

**SR 52  
PD&E  
STUDY  
REEVALUATION**

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Florida Department of Transportation  
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation

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**FINAL  
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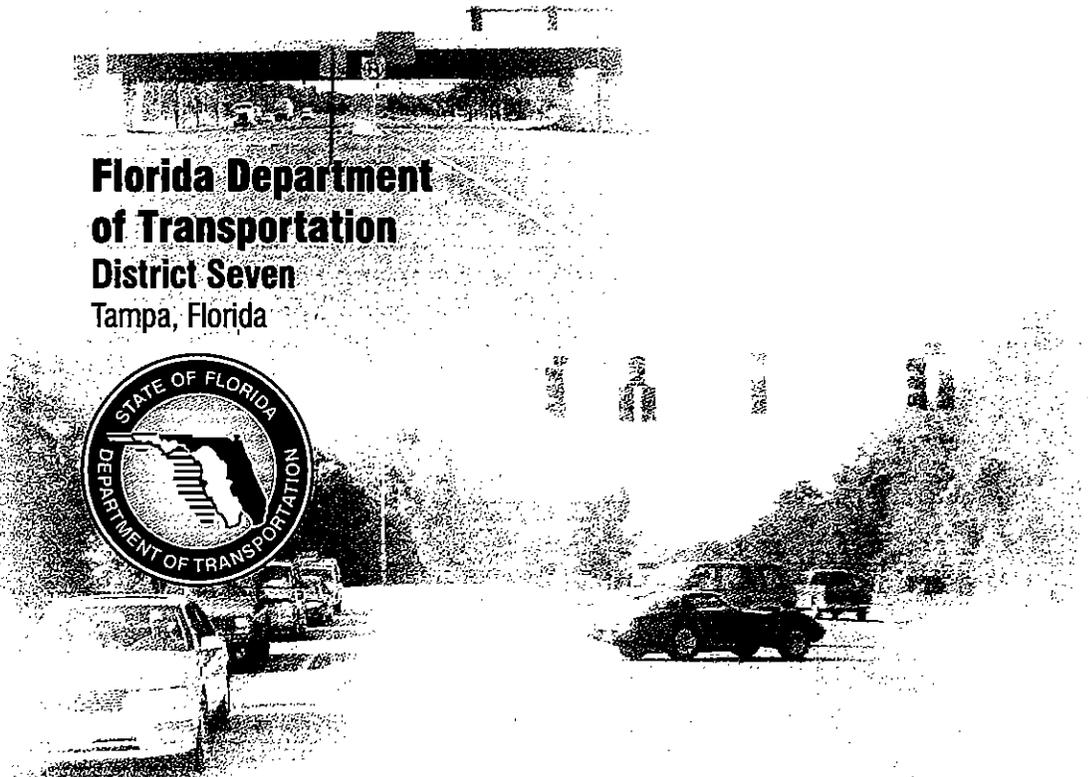
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**From Moon Lake Road to US 41 (SR 45)  
Pasco County, Florida**

W.P.I. Segment No.: 256243 1

F.A.P. No.: 1851-108

**Florida Department  
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The proposed action includes widening SR 52 from the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban highway. The study limits extend approximately 5.5 miles, from Moon Lake Road to US 41 (SR 45) in Pasco County, Florida.

**Florida Department of Transportation  
District Seven  
Tampa, Florida**

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Tampa, Florida

May 2002

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation for the proposed improvements to SR 52 from Moon Lake Road to US 41 (SR 45) in Pasco County, Florida. The project length is approximately 5.5 miles. The Reevaluation evaluated engineering and environmental effects associated with a six-lane urban arterial alternative and compared it to the four-lane rural concept addressed in the original PD&E Study approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 1988. The proposed improvements consisted of widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban highway with sidewalks and bike lanes between Moon Lake Road and US 41. The project location is shown in Figure 1.

Public involvement for this study was conducted in accordance with the FDOT PD&E Manual. To facilitate communication and ensure input from agencies and the public, a Public Hearing was held on December 11, 2001. The Public Hearing presented results from the Reevaluation and provided individuals the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

As part of the Public Involvement activities for this project, a newsletter will be mailed to property owners, public officials, and agencies on the mailing list as notification of the FHWA approval on the Reevaluation.

The following sections of this report detail the FDOT's program to fully address and resolve all project-related issues identified through the public involvement program.

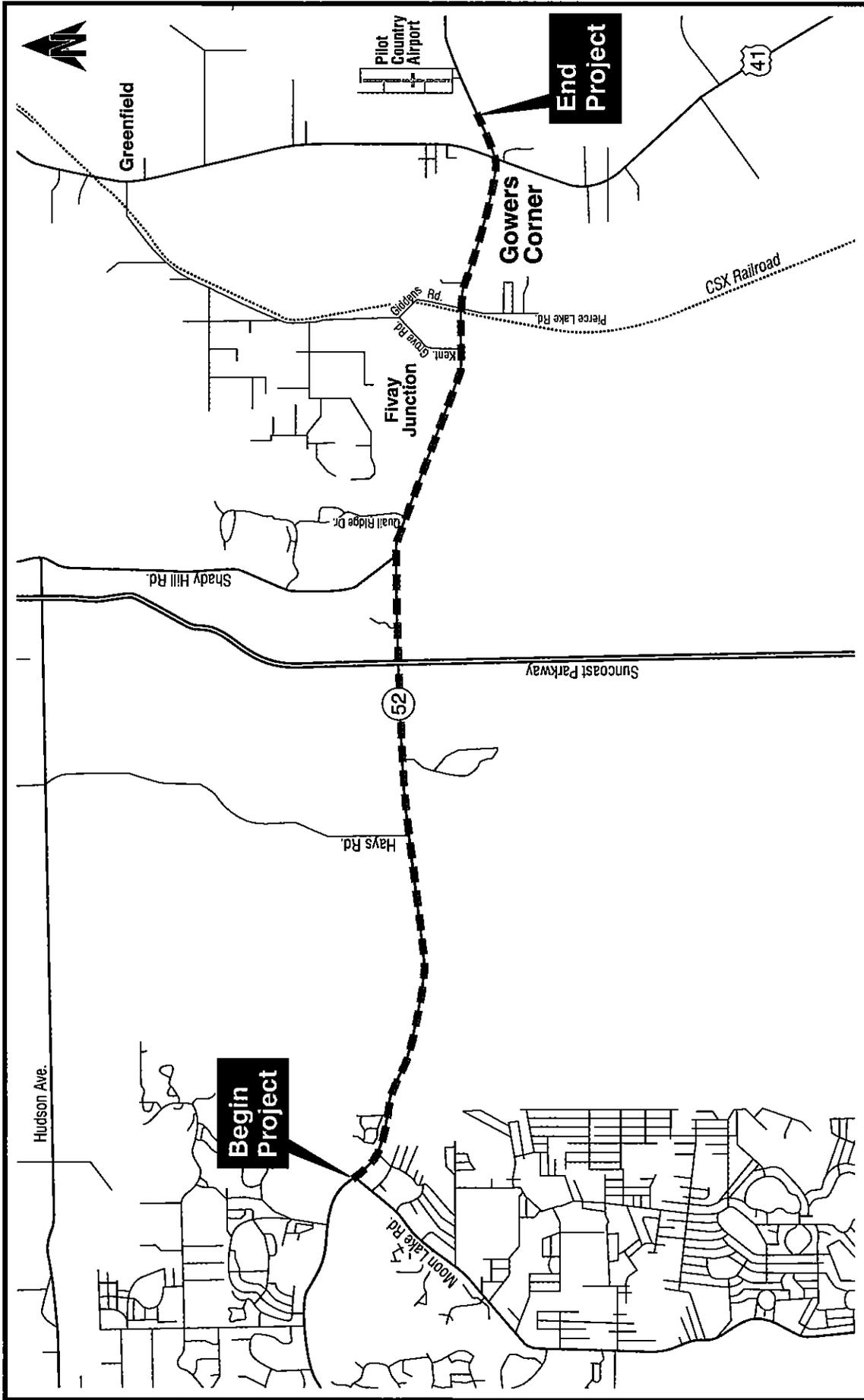
## **2.0 PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

A formal Public Hearing was held on December 11, 2001 at New Beginnings Rock Church (formerly the Mission Outreach Church and Meadow Oaks Community Church), 12306 State Road 52, in Hudson, Florida from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Hearing was held to present the results of the Reevaluation and to give the public the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Approximately 75 persons signed the attendance sheets at the Hearing.

