 by email at Hong.Benitez@dot.state.fl.us.

Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

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proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and opinion from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Meghan Abbott, Meghan.Abbot@myfwc.com; (727)502-4958. If you wish to speak during the public commenting period, please complete the registration process on-site at the meeting.

ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, INC. The Florida Opportunity Fund announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 9, 2019, 3:00 p.m. PLACE: Enterprise Florida, Inc., 800 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 1100, Orlando, FL 32803

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Board administrative matters

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lorna Dasti at (407)956-5651.

AMERICAN CONSULTING PROFESSIONALS - DEBORAH TURNER The Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Open House: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Formal Presentation: 6:30 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

PLACE: Brooksville Wesleyan Church, 22319 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34601

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the proposed improvements to State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) from the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 in Hernando County, Florida.

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DR. DELAY Navigating Tampa Bay

Northwood Palms Boulevard will open soon... really

After repeated postponements, work on the Wesley Chapel-area north-south connector could be open by the end of this week.

WESLEY CHAPEL — Northwood Palms Boulevard has been closed since May for emergency sewer repair on a localized pipe, and residents are frustrated down the road if it reopens.

The local residents, Brandon Drive has been the only available option through the neighborhood during the road closure. He expressed his frustration on County Lane Road, or State Road 50, the only alternative to use the overpass.

When the Passco County Utility has operations and maintenance department contractors the repair work in May, it took about a month to complete. That means it should have been done weeks ago.

But, when the county notified the residents that the road would be closed, the residents were not notified.



Why is that, they said? The road is closed because of a pipe that was replaced by the county. The pipe was replaced by the county. The pipe was replaced by the county.

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La Pagina Italiana di Anghela Ametta

"I sette Re di Roma" con Gigi Proietti

La protagonista indiscussa di questo monologo "Der Fattaccio" del Vicolo del Moro, un frazionamento che si lascia ammirare dal gioco dell'amore: "E' schioppata 'a Primavera e la guerra d'innocenza a Roma, contorta gita". Segue il secondo re di Roma, il vecchio storico e storico della bella figura romana delle fonti "Cio' l'anni di giovinezza, un'occasione l'ossa, con vecchio buco, sotto questo grande attore riesce magistralmente a gestire, ri-situando sempre originale e divertente.

Today Can Be Different

What is Satan using to destroy or defeat you? I can't think of a more liberating feeling than telling Satan, "I'm breaking up with you! You won't control me any longer, because I found Someone else!" Why don't we do it then? Or why do we take so long to do it?

Breaking up is hard to do

er level of maturity and greater strength to experience greater victory in my battle with sin. Best of all, I drew nearer to the One Who shows me how to live the life He created me to live.

State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) PD&E Study PUBLIC HEARING • DECEMBER 10, 2019

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend and participate in a public hearing regarding the alternative capacity and operational improvements along SR 50 in Hernando County. The PD&E Study focuses on a segment of SR 50 from the Brooksville Bypass to the eastern end of the project for a length of approximately 7.2 miles.

This public hearing is being held to allow interested persons the opportunity to provide comments concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements to SR 50.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Alex Henry, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220 at least seven (7) working days in advance of the hearing session.

For more information, please contact Lilliam Escalera, FDOT Project Manager, at (813) 975-6446, or Lilliam Escalera@dot.state.fl.us.



STATE ROAD 50 (US 98 / CORTEZ BOULEVARD) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY



Elected Officials Email, PIO Website Notice & Press Release

Sent: November 15, 2019

PIO - Elected Officials Email Notification

Subject: Florida Department of Transportation to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) From the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 FDOT District Seven – WPI Segment No.: 430051-1 Hernando County

We invite you to attend and participate in a public hearing regarding a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the proposed improvements to State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) from the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 in Hernando County, Florida. The study extends to Lockhart Road on the eastern end of the project for a length of approximately 7.2 miles. This public hearing is being held to allow interested persons an opportunity to provide comments concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of widening SR 50 from the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 in Hernando County. The proposed project is intended to accommodate projected future traffic. Multi-modal improvements such as sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and transit accommodations will be considered as part of the project. The widening of SR 50 is proposed as a six-lane divided roadway with pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

This public hearing will be held at the following location:

Public Hearing – Tuesday, December 10, 2019
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Brooksville, FL 34601
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Formal presentation: 6:30 p.m.

Project materials including maps, typical section boards, and project documents will be available for your review and FDOT representatives will be available prior to and following the formal portion of the hearing. If you have questions about the project or the scheduled hearing, please visit our project website at <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/sr50/brooksville-bypass-to-i75/> or contact:

Kris Carson
Public Information Director
FDOT District Seven
(813) 975-6060
kristen.carson@dot.state.fl.us

Please see the attachment with additional project and public hearing information.

Sent: November 7, 2019

PIO Website Notice

Project: State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) From the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75
Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Public Hearing | WPI Segment No.: 430051-1
District: Seven
Meeting Type: Hearing
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location Name: see below
Street Address: see below
City: see below

Purpose:

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code, Section 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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Comuniquese con nosotros Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios o si simplemente desea mas informacion sobre este proyecto, favor de ponerse en contacto con nuestro representante, el señor Manuel Flores al teléfono (813) 975-4248 o correo electrónico Manuel.Flores@dot.state.fl.us.

Project Web Site: <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/sr50/brooksville-bypass-to-i75/>
Primary Contact: Amber Russo, P.E. – FDOT Project Manager
Primary Phone: (813) 975-6260
Primary E-Mail: Amber.Russo@dot.state.fl.us
Additional Contact: Kris Carson - Public Information Office
Additional Phone: (813) 975-6060
Additional E-mail: kristen.carson@dot.state.fl.us

11/18/2019

Sent: November 19, 2019



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 19, 2019

CONTACT: Kris Carson, Public Information Officer
(813) 975-6060 Kris.Carson@dot.state.fl.us

Hernando County – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, will conduct a public hearing for the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for proposed improvements to State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) from the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 in Hernando County, Florida. The study extends to Lockhart Road on the eastern end of the project for a length of approximately 7.2 miles.

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The public hearing will begin as an open house at 5:30 p.m., with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a public comment period. FDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss the project beginning at 5:30 p.m.

This public hearing is being conducted to present information and receive public input regarding the proposed improvement to SR 50. The information regarding the study will be on display for review at the public hearing. This public hearing will be held at the following location and date:

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Draft project documents will be available for public review from November 19, 2019 to December 23, 2019 at the following locations:

- Florida Department of Transportation, District 7: Planning & Environmental Management Office, 11201 N. McKinley Drive MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612, Tel: (813) 975-6445, Monday-Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday: Closed.
- East Hernando Branch Library: 6457 Windermere Road, Brooksville, Florida 34602, Tel: (352) 754-4043, Tuesday-Friday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday & Monday: Closed

www.dot.state.fl.us

Submit written statements at the public hearing or by sending them to: 201 N. McKinley Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601. Comments should be postmarked on or before November 23, 2019.

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FDOT State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

From Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 | WPI Segment No. 430051-1 | Hernando County, Florida

[Home](#) [What is a PD&E Study?](#) [Project Details](#) [Public Involvement](#) [Project Schedule](#) [Contact Information](#) [Send Us Your Comments](#)

Project Overview

The Florida Department of Transportation held a public hearing for this project on December 10, 2019.

For more information, please visit the [public hearing page](#).

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Upcoming Meetings

Public Hearing: December 10, 2019

The Florida Department of Transportation held a public hearing for this project on December 10, 2019. [Click here](#) for more information.

For more information, please contact:

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Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven
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Project Schedule

The SR 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) project is currently in the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study phase of the FDOT's 5-step highway development process.

Public Hearing: December 10, 2019

FDOT State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

From Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 | WPI Segment No. 430051-1 | Hernando County, Florida

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Public Hearing

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a public hearing regarding the State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study.

The public hearing was held on Tuesday, **December 10, 2019** at the Brooksville Wesleyan Church, 22319 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, Florida 34601. The public hearing began as an open house at 5:30 p.m., with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

This public hearing was conducted to present information and receive public input regarding the proposed improvement to SR 50. The information regarding the study was on display for review at the public hearing.

Project materials including maps and project reports were available for review and FDOT representatives were also present to answer questions prior to and following the formal portion at the hearing. Interested parties may submit written comments at a later date to: **Kirk Bogen, P.E., Environmental Management Engineer, FDOT District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, FL 33612.** Written comments will be accepted throughout the PD&E study, but comments must be received by **December 23, 2019** to be included in the public hearing record.

Project documents will be available for review from **November 19, 2019 – December 23, 2019** at the following locations:

East Hernando Branch Library
6457 Windermere Road
Brooksville, FL 34602
(352) 754-4043

FDOT District Seven
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For more information, please contact **Amber Russo, P.E., FDOT Project Manager** at (813) 975-6260 or amber.russo@dot.state.fl.us.