Notification letters were mailed to elected officials and agency representatives at least 25 to 30 days prior to the Hearing. Property owners whose property lies in whole or in part within 300 feet from the centerline of the proposed project were notified of the Hearing 21 days in advance, in accordance with Florida Statutes and the PD&E Manual. Interested citizens were also notified by letter of the Public Hearing.

The support documents for the Reevaluation were made available for public review prior to and after the Public Hearing beginning November 21, 2001 through December 21, 2001 at the Hudson Regional Library, 8012 Library Road in Hudson, Florida. Project documents displayed at the Hearing included the Reevaluation document, Noise Study Report, Pond Siting Report, and Cultural Resources Report.

# SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation



**From Moon Lake Road  
to US 41 (SR 45)**  
W.P. Segment No. 256243 1/FAP No. 1851-108

## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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The Public Hearing was advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly on November 21, 2001. Legal display advertisements for the Hearing were published on November 21, 2001 and December 6, 2001 in the Pasco County Edition of the St. Petersburg Times.

The Hearing consisted of an informal session and a formal session. The informal session began at 4:30 p.m. and lasted until 6:00 p.m. During that time, the public could view a continuously-running video, view the conceptual plans and project documents on display, speak to the court reporter in a one-on-one setting, or ask questions of Department representatives. Project brochures were available to all attendees. The formal portion of the Hearing began at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Kirk Bogen, Project Development Engineer for FDOT District 7, presided at the Hearing. A formal public comment session followed the formal presentation. The court reporter transcribed the entire formal portion. Following the formal portion of the Public Hearing, the informal portion resumed until 7:30 p.m.

Persons were able to offer statements as part of the Official Public Hearing Record in one of four ways: (1) make an oral statement during the formal portion of the Hearing; (2) make an oral statement to the court reporter during the informal portion of the Hearing; (3) complete the Comment Form and submit it to the court reporter or drop it in the 'Comment Form' box; or (4) complete and mail the Comment Form to the FDOT - District 7.

Copies of the legal display advertisements, notification letters, comment forms received, and response letters are included in Appendix A. A copy of the Public Hearing Transcript is included in Appendix B. Copies of the Public Hearing brochure, attendance rosters, recommended build alternative, and display graphics are included in the Public Hearing Project Scrapbook, December 2001.

Specific questions and comments raised at the Public Hearing were answered at the formal portion of the Hearing, during informal discussions with concerned individuals or by follow up letters. Three people gave oral statements to the court reporter during the informal portion and ten people gave oral statements during the formal portion of the Hearing. Twenty written statements (some providing more than one comment), were received either at the Hearing or in the mail. Three people requested copies of the concept plans. The comments are summarized in Section 3.0.

### **3.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This section summarizes the substantive comments received. Responses are also provided for those comments requiring a response. The major issues raised include noise, access management and traffic signals.

#### **Comment: Median openings at Alric Pottberg Road and Murcott Way**

Several comments addressed the need for median openings at Alric Pottberg Road and at Murcott Way. The FDOT has reevaluated these intersections. The revised plans include a median opening at Alric Pottberg Road. The median opening at Murcott Way was shifted to the east to provide for an entrance into a proposed development. Murcott Way would tie into this entrance road.

**Comment: Median opening at Pierce Lake Road**

Several people requested a median opening at Pierce Lake Road. The FDOT has revised the plans to include a median opening to accommodate the westbound to southbound movement from SR 52 to Pierce Lake Road.

**Comment: Noise level at Pine Ridge at Sugar Creek**

Several comments were received regarding noise levels at the Pine Ridge development. Based on this input, the FDOT has reevaluated noise levels in this area. The Pine Ridge "neighborhood was analyzed and the report concluded that none of the homes met the abatement criteria. The Department evaluated a barrier for the one home that was predicted to be within 0.1 dBA of the approach criteria (66 dBA). The results indicate that a barrier would not be effective due to its length being limited due to the need to maintain access to Ridgedale Drive."

**Comment: Pond sites**

One person expressed concern about two proposed pond sites on his property. The FDOT has selected the proposed pond sites as a result of engineering analysis, environmental concerns and economics. Other alternative sites were considered and will be reevaluated during the design phase. The project is not currently funded within FDOT's Five-Year Tentative Work Program for design, right-of-way acquisition or construction.

**Comment: Expedite the project**

Three persons were concerned that it is taking a long time to get the project started and want it started as soon as possible. The priority of projects in Pasco County is coordinated with the MPO.

**Comment: Safety at Pine Ridge**

Seven persons are concerned about safety at Pine Ridge; six desire a traffic light. A traffic signal is not currently warranted at this location.

**Comment: Traffic at Kent Grove**

One person was concerned about traffic exiting Kent Grove Drive onto SR 52. The road geometry would be improved (maybe not totally flattened out) with the road widening. A study could be conducted in the future to see if the intersection warrants a signal.

**Comment: Widen SR 52 from US 41 to I-75**

This comment has been forwarded to Pasco County Representatives.

**Comment: Scheduling of the proposed improvements to SR 52**

Widening SR 52 from Moon Lake Road to US 41 is consistent with Pasco County's Long Range Transportation Plan. Moon Lake Road to Suncoast Parkway: design is ongoing, right-of-way acquisition is scheduled for 2002/2003, construction is scheduled for

2005/2006. The two segments from Suncoast Parkway to I-75 are not funded in the FDOT Five-Year Work Program.

**Comment: Right-of-Way acquisition by the power company**

One person was concerned with the reason behind the power company purchasing 5 feet of her property to put up a 115,000 volt pole in front of her house. She questioned why they did not buy the property across the street and put the transmission and service line on the same pole.

**Comment: Drainage**

One person was concerned with flooding on the two properties she owns on SR 52.

**Comment: Right-of-Way acquisition**

One speaker was concerned that once the Department makes "Their initial offer to acquire the property, that they will negotiate in good faith with the owner."

**Comment: Parking at the Suncoast Expressway bike trail**

One person expressed concern for the Suncoast Expressway bike trail and that there is no parking.

**Comment: Safety near Davis Lane**

One person feels the curve in the road at Davis Lane is a hazard. The project will be designed to meet current standards.

**Comment: Signage**

Signs should be "arranged with less clutter."

**Comment: Wildlife crossings, overpasses and mitigation**

One person was concerned that "wildlife crossings are needed for endangered species." Also, "we need to have bridge intersections to expedite the flow of traffic... Please buy lands that have future development potential and set them aside as mitigation."

# **APPENDIX A PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS**

# PASCO TIMES

An Edition of the St. Petersburg Times

Published Daily

Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PASCO:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Debra Hoover who on oath says that she is Legal Clerk of the Pasco Times a daily newspaper published at Port Richey, in Pasco County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter of RE: Public Hearing

in the \_\_\_\_\_ Court was published in said newspaper in the issues of November 21, 2001

Affiant further says the said Pasco Times is a newspaper published at Port Richey, in said Pasco County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Pasco County, Florida, each day and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Port Richey in said Pasco 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.

*Debra Hoover*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of November, 2001



Paul P. Benton  
Commission # DD 035187  
Expires June 20, 2005  
Benton Trust  
Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

Signature of Notary Public

Personally known X or produced identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of identification produced \_\_\_\_\_



## PUBLIC HEARING

### SR 52 PD&E REEVALUATION from Moon Lake Road to US 41, Pasco County

WPL Segment No.: 256249.1 / FAP No.: 1851-108

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has scheduled a Public Hearing for the State Road (SR) 52 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation now underway in Pasco County. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Mission Outreach Church, 12906 State Road 52, Hudson, Florida. Please see the project location map.

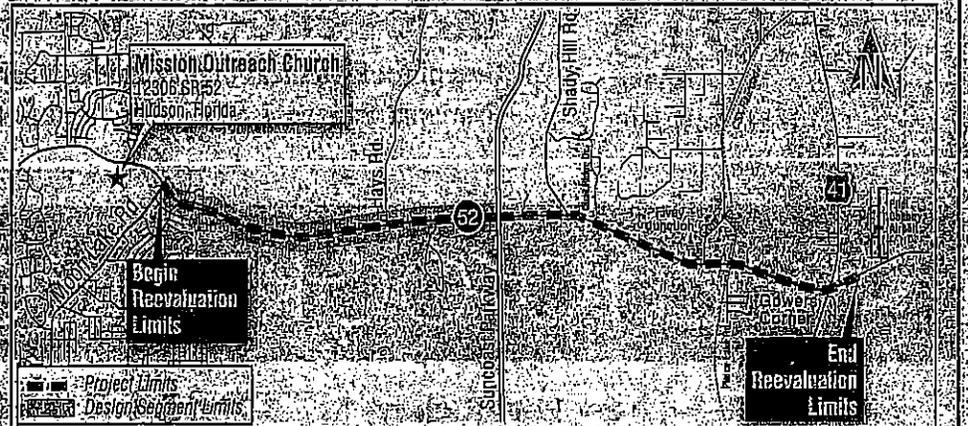
The SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation limits are from Moon Lake Road to US 41 in Pasco County, a distance of about 5.5 miles. The Recommended Build Alternative includes widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban roadway. This project may involve encroachments within wetlands and floodplains which require special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 & 11988, respectively.

The Public Hearing will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. A brief, continuous, audio-visual presentation about the project, aerial photographs, conceptual plans, and project information will be available for public viewing. Design plans for the portion of the Reevaluation limits from Moon Lake Road to the Suncoast Parkway will be on display. Representatives from the FDOT will be available beginning at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the project, answer questions and receive comments. The formal portion of the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will consist of a presentation by the FDOT on the proposed improvements followed by a public comment period.

The Reevaluation document and other supporting reports will be available for public review prior to and during the Public Hearing beginning November 21, 2001 through December 21, 2001 at the Hudson Regional Library, 8012 State Road 52. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday. These documents will also be available for viewing at the hearing.

This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Title 47 of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and is in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the hearing under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Ginger Regalado, Community Involvement Specialist by calling (800) 228-7220 / (813) 975-6460. Requests should be made at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing.

We invite and encourage you to attend and participate in this Public Hearing. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Mike Seifer, PSM, EIT, Project Manager at (800) 228-7220 / (813) 975-6922.



This Public Hearing is being held pursuant to the Federal Aid Highway Act, 23 USC 101 et seq., 128.315, Section 2(e), 2(b), and 9(a) (1) of the Department of Transportation Act, 49 CFR Section 1.4(c), 23 CFR Section 1.32, and Chapter 339.355 of the Florida Statutes, and Titles 47 and 48 of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and is in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38.

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*Debra Hoover*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of December, 2001



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

*Kimberly L. Cronshaw*  
Signature of Notary Public

Personally known X or produced identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of identification produced \_\_\_\_\_



## SR 52 PD&E REEVALUATION

from Moon Lake Road to US 41, Pasco County

WPI Segment No. 256243 / FAP No. 1851-108

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has scheduled a Public Hearing for the State Road (SR) 52 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation now underway in Pasco County. The Hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2001, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Meadow Oaks Community Church (the name of the church recently changed from Mission Outreach Church), 12306 State Road 52, Hudson, Florida. Please see the attached location map.

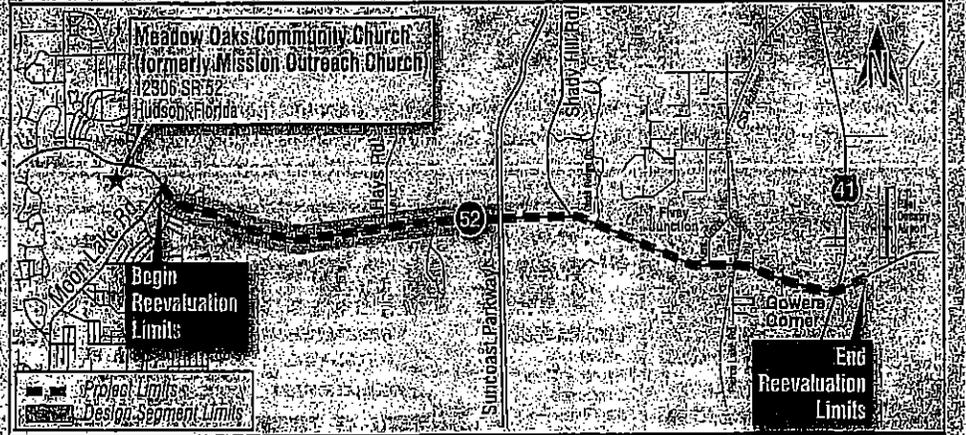
The SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation limits are from Moon Lake Road to US 41 in Pasco County, a distance of about 3.5 miles. The Recommended Build Alternative includes widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban roadway. This project may involve encroachments within wetlands and floodplains which require special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 & 11988, respectively.

The Public Hearing will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. A brief, continuous running video presentation about the project, aerial photographs, conceptual plans, and project information will be available for public viewing. Design plans for the portion of the Reevaluation limits from Moon Lake Road to the Suncoast Parkway will be on display. Representatives from the FDOT will be available beginning at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the project, answer questions and receive comments. The formal portion of the Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will consist of a presentation by the FDOT on the proposed improvements followed by a public comment period.

The Reevaluation documents and other supporting reports will be available for public review prior to and after the Public Hearing beginning November 21, 2001 through December 21, 2001 at the Hudson Regional Library, 8012 Liberty Road. The library hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed Sunday. These documents will also be available for viewing at the hearing.

The Public Hearing is being held in accordance with 28 CFR 77.3 and Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act. Access to the disabled is available and is in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the hearing under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Cindy Regalado, Community Involvement Specialist by calling (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6460. Requests should be made at least 14 (14) calendar days prior to the hearing.

We invite and encourage you to attend and participate in this Public Hearing. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Mike Saffari, PSM, EIT, Project Manager, (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6922.