Project information and documents will be uploaded to the [project documents page](#) for review when they become available.

Please check back to this page periodically for current information regarding meeting schedules, meeting displays and graphics.

Public Hearing Materials

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Upcoming Meetings

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Newsletter (Outside)

The public hearing newsletter served as a property owner notice and an invitation to interested parties on the project mailing list.

It was mailed on Tuesday, **November 19, 2019** and distributed at the public hearing.



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Get Involved Today!

We invite you to get involved! The public plays an important role in the project development and decision-making process of this study. Send us your comments and ideas to help us determine the most appropriate conceptual design alternatives for this portion of SR 50. There are multiple ways to get involved—call, write, or email us. You can also join us at our public hearing or invite us to speak at one of your own meetings!

Non-Discrimination Laws & Regulations

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Comuniquese Con Nosotros

Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nuestro representante, Manuel Flores, 813-975-4248, Departamento de Transportación de Florida, 11201 N. McKinley Dr., Tampa, FL 33612, manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us.

For more information on this study, visit our project website: <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/sr50/brookville-bypass-to-i75/>

Project Schedule

The SR 50 PD&E study began in late 2014. The project activities include collecting information, developing roadway improvement alternatives and evaluating the potential environmental and social effects of the "no-build" alternatives. The study is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2020.

TASKS	2018				2019				2020				
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Data Collection & Traffic Analysis	■												
Develop & Evaluate Alternatives	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
Prepare Draft Reports	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
Public Hearing								★					
Prepare Final Reports								■	■	■			
Final PD&E Study												★	



State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard)
From the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75
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JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

We want your comments and suggestions throughout the study.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

We're here to help. Give us a call, send us an email, or let us come speak to your group:



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: DECEMBER 10, 2019

Dear Property Owner and/or Interested Citizen:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven is conducting a public hearing for the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study for State Road (SR) 50 from the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 in Hernando County. The study extends to Lockhart Road on the eastern end of the project for a length of approximately 7.2 miles. This hearing allows those interested the opportunity to provide comments and express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and cultural and environmental effects of the proposed project which is widening this portion of SR 50.

SR 50 is a major east-west corridor in Hernando County, connecting to numerous regionally significant corridors, including US 19, Suncoast Parkway, US 41, I-75, and US 301. SR 50 is a hurricane evacuation route, a designated truck route, and is part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). In an effort to improve mobility and enhance safety within the corridor, alternatives are being developed and evaluated; including options for widening this portion of SR 50 from four to six lanes and adding features such as sidewalks and bike lanes.

Date: December 10, 2019

Place: Brooksville Wesleyan Church
22319 Cortez Boulevard
Brooksville, FL 34601

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - **Open House**
6:30 p.m. - **Formal Presentation**

PROJECT WEBSITE

For more information on this study, visit our project website:
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Beginning at 5:30 p.m., FDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss the project. Exhibits and other project-related materials showing the proposed improvements will be available. A PowerPoint presentation will run continuously during the open house. At 6:30 p.m. FDOT representatives will hold the formal portion of the hearing, which will be an opportunity to make formal oral public comments. Following the formal portion of the hearing, the informal open house will resume and continue until 7:30 p.m. You can attend anytime during the two-hour meeting to review project information and talk with project team members.

A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting before and after the formal portion of the hearing. You may mail your written comments to the address pre-printed on the back of the comment form provided. A comment form should be mailed also or enter them on the project website: <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/sr50/brookville-bypass-to-i75/>. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by Monday, December 23, 2019 to become part of the official public hearing record.

Draft study documents, and other pertinent information depicting the project's recommendations will be available for review at the following locations from **Tuesday, November 19, 2019 to Monday, December 23, 2019.**

East Hernando Branch Library
6457 Windermere Road
Brooksville, FL 34602
Tues - Fri: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday & Monday: Closed

FDOT District Seven
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33612
Mon - Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT. FDOT welcomes and appreciates everyone's participation. If you have questions about the project or the scheduled hearing, please contact **Amber Russo, P.E., FDOT Project Manager** at (813) 975-6260 or (800) 226-7220 or visit our project website at <http://active.fdotd7studies.com/sr50/brookville-bypass-to-i75/>.

Sincerely,

Kirk Bogen, P.E.
Environmental Management Engineer

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Study Purpose

SR 50 is a major east-west rural principal arterial that spans central Florida from coast to coast. In Hernando County, SR 50 connects to several regionally significant corridors, including US 19, SR 589 (Suncoast Parkway), US 41, I-75, and US 301. SR 50 is also a hurricane evacuation route, a designated truck route, and part of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). This segment of SR 50 connects the City of Brooksville to I-75. Increasing roadway capacity along this segment of SR 50 will accommodate future growth, provide for enhanced emergency response times and emergency evacuation, and work in conjunction with other projects planned or underway to increase the capacity of SR 50. The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) shows design for expansion to 6 lanes in the *Cost Feasible Plan*.

Existing Conditions

SR 50 is currently a four-lane rural highway with 4-ft paved outside shoulders and a depressed grassed median that varies from 40 to 46 feet in width. The paved shoulders are marked as bicycle lanes from the west end of the project to the intersection at Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill Road with "keyholes" provided adjacent to right turn lanes when they are present. Sidewalk exists on both sides of SR 50 for an approximate 0.95 mile segment between approximately 1,000 feet east of the Brooksville Bypass and Singer Lane. The posted speed limit is 60 miles per hour (mph) for the majority of the corridor, except at the western end where it begins at 45 mph and just west of Lockhart Road where it transitions to 55 mph. The existing right of way (ROW) is generally 200 feet wide throughout the study area. There are two signalized intersections within the study limits: SR 50 at the Brooksville Bypass and SR 50 at Mondon Hill Road/Spring Lake Highway, near the center of the study area. This existing conditions analysis has been used to verify and support the purpose and need for this project.

Traffic & Crash Data

Crash data along SR 50 within the project limits was obtained from the FDOT crash records database for the 5-year period 2013 through 2017. A total of 280 crashes were reported within the project limits during this 5-year period which involved 142 injuries and 5 fatalities. The highest number of crashes occurred at the Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill Road intersection.

Annual average daily traffic (AADT) ranged from 18,200 vehicles per day (VPD) to 22,700 VPD in 2014; by design year 2040, AADTs are expected to range from 47,400 VPD to 59,100 VPD within the study limits. If no improvements are made, four major intersections are expected to operate at LOS F by 2040. With the recommended intersection improvements, in year 2040 all signalized intersections would operate at LOS D in both the AM and PM peak periods.

Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative for the western portion of the study area (**Figure 1**) is a six-lane divided rural typical with sidewalk and bike lanes in each direction separated by a 40 foot median. This portion is from the Brooksville Bypass through the Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill Road intersection. The preferred alternative for the eastern portion of the study area (**Figure 2**) is a 6-lane suburban typical section is east of Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill Road to Lockhart Road. The proposed improvements will also include construction of stormwater management and floodplain compensation facilities and various intersection improvements, in addition, multimodal facilities will be enhanced and extended to the entire limits of the project such as pedestrian, bicycle (sidewalks and paved shoulders) and accommodation for future potential transit. (Bus pads can be placed nearly anywhere).

Evaluation Matrix

An evaluation summary matrix comparing the roadway alternatives is shown in **Table 1**. This matrix was developed to compare the No-Build Alternative and the Build Alternative based on preliminary estimates of costs (ROW acquisition, wetland mitigation, engineering and construction), as well as, social and environmental factors.

Table 1: Evaluation Matrix		
Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative	Build Alternative
Potential Business Impacts		
Number of business relocations	0	0
Potential Residential Impacts		
Number of residential relocations	0	1
Potential ROW Impacts (acres)		
Area of ROW along SR 50 anticipated to be acquired (acres)	0	0.1
Stormwater Ponds and Floodplain Compensation Sites (acres)	0	92.6
Potential Environmental Effects		
Archeological/Historical sites	0	1
Section 4(f) sites	0	0
Noise sensitive areas	0	2
Wetlands (acres)	0	0.96
Threatened and endangered species	None	Low/Moderate
Potential Petroleum and hazardous material sites	None	3 (High risk) 3 (Medium risk)
Estimated Costs (Present Day Costs in Millions)		
Construction-Roadway, Bridges and Ponds	\$0	\$65.0
Right of Way for Roadway Only	\$0	\$0.7
Right of Way for Stormwater Ponds and Floodplain Compensation Sites	\$0	\$7.2
Wetlands Mitigation (0.96 acres)	\$0	\$0.2
Design (10%)	\$0	\$6.5
Construction Engineering & Inspection (10%)	\$0	\$6.5
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$0	\$86.1

Costs are shown to present day, 2019.

Project Funding

FDOT Five Year Adopted Work Program Fiscal Year 2019/2020 to Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Phase	Fiscal Year(s)
PD&E	Ongoing
Design	Not Currently Funded
Right of Way Acquisition	Not Currently Funded
Construction	Not Currently Funded

This project is included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Hernando Citrus County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Right-of-Way Acquisition Procedure

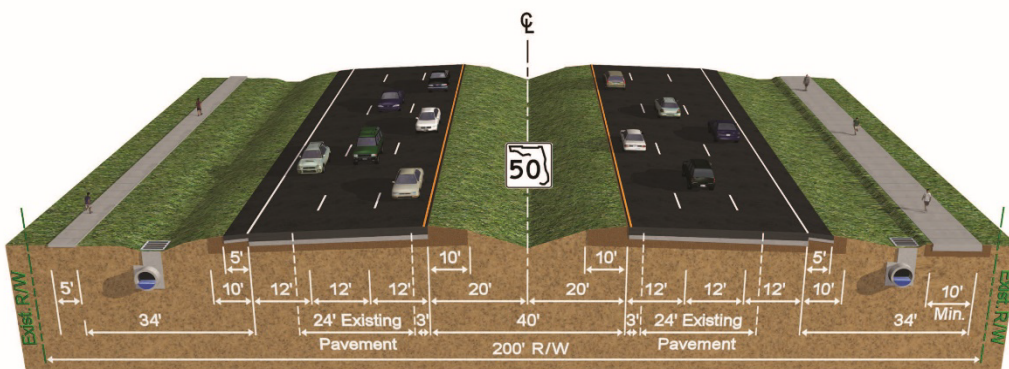
We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns. To better educate and inform you about the right-of-way acquisition process and your rights, the FDOT has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures.



These brochures and other education material will be available at the public workshop along with representatives from the FDOT's Right-of-Way acquisition and relocations departments. Copies of the brochures may also be found on our website at: www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/documents.shtm.

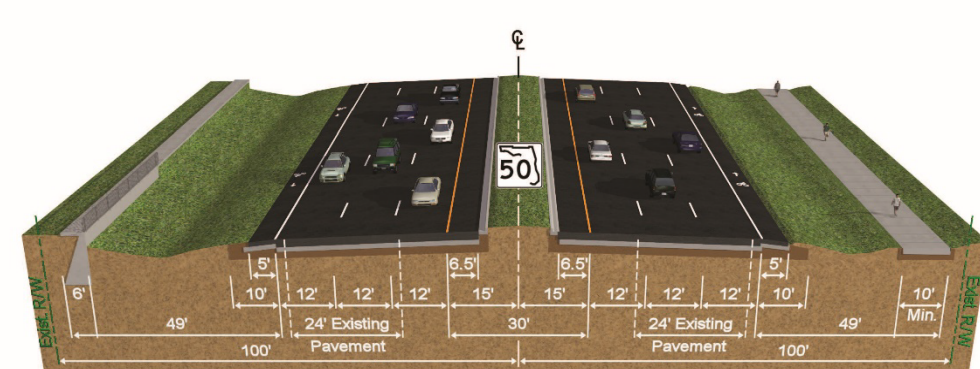
We are interested in hearing your concerns and answering your questions. Please feel free to speak with the FDOT's Project Manager or a Right of Way Representative at your convenience either at the workshop or by phone at (813) 975-6495.

Figure 1: West Portion of Study Area: 6-Lane Rural Typical Section



From the Brooksville Bypass to east of the Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill Road

Figure 2: East Portion of Study Area: 6-Lane Suburban Typical Section



From east of Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill Road to Lockhart Road



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3	Phil + Elsie Myers	8056 Luke Ct -	✓			
4	DAN WOLT + Ais	26405 MANDAY Hill Rd	✓			
5	AMY ROSS	7319 CLAYTON RD. BUILLE, FL	✓			
6	Patti Anglin	8173 RiverPoint Dr. Weeki Wachee	✓			
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5	Gary + Linda Revennaugh	9230 Clayton Rd.	Res			
6	Tom Ford + (1)	11151 Lake Louisa Rd	Res			
7	Jesse Harriman	7075 Pine Needle Lane	Res	✓		✓
8	Don Burgher	18582 Cortez Blvd	Res			
9	Brian Hensley	PO BOX 385 34605	Res			
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FDOT State Road 50 Project Development & Environment Study From Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 Hernando County WPI Number: 430051-1						
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STATE ROAD 50 (US 98 / CORTEZ BOULEVARD) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY



Sample Comment Form & Speaker Card

State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard)

From the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate 75 | Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

Public Hearing

Comment Form

Hernando County | WPI Segment No. 430051-1

Comments may be provided in one of three ways: complete the form and place in the "comments" box, mail comments to the address on the back of this form, or visit our website at <http://active.fdot7studies.com/sr50/brooksville-bypass-to-175/>.

To become part of the official public hearing record, comments must be **postmarked by Monday, December 23, 2019**.

Contact Information (please print):

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____

If you did not receive notice of this Public Hearing, 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 Kirk Bogen at the address on the back of this comment form, no later than **Monday, December 23, 2019**. All comments are part of the project record and are available for viewing by the public and the media.
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Comuníquese con nosotros: Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, o simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestro representante en español es: Manuel Flores, (813) 975-4248, manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us.

Comment forms were included with the public hearing newsletter and were distributed at the public hearing.

Completed forms could be placed in the comment boxes during the public hearing or mailed to the address listed on the back of the form.

Speaker cards were available at the public hearing.

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Florida Department of Transportation - District Seven
Attn: Kirk Bogen, PE, Environmental Management Engineer
11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500
Tampa, FL 33612

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REQUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Please print clearly

State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) PD&E Study

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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Organization (if applicable): _____

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FROM THE BROOKSVILLE BYPASS TO WEST OF INTERSTATE 75

HEARING DATE & LOCATION

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Brooksville Wesleyan Church
22319 Cortez Boulevard
Brooksville, FL 34601

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | DISTRICT SEVEN | HERNANDO COUNTY
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For Project Information visit: <https://active.fdot7studies.com/sr50/brooksville-bypass-to-i75/>

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BROOKSVILLE WESLEYAN CHURCH | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY DECEMBER 23, 2019

Drop the comment form in the comment box at this Public Hearing
or
Mail your comments to:
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Florida Department of Transportation
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Tampa, FL 33612
or
Submit your comment electronically through the project website:
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HEARING BEING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Description
23 USC 101	Environmental Review in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
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This Public Hearing was advertised in the **Tampa Bay Times** on November 15, 2019 and December 1, 2019, in **La Gaceta** on November 15, 2019, and November 29, 2019.