This Public Hearing is being held pursuant to the Federal Aid Highway Act, 23 USC 101 et seq; 23 USC Section 2(a), 2(b), and 9 (a) of the Department of Transportation Act; 49 CFR Section 1.41 (b); 28 CFR Section 1.32; and Chapter 339.155 of the Florida Statutes and Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act. Access to the disabled is available and is in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38.

## **Notification Letters**

November 16, 2001

Mr. Mike Wells  
Pasco County Property Appraiser  
West Pasco Government Center  
7530 Little Road, Suite 130  
New Port Richey, FL 34654

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243 1 / FAP No. 1851-108  
SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation from Moon Lake Road to US 41 / Pasco County

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation of State Road (SR) 52 from Moon Lake Road to US 41 in Pasco County, a distance of about 5.5 miles. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Mission Outreach Church, 12306 State Road 52, Hudson, Florida. Please see the enclosed Project Location Map.

The Hearing will present information about the PD&E Study Reevaluation for SR 52 within the above referenced limits. The Recommended "Build" Alternative includes widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban roadway. This project may involve encroachments within wetlands and floodplains which require special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 & 11988, respectively.

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Hudson Regional Library  
8012 Library Road  
Hudson, FL 34667  
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday  
Closed Sunday

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These materials will also be available for viewing at the Hearing between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Representatives from the FDOT will be available to answer questions and receive comments at the Hearing. There will be a project video that will be shown continuously throughout the informal portion of the Hearing. Design plans for the portion of the Reevaluation limits, from Moon Lake Road to the Suncoast Parkway, will be on display. The formal portion of the Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will consist of a presentation by the FDOT on the proposed roadway improvements followed by a public comment period. All persons will be afforded an opportunity to express their views and furnish specific data on matters pertinent to the project.

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This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and is in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the Hearing, under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, should contact Ginger Regalado, Community Involvement Specialist by calling (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6460, or by email at [ginger.regalado@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ginger.regalado@dot.state.fl.us). Requests should be made at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Hearing.

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Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure

November 16, 2001

The Honorable Robert Graham  
United States Senator  
101 East Kennedy Boulevard  
Suite 3270  
Tampa, FL 33602

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243 1 / FAP No. 1851-108  
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Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure

November 19, 2001

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243 1 / FAP No. 1851-108  
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In compliance with Chapter 339.155, Florida Statutes, property owners whose property lies, in whole or in part, within 300 feet of either side of the centerline of any alternative under study **(EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED)** are being notified of this Hearing. Current county property tax records indicate that you are the recorded owner of a property located within 300 feet of at least one of the project alternatives or are near the project vicinity.

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Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure

November 19, 2001

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243 1 / FAP No. 1851-108  
SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation from Moon Lake Road to US 41 / Pasco County

Dear Interested Citizen:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation of State Road (SR) 52 from Moon Lake Road to US 41 in Pasco County, a distance of about 5.5 miles. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Mission Outreach Church, 12306 State Road 52, Hudson, Florida. Please see the enclosed Project Location Map.

The Hearing will present information about the PD&E Study Reevaluation for SR 52 within the above referenced limits. The Recommended "Build" Alternative includes widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban roadway. This project may involve encroachments within wetlands and floodplains which require special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 & 11988, respectively.

The Public Hearing will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The Reevaluation document and other reports or materials will be available for public review prior to and after the Public Hearing beginning November 21, 2001 through December 21, 2001 at the following location:

Hudson Regional Library  
8012 Library Road  
Hudson, FL 34667  
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday  
Closed Sunday

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

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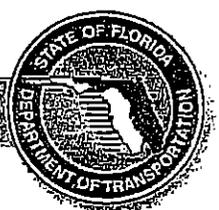
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## **Comment Forms Received**

# SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation From Moon Lake Road to US 41

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## PUBLIC HEARING

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- 1) THE CURRENT ~~LEFT~~ LEFT-TURN LANE FOR THE FLORIDA STATE TROOPER BARRACKS IS A SAFETY HAZZARD TO OTHER MOTORISTS USING THE WESTBOUND LANES OF SR 52. DESPITE THEIR DESIRE TO PREVENT OTHER MOTORISTS FROM USING THE OPENING TO THEIR MEDIAN, THEY FORCE CIVILIANS LIKE MYSELF TO RISK SLAMMING ON THE BRAKES AND REAR ENDING THEM, I'D LIKE TO AVOID THIS, AND I BELIEVE THEY WOULD TOO.
- 2) A FULL OPENING IN THE DIVIDER SHOULD EXIST FOR A/RIC POTTBERG ROAD (AKA. PASCO COUNTY'S "SAFETY TOWN") SINCE IT'S A PASCO COUNTY FACILITY.
- 3) A WEST-TO-NORTH TURNING RAMP SHOULD BE ADDED TO SHADY HILLS ROAD.
- 4) THE PROPOSED MANNER OF LEFT-TURNS AT DAVIS LANE IS A HAZARD DUE TO THE CURVE OF THE ROAD.
- 5) SIGNS SHOULD BE ARRANGED WITH LESS CLUTTER.
- 6) I SEE NO NEED TO SHIFT THE ENTIRE PORTION OF US 41 OUT OF IT'S EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY. STATE ROAD 52 BEING SHIFTED OUT OF IT'S R.O.W. NEAR US 41, I ACCEPT THE REASONS FOR.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name DANIEL TIMOTHY DEY  
 Address 16328 KILLEARN LANE  
 City, State, Zip SHADY HILLS, FLORIDA, 34610-1327

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Please get on with the project.

it is needed badly, from a safety

issue, commerce and common sense.

The future is here,

Nice Plan

I own property on the south side

of SR 52 - 1/4 mi. east of moon lake

Rd. Vacant Property

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name Allen S. Crumbley

Address 10811 Panicleon Ct.

City, State, Zip New Port Richey Fl. 34655

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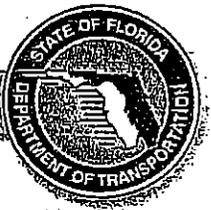


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Please send me a copy of  
the SR 52 Recommended Build  
Alternative Plans for Moon Lake Rd  
to Aucost Parkway

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name B. Helie  
 Address P.O. Box 5062  
 City, State, Zip Audson FL 34674

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**Comments**

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*Please send me a copy of the reduced  
Concept Plans  
SR 52 PD+E Study Reevaluation  
(all 12 pages)  
WPI Segment 256243-1  
FAP # 1851-108*

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name Beverly Helie  
Address P.O. Box 5062  
City, State, Zip Hudson, FL 34674

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MCDONALD		

Please make arrangements to get Mr. Guglielmoni the info he requests.  
DM

### Comments

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To whom it MAY Co

I would APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU COULD SEND ME A COPY IN COLOR OF THE FIRST PHASE ABUTTING THE PINE RIDGE AT SUGAR CREEK CONDOMINIUM ASSOC. MATCHING THE COPY IN BLACK & WHITE WHICH I AM INCLUDING WITH THIS REQUEST.

Sincerely

Angelo J Guglielmoni

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Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name Angelo J Guglielmoni  
 Address 12119 Sunny Glen Lane Unit E2  
 City, State, Zip HUDSON FL. 34669

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Since I live in the Pine Ridge development  
on the west side of 52 - just before the  
menor Dixie - the noise is unbearable  
at night - I ~~do not~~ understand that  
we are 2 points off the noise level  
which is not going to allow a barrier  
to be placed. The traffic will only  
increase and so will the noise  
Also the access into our development  
from west to entrance will be very  
dangerous - How can we get across  
three lanes???