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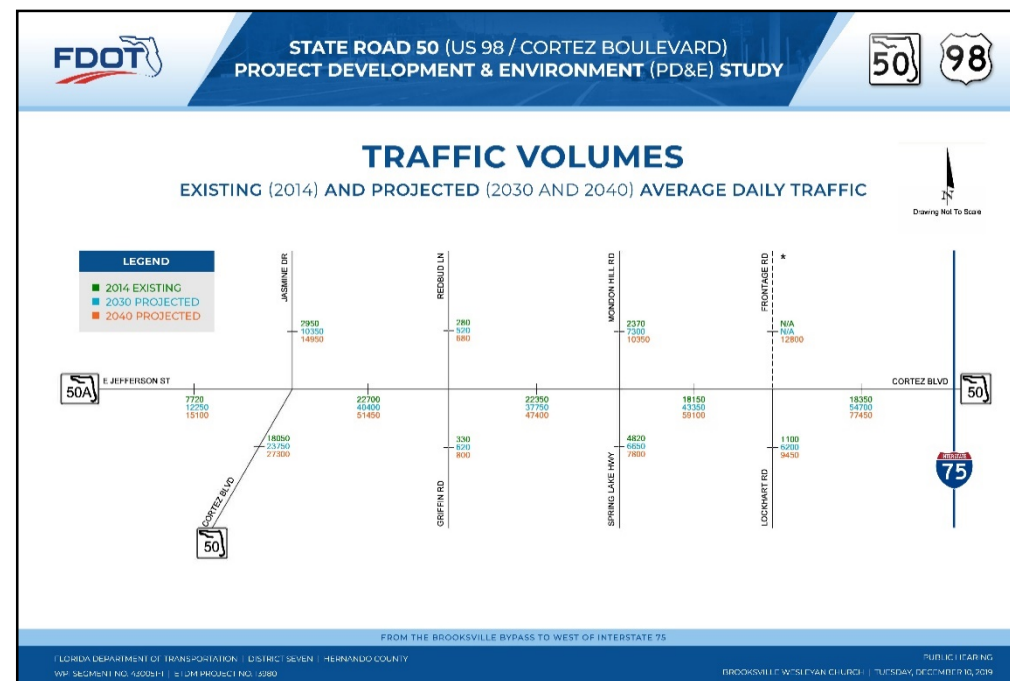
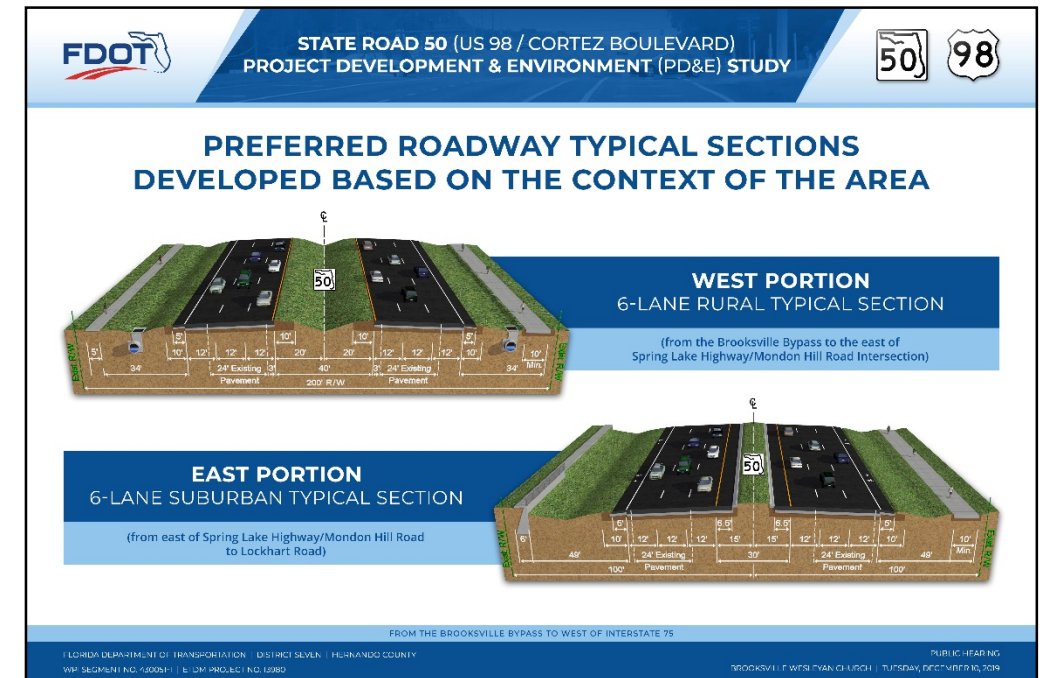
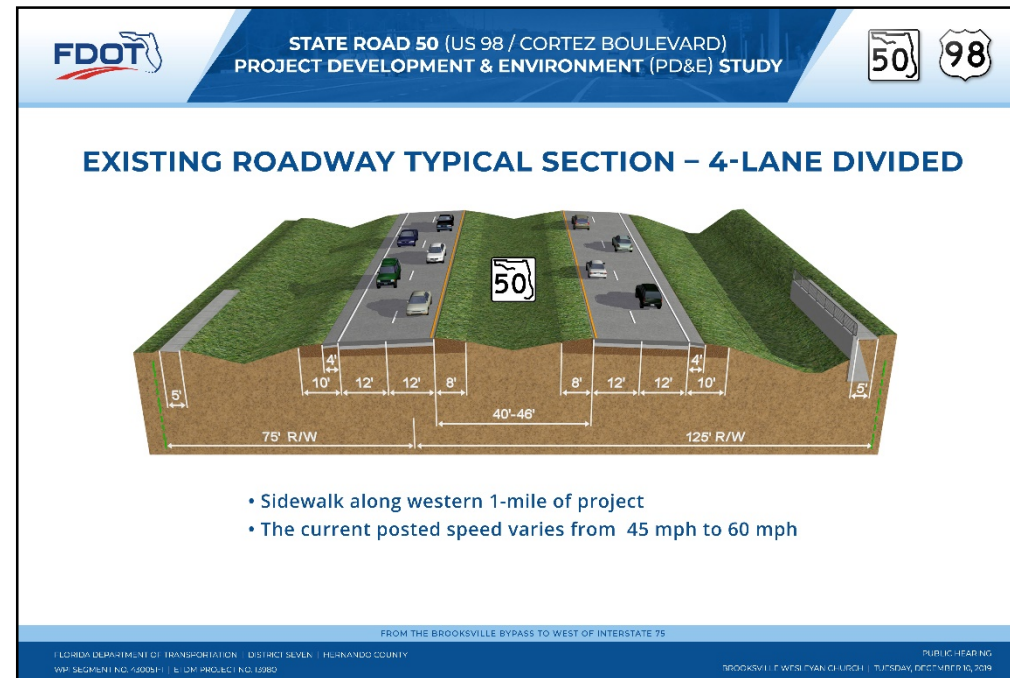
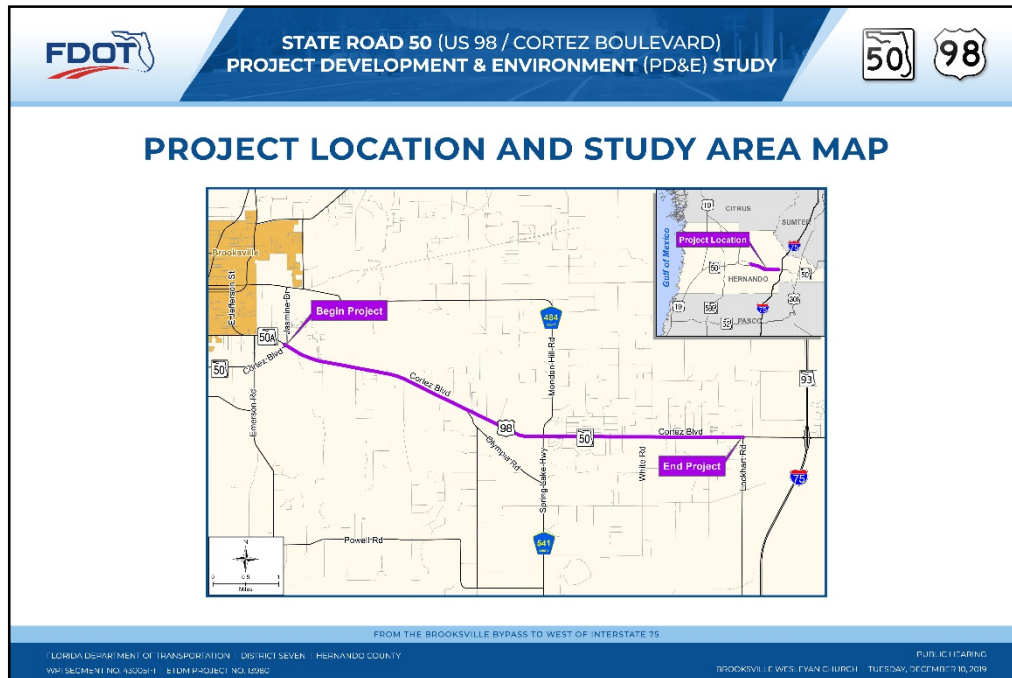
DATA COLLECTION & TRAFFIC ANALYSIS	Winter 2018
DEVELOP & EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES	Winter/Spring 2018
PREPARE DRAFT REPORTS	2018 through Fall 2019
PUBLIC HEARING	December 10, 2019
PREPARE FINAL REPORTS	Winter 2019 through Spring 2020
FINAL STUDY APPROVAL	Spring 2020