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name Maryann Piscitelli  
Address 13020 Cypress Hill Dr  
City, State, Zip Hudson FL 34869

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*The Dev. at Pine Ridge need a noise wall and a light to get in and out of Pine Ridge*

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name *Mary J. Molloy*  
Address *1303H Cypress Hill Dr*  
City, State, Zip *Andover, FL 34669*

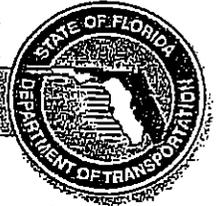
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I believe that a sound barrier should be put in place by the Pine Ridge Sub Division.

2.0 Decimal is not low enough for us not to have one. The noise level will increase with more traffic over the years.

A Red light & Turn light should also be put in place.

We are talking about a Senior Community.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Lessa Mennel  
13136 Cypress Hill Dr  
Hudson, FL 34669

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My main concern is the noise level of the traffic. I know there was a noise level study done. I spoke to the person who conducted the study. Doing the math, they say the noise level doesn't justify a sound barrier. I write you to come to some of these dwellings and hear it yourself. A computer study is not a field study. It's a defect ~~a~~ problem now. It will be more of a problem with the increase of volume. If a masonry barrier is in the budget, at least burn the property of Pine Ridge plant evergreens. Also a traffic light is in order for Pine Ridge. Look at the amount of accidents there have been there already. Do we need some one to Dig 130.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name Gregory Muller  
Address 12504 Peninsula Ct.  
City, State, Zip Hudson FLA 34669

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SR 52  
PD&E  
STUDY  
RE-EVALUATION

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*I would like to be assured that  
the entrance and exit from my  
development will be as safe as  
possible - Development Line Ridge at  
Jugan Creek -  
Thank you*

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Name *Mary K. Connell*  
Address *12155 Fox Chase Dr B-1*  
City, State, Zip *Hudson, FL 34669*

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Please reconsider placing a wall @ Pine Ridge @ Sugar Creek. Currently I can not have my bedroom windows open at night. As the road is expanded the noise level will increase. I know it was stated that the noise level does not meet some minimum standard, the ~~new~~ standard that should be used is can people sleep with their windows open

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ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name M. A. Clark  
Address 13108 CYPRESS Hill DR  
City, State, Zip HUDSON FL 34667

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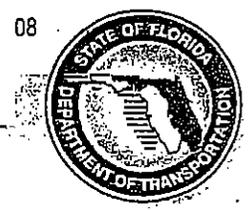
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# SR 52 PD&E Stud From Moon Lake Road

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~~Dear Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.~~

There are advantages and disadvantages to building a wider road on rt. 52, but the big advantage is to have already widened. Rt. 52 is supposed to be an evacuation road. If we have a hurricane here it will be disastrous. We could have one come up the coast and the people from St. Pete, Clearwater etc. will come up here and the roads will be clogged before we can get out. There are a lot of people here especially older ones who need to get away. They will be using Massachusetts Ave. onto De Cubellis Rd. and Ridge Rd. which both connect to Moonlake Rd., and go to Rt.52. Also Little Rd. that goes onto route 52. If you can imagine the mess that will occur at Little Rd. and Moonlake Rd. and then on to narrow Rt.52. There are people here with large pickup trucks with big tires who are not very curious. I don't know why Rt.52 wasn't widened in the first place. Rt.50 and 54 were widened why not us? We may not have a hurricane but if we do the road planning people won't look so good. I hope my comments will help your future planning.

Sincerely,

*Ralph Dunaway*

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Name RALPH DUNAWAY  
Address 12723 WOODCHUCK RD.  
City, State, Zip HUDSON FL 34667

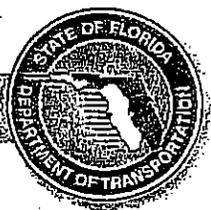
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Very concerned about traffic safety exiting Kent Grove Dr on to E bound Hwy 52. Am very anxious for project to begin to make this area safer. There are a lot of families that use Kent Grove to visit their homes. Also concerned about area around Pease Side Rd. This area is historically known as Finlay Junction. At least 5 old families have grown in this area. Most of the children have remained in this area. In the 70's Mr. Harold Kent subdivided his grove. This has created a community that is N of Hwy 52 @ Kent Grove Dr. The historic Greenfield Finlay cemetery is N on Kent Grove Dr. The original families have lived in this area since the early 1900's. They deserve some consideration for their safety.

Since Seacoast Parkway has opened the traffic on Hwy 52 has increased making left turns more hazardous. Any consideration would be appreciated.

Also concerned about Hwy 52 from Hwy 41 to Interstate 75. Pavement is narrow and in very bad repair. Many more drivers now use Hwy 52 instead of 54 to get across the county.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name Sharon McBride  
Address P.O. Box 432  
City, State, Zip Land O Lakes Fl 34639

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As a Pasco Commuter, I find the Need To Widen SR52 Important. This Widening is long overdue, To Relieve Congestion and for Safety as a Evacuation Route.

However as a member of over 20+ environmental groups including Sierra Club. I am Troubled by the following things:

① Wildlife Crossings, are needed for endangered Species, They need to be at least 6' (feet) Tall by 6' (Feet) wide. They need to Connect Wildlife Preserves, Like the Serenova Preserve To the Concourse Council properties Just East of Hays road, The wildlife Crossings needs to be immune to Flooding that would render it useless. To Smaller Species and baby animals

② Overpass Bridges, We need To have Bridged Intersections To Expedite the flow of Traffic, Especially at Hays road + SR52 Also SR52 + US41

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name Tom Lincoln (727) 847-1615  
Address 8951 Ridge road Continued Next Page  
City, State, Zip New Port Richey FL. 34654

If you did not receive a notice for this Hearing but desire to be included on the project mailing list, please check this box and complete the above name and address section. 12-11-01 Thomas Lincoln

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(2, continued) I Hope that we could have Bridged intersections along SR52 at all Existing Traffic Signals and planned future Traffic Signals (I want Bridges to Replace Traffic Lights)

(3) I Ask that you please, Remove any Plans to use property That will never be developed from being YOUR MITIGATION. Please Buy Lands that have future development Potential and set them aside as Mitigation.

Name TOM LINCOLN (727) 847-1615  
Address 8951 Ridge rd.  
City, State, Zip New Port Richey FL 34654

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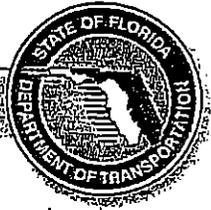
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12-11-01 *Thomas Lincoln*

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REQUESTING LEFT DIRECTIONAL  
MEDIAN OFFRAME FOR 30 HOUSEHOLDS  
SOUTH OF SR52 AT PIERCE LAKE RD  
(EAST OF R.R. CROSSING) THE MEDIAN FOR  
WESTBOUND TO SOUTH AT PRESENT LOCATION  
SERVES NO-ONE JUST A LARK.

Comments (Personal)  
© SR52 MO  
M/A DAS  
KB KB  
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December 7, 2001

To: Kenneth A. Hartman, P.E., District Seven Secretary  
 Attention: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr. P.E.  
 District Environmental Management Engineer  
 Florida Department Of Transportation, District Seven  
 Ms 7-500  
 11201 N. McKinley Drive  
 Tampa, FL 33612-6456  
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## SR 52 PD & E Study Reevaluation From Moon Lake Road to US 41

WPI Segment No. 2562431

### Comments

1. With the expansion of the roadway and the construction of the Suncoast Parkway, obviously there is an anticipation of additional traffic in our area just east of Moon Lake Road. Because our community at Pine Ridge At Sugar Creek Condominium Association is within 100' to 150 feet from SR 52, we would strongly request that the state consider erecting a barrier wall between the roadway and our community to reduce the excessive noise caused by this anticipated level of traffic.
2. For various reasons including that we are a 55 years of age or older community and our location being on a blind curve, we request that a traffic light be place at the intersection of Ridgedale Drive and State Road 52. A study should prove this need.
3. Our final request is to ensure that there will continue to be a center turning lane for vehicles turning left into our community while traveling east on State Road 52.

Note: There have been two traffic accidents in the last month at the intersection of Ridgedale and SR 52. Neither have resulted in a traffic citation to either of our residents. One of the accidents involved two County Deputies. This is already a dangerous section of road.

Name	Jim Davis, LCAM	Property Manager
	13212 Slash Pine Drive	
	Hudson, FL 34669	



Andrew Nappi

12/12/01 09:19 AM

To: Kirk R Bogen/D7/FDOT@FDOT, Michael J  
Seifert/D7/FDOT@FDOT  
cc: Ginger Regalado/D7/FDOT@FDOT  
Subject: SR 52 Meeting

Andrew Nappi  
Right of Way Agent

Dear Folks;

Last night was my first "formal" type public meeting. I was really impressed by how you all handled the set-up(given the venue owner changes),the resident statements,and the well intentioned but three minute plus interest group statements.

Being a Hudson resident myself,although a few miles west of the project,I am glad that something is being done to better process the traffic flow. This was also my first meeting as a resident too,even though I was working.

As a resident,I feel that every opportunity to provide input and express my concerns was afforded me last night as well as the names of appropriate contacts if I feel the need to write a letter today or tomorrow.

Obviously not all concerns can be addressed to everyone's 100% satisfaction,but we do have the ability to sound off 100%.

I have not worked here long enough to be biased so I mean it when I say that last night's meeting was a job well done. It is too bad that teachers and parents do not take more kids to these meetings. They are really fine civics lessons in action.

Sincerely,

Andrew Nappi

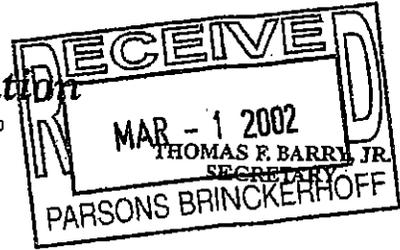
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Beverly Helie  
 P.O. Box 5062  
 Hudson, FL 34674

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243-1 SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation in Pasco County

Dear Ms. Helie:

This is in response to your request for a copy of the concept plans. We get numerous requests for copies of plans and reports etc. In order to be able to process the tremendous amount of requests, we must charge a nominal fee for copies and labor. Therefore, I ask that you contact the project manager, Michael Seifert, at the numbers listed below so that he can assist you better in this matter. Mr. Seifert may be able to reduce your fees by better understanding your needs. For example: color copies are much more expensive than black and white.

If you have any further questions please contact the Project Manager, Michael Seifert at (813) 975-6922 / (800) 226-7220.

Sincerely,

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

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THOMAS F. BARRY, JR.  
SECRETARY

January 23, 2002

Billy A. Heasley  
17035 State Road 52  
Land O' Lakes, Fl. 34639

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243-1 SR 52 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study  
Reevaluation in Pasco County

Dear Mr. Heasley,

This is in response to your letter dated December 18, 2001. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) appreciates your attendance at the Public Hearing held on December 11, 2001. You expressed concern about two proposed pond sites on your property. We do extensive analysis on the social and environmental effects as well as engineering analysis in order to decide how to accommodate the needs of the transportation facilities in which we study. An integral part of our study is community involvement. We encourage the community to become involved in the development of our transportation systems early in the project development process. In response to your concerns, FDOT offers the following:

1. The proposed pond and flood plain compensation (FPC) sites on your property were chosen as a result of engineering analysis, environmental concerns and economics. Other alternative sites were considered and will be reevaluated during the design phase.
2. FDOT is willing to meet with you now or in the design phase in order to make adjustments to try to meet your needs. This project is still early in the planning stage and changes can be made. Pond sites are proposed during this phase in order to estimated land needs and satisfy environmental requirements. Please contact Mike Seifert, the Project Manager if you wish to set up a meeting. His number is listed below.
3. Please be aware that this project is not currently funded within FDOT's 5-year tentative work program for design, right of way acquisition, or construction. This means that these project phases are not expected to occur within the next 5 years. Also enclosed is a brochure called " The Real Estate Acquisition Process ". We highly recommend you to review it, particularly the "Eminent Domain" section.

Billy A. Heasley  
Page 2  
January 23, 2002

Again, remember that this project is in the early planning stages and your input is not only welcomed, but it is encouraged. This is the most ideal time to incorporate suggestions and make changes in a project if warranted.

If you have any further questions, please contact Michael Seifert, the Project Manager at (813) 975-6922 / (800) 226-7220.

Sincerely,



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

Cc: File  
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500 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Fl. 33602

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Ginger Regalado

12/13/01 09:03 AM

To: Michael J Seifert/D7/FDOT@FDOT

cc:

Subject: SR 52

Mike - I know you and I discussed this issue already, but I wanted to send it in a written form for the files.

Mr. Gary Moore (929-0245)  
12680 McBride Road  
Spring Hill, FL 34610-4512

Called Mr. Hartmann's office to get info and to give information on the above project. The call was then given to me to handle.

Mr. Moore's concern is as follows: he believes the traffic at Kent Grove and SR 52 is very bad and he is concerned about his ability to get off of Kent Grove on to SR 52 heading towards US 41 due to the curve and high amount of traffic. He feels that area has a sight distance and speeding problem. He also believes that it will become more difficult to access SR 52 once the road is widened and asked about a light being put in.

I told Mr. Moore in our conversation that the road geometry would be improved (maybe not totally flattened out) with the road widening. I explained that a study could be done further down the line to see if the intersection warrants a light in the future. I also told Mr. Moore that I would send him a brochure from the meeting with a comment form so that he could write us any concerns he has. (I have already mailed this).

He seemed to better understand what was happening with the road and said he was happy to here the sight distance would be addressed to some degree.

If you have any questions let me know.

Ginger



Michael J Seifert  
12/11/01 11:58 AM

To: "dzimmer" <david.zimmer@ablepeo.com>  
cc: pcmpto@pascocounty.com, Robert M Clifford/D7/FDOT@FDOT,  
Kirk R Bogen/D7/FDOT@FDOT, Jeraldo J  
Comellas/D7/FDOT@FDOT  
Subject: Re: widening 52

Thank you for your concern with SR 52. Your concerns have been forwarded to Pasco County representatives and other Florida Department of Transportation staff. Please note that we are very thorough in studying the engineering, environmental and social effects associated with a project such as SR 52 widening. In addition, we always take into consideration any comments from the public such as yours below. Thanks again for your support.

Michael J Seifert, PSM, E.I.  
Environmental Management Office  
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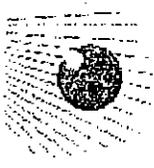
To: <michael.seifert@dot.state.fl.us>  
cc:  
Subject: widening 52

It would behoove the DOT to widen 52 from Moon Lake Road to 52. But the real problem is still from US 41 to I-75. If you look at the travel paths we use for commerce, then doing only the section from Moon Lake to US 41 is a waste, if there are no plans to go and do the real bottleneck.