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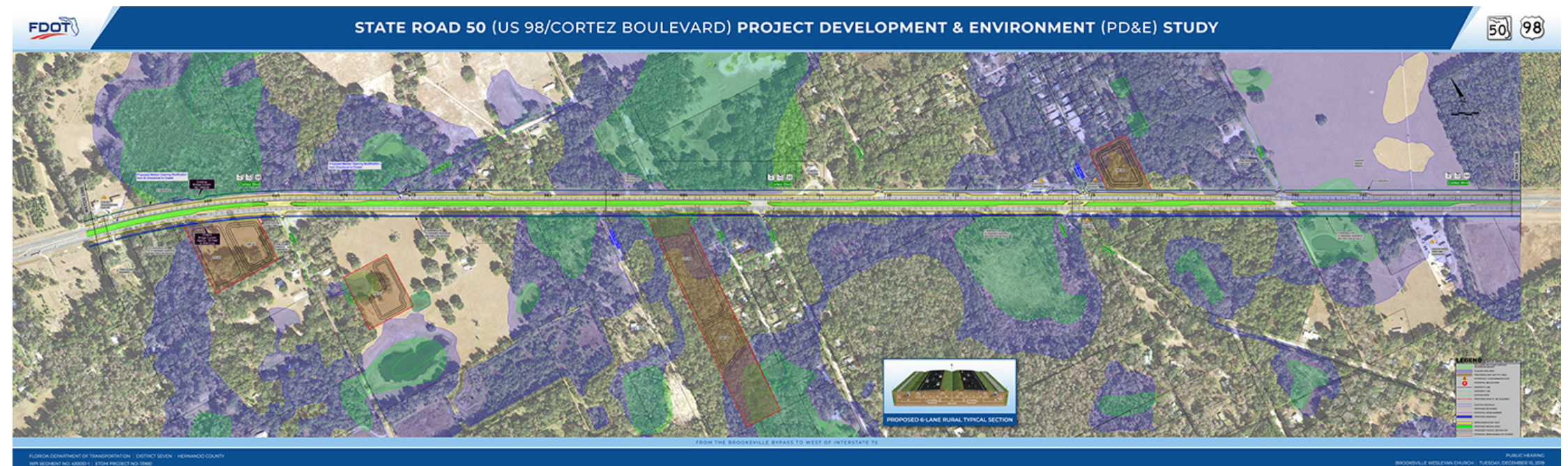
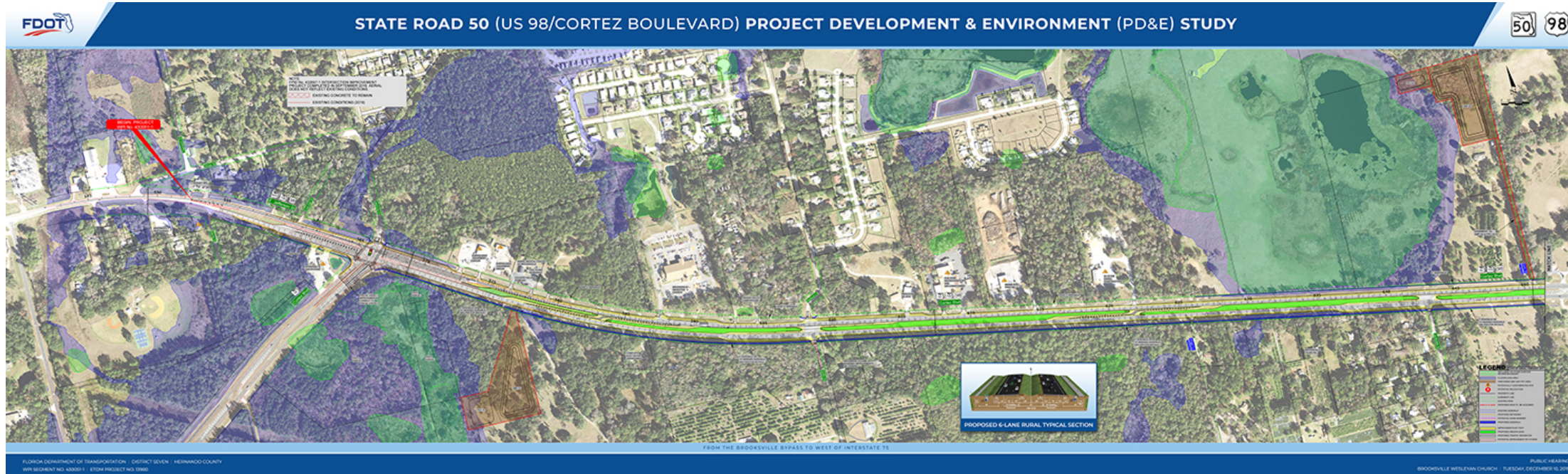
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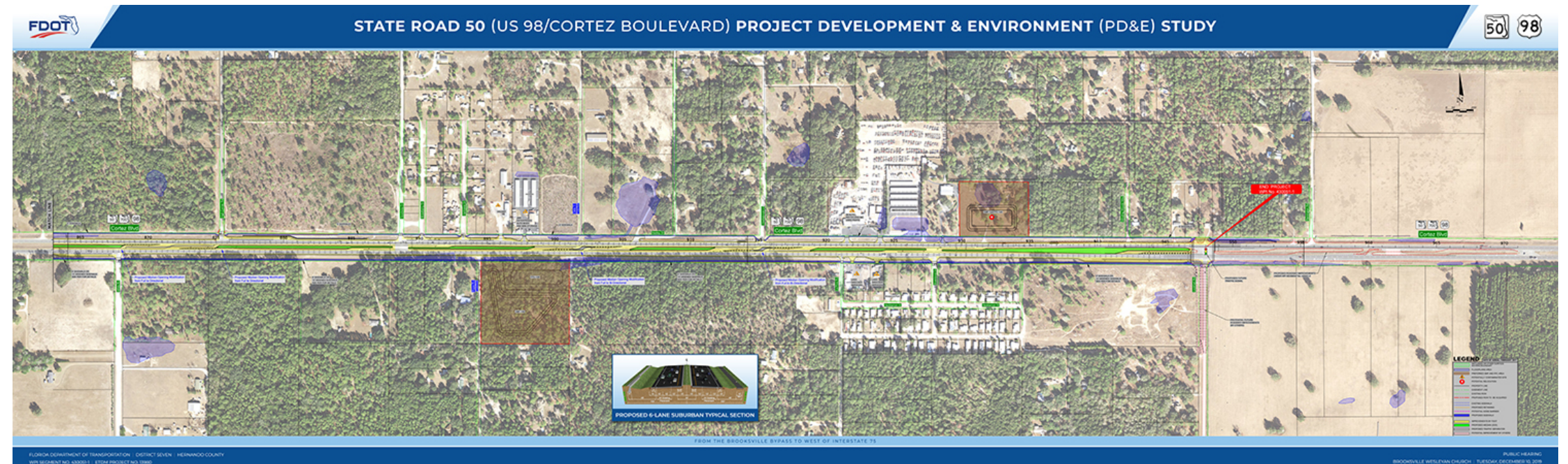
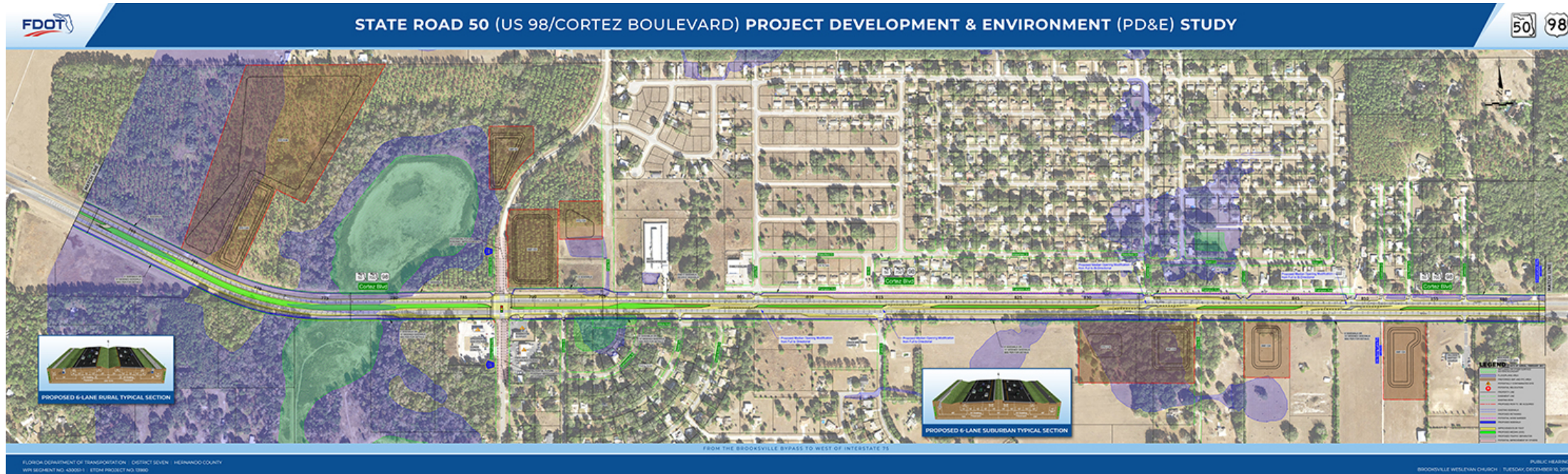
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The Florida Department of Transportation or FDOT welcomes you to the public hearing for the Project Development and Environment or P D & E study of the State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) from the Brooksville Bypass to West of Interstate 75 in Hernando County.

The purpose of today's hearing is to seek public input so the FDOT can work with local leaders and make informed decisions about future transportation plans. Public participation at today's hearing is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap or family status.

The proposed improvements begin along State Road 50 at the Brooksville Bypass and continue for about 7.2 miles to west of Interstate 75 near Lockhart Road in Hernando County.

This public hearing is being conducted in accordance with all federal, state and local requirements. These regulations are listed on a citations board near the sign-in table.

The FDOT's Office of Environmental Management in Tallahassee is carrying out the environmental review based on an assignment agreement with the Federal Highway Administration.

The P D & E study process includes a comprehensive evaluation of alternatives leading to the selection of a preferred alternative. Design concepts were developed based on the project need, and they have been evaluated based on engineering concerns, costs, social and environmental impacts.

State Road 50 is a main east-west arterial highway in Hernando County. It connects to a number of regionally significant corridors including: US 19; the Suncoast Parkway; US 41; I-75; and US 301. State Road 50 serves as both an evacuation route, a truck route and is on the FDOT's Strategic Intermodal System or SIS, which is Florida's high priority network of transportation facilities important to the state's economy and mobility.

The purpose of this project is to address the projected future growth in traffic volumes along the project corridor to ensure efficient and safe mobility. Increasing roadway capacity along this segment of State Road 50 will accommodate future growth, provide for enhanced emergency response times, and emergency evacuation, plus improve safety for the motoring public and other users.

Expanding State Road 50 from 4 to 6 lanes is included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Hernando Citrus County Metropolitan Planning Organization, as well as the 2045 plan they are presently finalizing. This project is also identified in the FDOT's SIS Plan.

This project will also fill in the gap between other adjacent roadway projects that have been underway in various stages including widening of the State Road 50 bypass to the west, and widening to the east from Lockhart Road through I-75 to US 301.

The existing roadway typical section shown here, is a divided 4-lane roadway with a grassed median within a 200 foot right of way in most areas. Sidewalks are present along the western mile of the project.

The current posted speeds vary from 45 miles per hour at the far western end, and up to 60 miles per hour for a majority and then back down to 55 at the east end. The current posted speeds vary from 45-60 miles per hour.

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Purpose and Need

- Year 2040 traffic volumes:**
 - Projected to range from 47,400 to 59,100 vehicles per day
 - Level of Service "F" at the major intersections if no roadway expansion were to occur
- 280 crashes reported (2013 through 2017):**
 - 142 crashes with injuries
 - 5 fatal crashes
 - 8 crashes involving a pedestrian or a bicycle
 - The highest number of crashes occurred at Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill Road intersection

We mentioned the need for this project to improve roadway capacity along this segment of State Road 50.

Year 2040 traffic volumes are projected to grow to about 47 to 59 thousand vehicles per day within the study limits. This would result in level of service "F" at the major intersections if there is no additional roadway capacity along State Road 50.

The last 5 years of crash history reported 280 crashes, which included 5 involving fatalities and 8 that involved pedestrians or bicycle riders. The Spring Lake Highway/Mondon Hill intersection experienced the highest number of crashes during this period.

Proposed Improvements based on Context Classification

Context classification helps define the criteria for design elements including design speed and pedestrian accommodations.

FDOT Context Classification:

- C1 Natural
- C2 Rural
- C3 Rural Suburban
- C3R Suburban Residential
- C3O Suburban Commercial
- C4 Urban General
- C5 Urban Center
- C6 Urban Core

The FDOT has redefined how roadways are categorized, which influences the type of improvements proposed. FDOT now uses a system called Context Classification to look at the existing and future adjacent land uses and roadway network to better integrate the proposed highway improvements into the context of the communities the roadway serves.

There are 8 different classification types ranging from natural, undeveloped areas all the way to downtown urban core. Design elements including design speed, pedestrian accommodations and other elements have different considerations based on how the roadway segments are classified.

Proposed Improvements based on Context Classification

For this project, the FDOT has defined the western 4.2 mile long portion from the State Road 50 Bypass to Spring Lake Highway as Context Class C2 or "Rural." The eastern 3 mile long portion from Spring Lake Highway to Lockhart Road is defined as C3R "Suburban Residential."

For this project, the FDOT has defined the western 4.2 mile long portion from the State Road 50 Bypass to Spring Lake Highway as Context Class C2 or "Rural." The eastern 3 mile long portion from Spring Lake Highway to Lockhart Road is defined as C3R "Suburban Residential."

Preferred Roadway Typical Sections Developed Based on the Context of the Area

WEST PORTION
6-LANE RURAL TYPICAL SECTION

EAST PORTION
6-LANE SUBURBAN TYPICAL SECTION

Based on the project purpose and Context Classification, FDOT developed slightly different typical sections for those 2 segments.

The West Portion of the Study Area is a 6-lane rural Typical Section with a 40 foot wide median and paved shoulders along the right-most travel lane.

The East Portion of the Study Area is a 6-lane suburban Typical Section with a narrower 30 foot median and also has paved shoulders on the outside. This median has curbing, but is located a few feet away from the inside travel lane.

Sidewalks will be extended along both sides of the roadway throughout the project. The sidewalk width is 5 feet in the west portion and 6 feet wide in the east portion.

On the south side, a wider 10 foot sidewalk is proposed and that will align with a wider sidewalk proposed east of this project in the vicinity of the I-75 interchange.

Both typical sections will fit within the existing 200 feet of right of way. At 5 intersections, we anticipate needing a small amount of new right of way to make sure all the intersection elements can be constructed.

Access Management (Median crossings)

- Evaluated based on FDOT's Access Management standards
- SR 50 is defined as Access Classification #3
 - 1/4 mile spacing in full median openings (all left turn movements)
 - 1/4 mile spacing in directional openings (limited left turn movements)

See Concept Maps for Details

The study also considered how to manage access or median crossings across the roadway to both improve safety by reducing conflicts, and to allow traffic to move more efficiently. State Road 50 is currently a divided highway with a combination of full and partial median openings. The study evaluated these existing median openings based on the criteria, and suggested modifications at 10 locations. All proposed modifications are shown on the concept maps at this hearing.

Stormwater Management and Floodplain Compensation

- Proposed stormwater needs**
 - 13 off-site stormwater sites
 - 10 off-site floodplain compensation sites
 - Most ponds/floodplain sites are combined on same site for efficiency
 - Requires approximately 92 acres of off-site right of way

Draft Pond Siting Report

To capture and retain stormwater for the proposed improvements, we identified a need to include 13 offsite stormwater retention sites, and about 10 sites to compensate for floodplain impacts. In most cases we combined the pond with the floodplain compensation site for efficiency. Based on our evaluation, this project would need to acquire a little over 90 acres of right of way for these needs, sites include one potential residential relocation. The concept plan shows all preferred sites.

Environmental Effects

NATURAL RESOURCES	CULTURAL RESOURCES	SOCIAL & ECONOMIC RESOURCES	PHYSICAL RESOURCES
• Wetlands & Surface Waters	• Archaeological & Historic Resources	• Community Impacts (i.e. Residential Relocations)	• Noise
• Threatened and endangered species habitat			• Contamination

The project team looked at various environmental factors as part of the alternative analysis. The project was evaluated for Natural Resources, which consists of threatened and endangered species and their perspective habitats; including wetlands and surface waters; Cultural Resources, consisting of archaeological and historic resources; Social and Economic Resources, including community impacts such as residential and business relocations; and Physical Resources, including traffic noise, air quality and contamination.

Right-of-Way Impacts

- Additional right of way impacts:**
 - 23 parcels total
 - 6 for Corner Clips
 - 17 for storm water pond/floodplain compensation sites
 - 1 residential relocation
 - 0 businesses affected

For more information visit:
FDOT Right-of-Way
fdot.gov/rightofway/default.shtm

To accommodate the anticipated pond sites, additional right of way is anticipated. 23 parcels may be affected, and 1 resident may require relocation. FDOT staff is available today, to speak further about the right of way acquisition and relocation process. Or you can visit the FDOT right of way website for more information.

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Evaluation Matrix

EVALUATION CRITERIA	NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE	BUILD ALTERNATIVE
Number of Wetland Acres	3	22
Number of Wetland Acres with Wetland Determination	0	30
Number of Wetland Acres with Wetland Determination for Construction	0	32.4
Number of Wetland Acres with Wetland Determination for Construction and Operation	0	3
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Estimated Project Costs

ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS (2019 \$)	BUILD ALTERNATIVE
Construction of Right-of-Way	\$100
Construction of Right-of-Way and Construction	\$672
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TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$880

Overall preliminary cost Design, Right-of-Way, Construction ~ \$88 million in today's dollars

We developed an evaluation matrix that summarizes the environmental impacts and costs for the proposed build alternative as well as a no-build, or do nothing alternative, which will remain viable through the end of the study. We anticipate just under 1 acre of wetland impacts, and identified two possible areas where mitigating noise effects with the installation of a noise barrier may be necessary. Overall, the preliminary cost of the next phases of this project including design engineering, right of way and construction, is just under eighty-six million dollars in today's dollars.