Widening 52 with just 4 lanes sounds better than 6, and would save tax payer money. Currently I know of no businesses or residences that would benefit from 6 lanes in that rural route.

David Zimmer

256243, 58



Michael J Seifert  
12/11/01 12:00 PM

To: TSEWIN98@aol.com  
cc: Kirk R Bogen/D7/FDOT, Jeraldo J Comellas/D7/FDOT, Robert M Clifford/D7/FDOT, Carin Watkins/D7/FDOT,  
cc: michael.seifert@dot.state.fl.us  
Subject: Re: S.R.52 Widening

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon,

Thank you for your support of SR 52. We are in the process of reevaluating SR 52 from Moon Lake to I-75, however, we are only considering widening from Moon Lake Road to US 41 to be consistent with Pasco County's Long Range Transportation Plans. The project schedule is split into segments. 1. Moon Lake Road to The Suncoast Parkway. 2. The Suncoast Parkway to US 41. The schedule is as follows:

From Moon Lake to The Suncoast Parkway: Design of this segment is currently on-going. Right of Way acquiring is scheduled for Fiscal Years 2002 to 2003. Construction is scheduled for Fiscal Years 2005 to 2006.

The Suncoast Parkway to US 41: This segment is not currently funded in our 5 year work Program.

From US 41 to I-75: This segment is also not funded in our 5 year work program. If you would like to find out more information about when this might be funded, I suggest you contact your Metropolitan Planning Organization in Pasco County. You can contact Doug Uden at 727-847-8140.

If you have any further questions, feel free to call me.

Michael J Seifert, PSM, E.I.  
Environmental Management Office  
813-975-6922  
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TSEWIN98@aol.com



TSEWIN98@aol.com  
12/11/01 11:09 AM

To: michael.seifert@dot.state.fl.us  
cc:  
Subject: S.R.52 Widening

Good morning Mr. Seifert,

I'm a resident of Pasco Trails Subdivision on S.R.52. Can you give me information regarding the widening of S.R.52 from U.S.41 to the Interstate?

For the past 7 years the increase in usage of this area of highway has increased greatly and a need for widening is becoming more apparent.....any news on when this might occur?

Happy Holidays!  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Harmon  
E-Mail Address: TSEWIN98@AOL.COM

# **APPENDIX B PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPT**

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SR 52 PD&E STUDY REEVALUATION PUBLIC HEARING  
(PASCO COUNTY)

WORK PROGRAM ITEM SEGMENT NO: 256243 1  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO: 1851-108

DATE: Tuesday, December 11, 2001

TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: New Beginnings Rock Church  
12306 State Road 52  
Hudson, Florida

REPORTED BY: MS. RACHELLE I. SCOLARO  
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1 Ellis E. Barrett, 18110 State Road  
2 52, Land O' Lakes, Florida, 34639.

3 My complaint is with the power  
4 company. They came out here a while  
5 back and wanted to buy five foot of our  
6 property and put a 115,000 volt line  
7 right in front of the house.

8 And we want to know why come they  
9 couldn't go and put it on the north  
10 side of the road instead of in front of  
11 our house. And that is really the  
12 situation.

13 In other words, they have got to  
14 have property somewhere; and while they  
15 are at it, why don't they go ahead and  
16 get property on the north side and put  
17 the transmission and service line on  
18 the same pole. That's it.

19 ELLIS E. BARRETT

20 18110 STATE ROAD 52

21 LAND O' LAKES, FL 34639

22 813-996-6607  
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1 My name is Joy Cain. I live at  
2 18050 State Road 52, Land O' Lakes,  
3 Florida 34639. My phone number is  
4 813-996-1932. I have had a major  
5 problem with flooding to two pieces of  
6 property that I own on Highway 52 from  
7 Station 295 through Station 300.

8 Several years ago the Department of  
9 Transportation came out and resurfaced  
10 the roads in front of my house and they  
11 made a pitch to the road that has  
12 caused us flooding, because the -- the  
13 angle of the pitch leads onto my  
14 property.

15 There is at least -- in the small  
16 property at 18050 State Road 52, there  
17 is at least 6 to 7 inches of water that  
18 comes down my driveway whenever it  
19 rains.

20 On the second piece of property at  
21 18040 State Road 52, when they came  
22 through several years ago, they removed  
23 the sand barrier that the previous lady  
24 had put up to help keep the overage of  
25 water from going into her yard.

1           At that time she also had to put at  
2           least a foot of sand in her complete  
3           property because of flooding. When you  
4           people came through before, they, at my  
5           insistence, put it back but they didn't  
6           put it back as high.

7           Now it still floods -- not still,  
8           but it floods into my house. I had  
9           closed in the carport and the front  
10          porch. It is closed into that area  
11          plus into the house itself.

12          And when you step from the outside  
13          the house, which is on the ground into  
14          the porch area, you have to step down  
15          because of the previous owner raising  
16          the sand level on the outside, and then  
17          you step up to the house. The water  
18          had gone into the house itself.

19          When the engineers were out some  
20          time ago, they looked over both of  
21          these problems and stated that the  
22          water should go down the right of way  
23          for my two houses past the trailer park  
24          which is next door, and turning on  
25          Pierce Road and go down the ditch into

1 the Pierce Lake. Well, it doesn't, and  
2 they did not do anything about it, and  
3 it still floods. That's it. Okay.

4 I do own both pieces of property.  
5 The one at address 18040 is under the  
6 name of Louis Cain, C-a-i-n. The one  
7 under 18050 is under the name of Joy  
8 Auler, A-u-l-e-r.

9 Whenever the water comes down this  
10 road, right of way, past the trailer  
11 park, it floods the trailer park also  
12 before -- it's supposed to go down the  
13 ditch along Pierce Road, but it doesn't  
14 go down the road or down the ditch.  
15 That was pretty bad. But that's it.

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17 JOY CAIN

18 18050 STATE ROAD 52

19 LAND O' LAKES, FL 34639

20 813-996-1932  
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1 James Wilcox, 6210 Keller Drive,  
2 Port Richey, Florida, 34668.  
3 727-841-9904.

4 My title is president of the  
5 Concourse, which is a 217-acre piece of  
6 property, about a quarter of a mile  
7 west of the Suncoast Parkway on State  
8 Road 52.

9 Over the last 6 months the property  
10 owners on our east, Mable Bridge  
11 Corporation; and Suncoast Center on our  
12 south; and Murcott Way, which is a  
13 group of about 40 homeowners, have all  
14 been negotiating to have a median cut  
15 that would make everyone happy.

16 We have come up with an agreement  
17 that all four would be involved -- all  
18 four corners of the property would be  
19 involved and all groups would be happy  
20 with the median cut.

21 And we just found out last Friday  
22 that the architects for Suncoast Center  
23 called and said that he wants to change  
24 and he no longer wants to be a part of  
25 that amicable agreement.

1           We are very concerned about this  
2           because we found that Suncoast Center  
3           has been dishonest for most of the last  
4           6 months on their dealings with the  
5           other three property owners.

6           And what they proposed would only be  
7           advantageous for them. It would be  
8           unsafe for the property owners of  
9           Murcott Way getting in and out of their  
10          property.

11          It would cut our property in half as  
12          far as us having a road into our  
13          property, and Mable Bridge would no  
14          longer even have access to their  
15          property.