Project Schedule

Completed	Task	Timeline
✓	Data Collection & Traffic Evaluation	2015 – 2016
✓	Develop & Evaluate Alternatives	2016 – 2017
✓	Evaluate Potential Off-Site Ponds	2017 – 2018
✓	Prepare Draft Reports & Agency Coordination	2018 – 2019
	Public Hearing	December 10, 2019
	Prepare Final Reports	Winter 2019/2020
	Final Study Approval	Spring 2020
	Design Phase	Not presently funded

Following today's public hearing, the FDOT will review all public input. We will then finalize the study documents, submit them to FDOT's Office of Environmental Management for review and approval, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration. We expect the P and E study to be completed in the Spring of 2020, and then will be eligible to move forward into the design phase as funding becomes available.

Ways to Provide Comments

- Speak Directly to the Court Reporter
- Public Statement at the Formal Portion
- Comment page on project website <http://active.fdot7studies.com/sr50/brooksville-bypass-to-i75>
- Comment Form
- Mail Comment Form

Must be postmarked by December 23, 2019 to become part of the public hearing record.

This public hearing is an opportunity for you to ask questions and offer comments on this study. Project representatives are available to provide more details and answer questions. There are several ways to comment as part of the public hearing record. All comments received, will be reviewed and considered in the study analysis, regardless of how they are submitted.

- You can speak directly with the court reporter
- You may make a statement during the formal portion of today's hearing
- You may input comments onto the comment page of the project website
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Documents on display from November 19, 2019 to December 23, 2019

You can go to project website listed here and in your handout for additional project information. Materials from this public hearing and other project details will be posted there. Draft study reports are available for review at this hearing and on the website, and have been on public display at the East Hernando Branch Library in Hernando County, and at the FDOT's District Seven office since November 19th and will continue until December 23, 2019. The project newsletter shows the library hours.

Thank you!

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Remember to be Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow. Safety doesn't happen by accident.

Thank you for your interest in the State Road 50 (US 98/Cortez Boulevard) PD&E Study, and for taking time to participate in this public hearing. We look forward to your comments, and your continued involvement in this important PD&E Study. And Remember to be Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow. Safety doesn't happen by accident.



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Moderator's Script – *Public Hearing*

FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT
State Road 50 Project Development & Environment Study
Hearing Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

OPENING

Good Evening.

Welcome to the public hearing for the State Road 50 Project Development & Environment or PD&E Study from the Brooksville Bypass to west of Interstate I-75, a distance of approximately 7.2 miles. The Work Program Item, or WPI, Segment Number is 430051-1. My name is Kirk Bogen and I am the Environmental Management Engineer for District Seven of the Florida Department of Transportation or FDOT.

Today is **Tuesday, December 10, 2019** and it is approximately 6:30 p.m. We are assembled at the Brooksville Wesleyan Church in Brooksville, Florida.

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FDOT District 7 is conducting the hearing this evening to provide you with an opportunity to discuss the project and to submit comments on this PD&E study. Public participation is encouraged and solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status.

This public hearing is being held and was advertised in accordance with applicable Federal and State requirements as shown on the citation board located next to the sign-in table and is being conducted in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This information is also provided in the project newsletter you received in the mail or can be found at the sign-in table.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code, Section 327 and a Memorandum of

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

This is your opportunity to receive information on the State Road 50 PD&E Study and officially provide your comments to be included in the public hearing record. The Preferred Build Alternative for the SR 50 proposed improvements are based on environmental and engineering analyses completed to date, as well as the public comments that we received. Results of the cultural, natural, social and physical environmental analyses are contained in the documents on display here tonight and are available on the project website. Staff are available to answer questions regarding these reports.

The proposed project would include widening the existing four-lane divided rural facility to a six-lane divided facility by adding a lane in each direction. The recommended roadway typical sections include both rural and suburban features. The proposed improvements will also include construction of stormwater

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management and floodplain compensation sites; intersection improvements; and multimodal facilities including pedestrian, bicycle and transit accommodations.

Increasing roadway capacity along this segment of SR 50 will accommodate future growth, provide for enhanced emergency response times and emergency evacuation, enhance safety and work in conjunction with other adjacent projects planned or underway.

As shown on the concept plans on display at today's hearing, both typical section types will fit within the existing 200 feet of right of way. At 5 intersections, a small amount of new right of way in what we often call "corner clips" will be needed to make sure all intersection elements can be constructed. Additional right-of-way will also be needed for constructing and maintaining proposed stormwater management and floodplain compensation sites in seventeen locations along the project.

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Now I am going to give you some information about right-of-way acquisition and how you can make comments on the project. On projects such as this, one of the unavoidable consequences is the necessary acquisition of properties and the relocation of families and businesses. For this project, we anticipate the relocation of 1 residence and no businesses. All right-of-way acquisition will be conducted in accordance with Florida Statute 339.09 and the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, commonly known as the Uniform Act.

If you are required to make any type of move as a result of a Department of Transportation project, you can expect to be treated in a fair and helpful manner and in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act. If a move is required, you will be contacted by an appraiser who will inspect your property. We encourage you to be present during the inspection and provide information about the value of your property.

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You may also be eligible for relocation advisory services and payment benefits. If you are being moved and you are unsatisfied with the Department's determination of your eligibility for payment or the amount of that payment, you may appeal that determination.

You will be promptly furnished necessary forms and notified of the procedures to be followed in making that appeal.

A special word of caution – if you move before you receive notification of the relocation benefits that you might be entitled to, your benefits may be jeopardized.

The acquisition and relocation specialists who are supervising this programs are **Joe Murphy** and **Josh Eaton**. They will be happy to answer your questions and will also furnish you with copies of relocation assistance brochures.

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Joe and **Josh**, please stand (*pause*) so that anyone who is involved in acquisition and relocation on this project will know who they need to see regarding their property. Thank you.

When you arrived this evening, you should have received a project newsletter. If you were not able to sign in or did not receive the handout, please stop by our sign-in table before leaving this evening. If you have not already done so, please feel free to watch the presentation that is running continuously at the Public Hearing tonight in the adjacent room. It describes the proposed widening of State Road 50 in greater detail.

Pause.....

Before I continue, I would like to recognize any elected officials or their representatives who are here tonight. Please stand and introduce yourself for the record.

Pause.....

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Anyone desiring to make a statement or present written views and/or exhibits regarding the location, conceptual design, social, economic, or environmental effects of widening this portion of State Road 50 will now have an opportunity to do so.

Those who wish to provide comments during this formal portion of the Public Hearing should complete a speaker's card and submit it to a Department representative. If you did not receive a speaker's card and would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand and an FDOT representative will be happy to provide you with one. In addition to making an oral statement during this portion of the hearing, you can also make a comment to the court reporter here tonight (*gesture to court reporter*) after this formal portion of the public hearing. You may also submit your comments to the FDOT in writing. Comment forms can be placed in one of the comment boxes this evening, or you can complete the form at a later time and mail it to us at the pre-printed address on the back of the comment sheet. You may also e-mail comments to us from the project website found on the front of the

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handout. Please keep in mind that comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than Monday, December 23, 2019 to be included in the official public hearing record.

At this time, we will begin taking public comments. I will call each speaker in the order in which their speaker card was received.

Please limit your comments to the **State Road 50 Project Development & Environment PD&E Study** and keep them to three (3) minutes in order to allow everyone an opportunity to speak.

Those who wish to provide additional comments may return to the microphone following the last speaker or you may present additional comments directly to the court reporter at the end of the formal portion of tonight's hearing.

As I call your name, please step to the microphone and state your name and address clearly into the microphone, before making

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your comment so the court reporter can capture that information. If you represent an organization, municipality or other public agency, please provide that information as well. If you have questions, please see one of the FDOT representatives following this portion of the hearing.

CALL THE FIRST SPEAKER

The first speaker is _____.

Please come to the microphone.

LAST SPEAKER

Is there anyone else who would like to make a statement?

The public hearing transcript, written statements, exhibits, and reference materials will be available for public inspection at the District Seven Office, 11201 North McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, within three (3) weeks.

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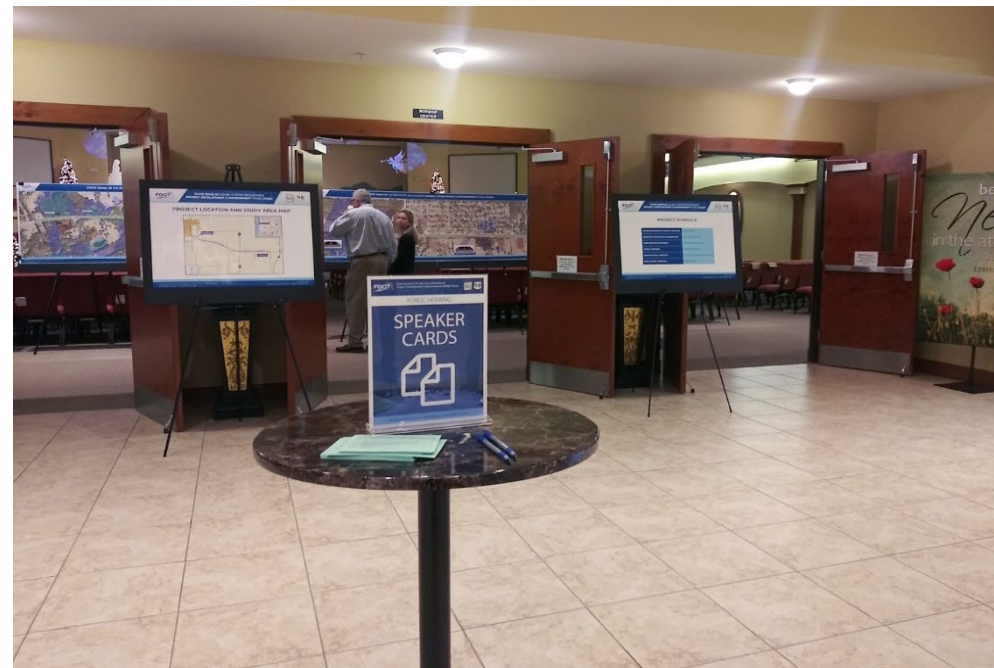
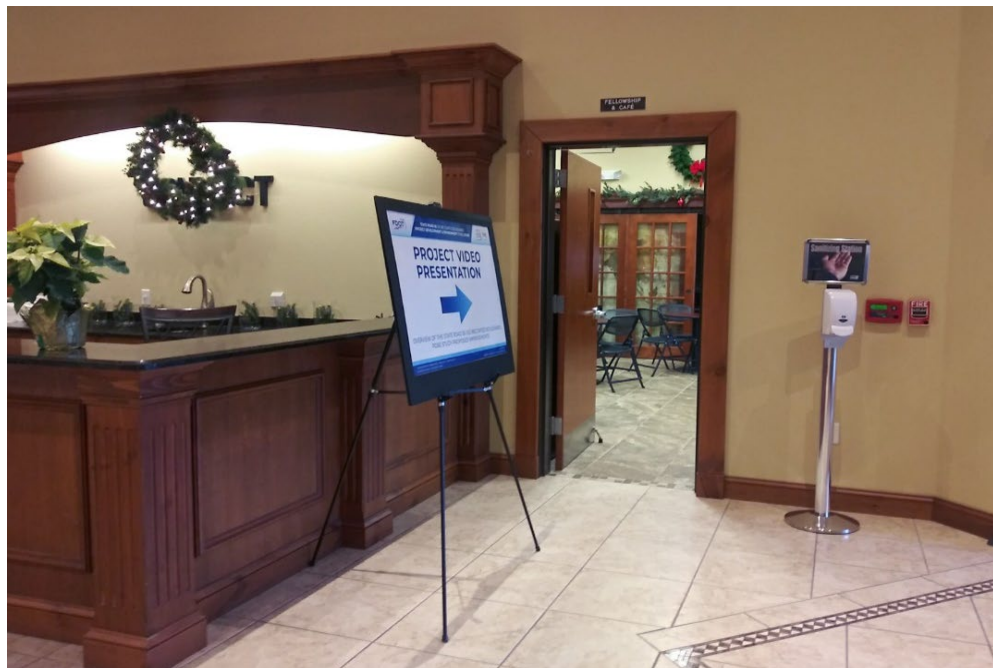
It is approximately (**STATE THE TIME**). I hereby officially close the formal portion of the public hearing for the **State Road 50 Project Development & Environment Study**.

You may continue to view the materials on display and speak with our project staff. On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation, thank you for attending. Remember to be Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow. Safety doesn't happen by accident.

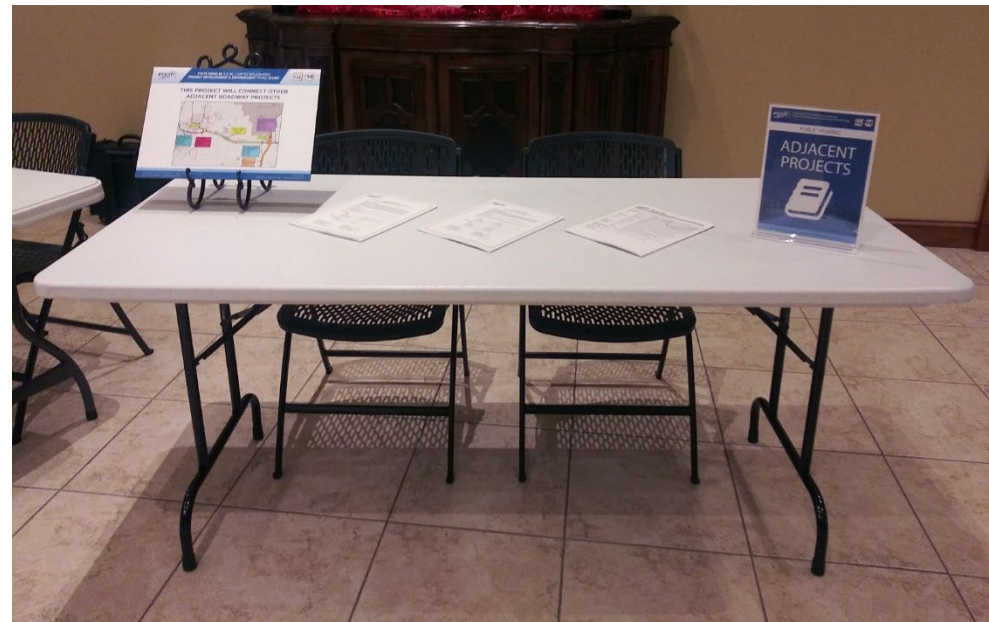
Good night, and thank you for your time.

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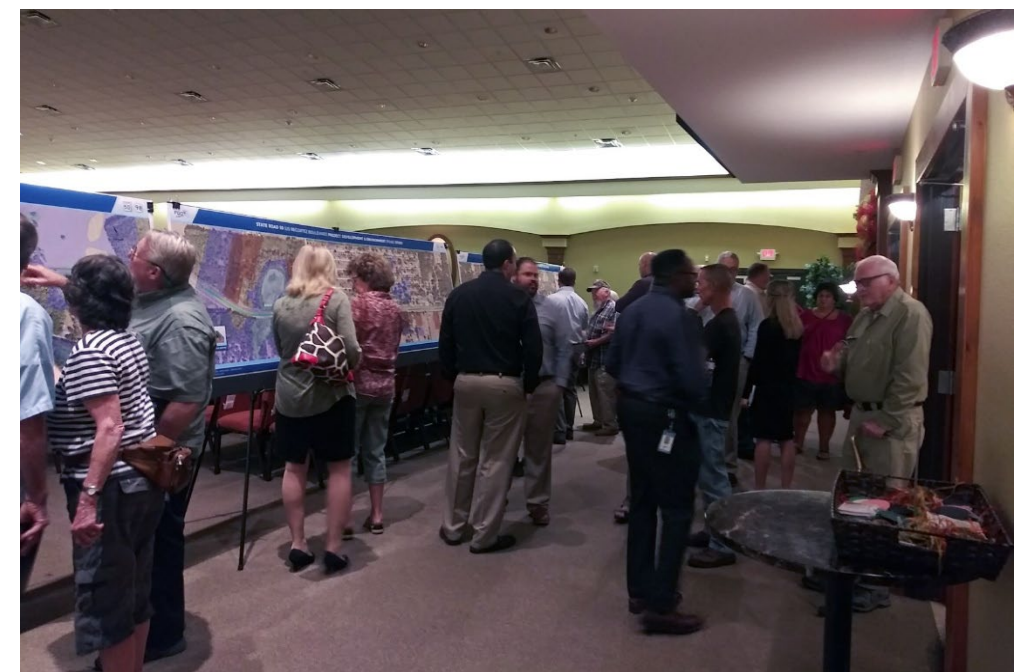
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