16          So I'm very concerned about Suncoast  
17          Center dictating to DOT how this is  
18          going to happen. Apparently, that's  
19          what they have done at this point. So  
20          I would like to see some relief and I  
21          would like to see all the parties get  
22          back together again and agree, put it  
23          on paper, and be done with it so we  
24          could all be happy with where the  
25          median cut is going to be, because it

1 does affect a lot of different groups,  
2 not just Suncoast Center.

3 The Concourse is a piece of property  
4 that has Safety Town on it which has  
5 approximately a hundred students coming  
6 every day for field trips to learn  
7 about safety issues. And if we don't  
8 have a median cut where we can easily  
9 get into the property with school  
10 buses, it's going to be a very unsafe  
11 condition for students in the future.

12 We also plan on having other  
13 activities out there. We have boy  
14 scouts camping out there. We have had  
15 some small concerts and some different  
16 club meetings out there; and quite a  
17 few different groups meet in our  
18 building out there on a regular basis,  
19 and they need to be able to get in and  
20 out of the property in an easy way.

21 And this, again, was all agreed  
22 upon, but not on paper, a couple of  
23 months ago with the four parties  
24 involved. But now, for some reason,  
25 one party has called in and tried to

1 change at the last minute. That needs  
2 to not happen.

3 So please feel free to call me, and  
4 I'm in touch with Judy Smith and Adam  
5 Perez on a regular basis on this. We  
6 just found out today that this new  
7 change developed. Thank you very much.

8 JAMES WILCOX

9 6210 KELLER DRIVE

10 PORT RICHEY, FL 34668

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1 MR. BOGEN: Good evening. Welcome  
2 to the public hearing concerning the  
3 proposed improvements to State Road 52.

4 This project development and  
5 environment or PD&E study reevaluation  
6 is being conducted by the Florida  
7 Department of Transportation or FDOT in  
8 cooperation with the Federal Highway  
9 Administration or FHWA.

10 My name is Kirk Bogen, and I am the  
11 project development engineer for  
12 District Seven which includes -- which  
13 covers five counties, including Pasco  
14 County.

15 Today is Tuesday, December the 11th,  
16 2001, and it is approximately 6:03 p.m.  
17 I will first describe the laws under  
18 which we are conducting this public  
19 hearing. I will then introduce the  
20 Department staff who can answer  
21 questions during the informal portion  
22 of this hearing.

23 I will then describe the proposed  
24 improvements to the project and the  
25 ways in which you can make public

1           comments on those improvements.

2           This public hearing is being  
3           conducted by the Department in  
4           accordance with all applicable federal,  
5           state, and local requirements including  
6           Title VI and Title VIII of the Civil  
7           Rights Act.

8           This hearing is being held at the  
9           New Beginnings Rock Church, 12306 State  
10          Road 52, Hudson, Florida, from 4:30  
11          p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and concerns the  
12          following project:

13          Work Program Item Segment Number: 256243 1,  
14          Federal Aid Project Number: 1851-108.

15          The project is State Road 52 from  
16          Moon Lake Road to U.S. 41 in Pasco  
17          County, a distance of approximately 5.5  
18          miles.

19          In keeping with the Florida  
20          statutory requirements and Department  
21          policies, this public hearing was  
22          advertised in the November 21st  
23          edition of the Florida Administrative  
24          Weekly and the November 21st and  
25          December 6th, 2001, Pasco Edition of

1 The St. Petersburg Times.

2 Under Title VI and Title VIII of the  
3 Civil Rights Act, any person or  
4 beneficiary who believes they have been  
5 subjected to discrimination because of  
6 race, color, religion, sex, age,  
7 national origin, disability or family  
8 status may file a written complaint to  
9 either one of the addresses listed in  
10 your brochure.

11 This hearing will fulfill  
12 requirements for the implementation of  
13 executive orders 11990 and 11988  
14 relating to the "Protection of  
15 Wetlands" and "Floodplain Management,"  
16 respectively.

17 The purpose of this public hearing  
18 is to share information with interested  
19 citizens about the proposed project;  
20 its conceptual design, and potential  
21 social, economic, and environmental  
22 impacts.

23 We are here tonight to present to  
24 you and explain the engineering and  
25 environmental work accomplished to date

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1 for this project and give you an  
2 opportun -- opportunity to publicly and  
3 officially comment on the conceptual  
4 plans and documents.

5 We also have on display tonight the  
6 segment from Moon Lake to the Suncoast  
7 Parkway that is currently in the design  
8 phase. Please understand that the  
9 plans from the Suncoast Parkway to U.S.  
10 41 are conceptual and that the plans  
11 displayed here this evening are not  
12 final construction plans.

13 We bring plans to public hearings  
14 while they are still in the conceptual  
15 stage to seek public opinion and to  
16 solicit local knowledge of values and  
17 concerns as they relate to the  
18 transportation plans. We also bring  
19 design plans like the ones shown here  
20 this evening for the public's awareness  
21 and comment. This gives interested  
22 persons like you an opportunity to  
23 become fully aware of the proposed  
24 highway improvements and to state your  
25 -- your -- and to state your comments

1 so that they may be considered in the  
2 selection process.

3 This presentation provides a summary  
4 of the Department's engineering and  
5 environmental studies associated with  
6 proposed improvements to State Road  
7 52.

8 When you arrived this evening you  
9 were offered a project brochure, like  
10 this. This brochure contains  
11 information about the federal and state  
12 partnerships and the use of federal  
13 highway trust funds. Also, the  
14 right-of-way process is described.

15 Now, I will introduce the staff.  
16 The following Department  
17 representatives can assist you with  
18 your review of materials on display.

19 Mike Seifert, our project manager;  
20 Adam Perez, our design project manager;  
21 Ginger Regalado, our community  
22 involvement specialist; John Romero,  
23 our consultant project manager, in the  
24 back there. We have Robin Rhinesmith,  
25 who is our environmental scientist; and

1 Roberto Gonzalez, who is our hazardous  
2 materials; and we have Dwayne Kile, our  
3 district design engineer; and Ron  
4 Chin, our roadway design engineer.

5 From our right-of-way department we  
6 have Andrew Nappi and Jim Futch. From  
7 access management we have Judy Smith;  
8 and from public information we have  
9 Kris Carson; and from our traffic  
10 safety team we have Jeanette Rouse; and  
11 we also have John KilKenny from our  
12 maintenance office.

13 Now I will describe the proposed  
14 improvements. The proposed  
15 improvements to the project are as  
16 follows: The Department initiated the  
17 State Road 52 PD&E study reevaluation  
18 in the winter of 1999. The Department  
19 received approval of the State Road 52  
20 environmental document an  
21 environmental assessment/finding of no  
22 significant impact, (EA/FONSI), from  
23 the Federal Highway Administration in  
24 July 1988. That study proposed a  
25 four-lane rural typical section for the

1 segment of roadway from Moon Lake Road  
2 to U.S. 41.

3 This reevaluation evaluates  
4 engineering and environmental effects  
5 associated with the six-lane urban  
6 arterial alternative and compares it to  
7 the four-lane rural concept, which was  
8 previously approved in 1988 PD&E study.

9 Due to an increase in project traffic  
10 and projected traffic and changes in  
11 future land use, a six-lane typical  
12 section is now required.

13 The "build" alternative recommends a  
14 22-foot median separating three 12-foot  
15 travel lanes in each direction.

16 Four-foot bike lanes and five-foot  
17 sidewalks would also be provided on  
18 each side of the facility. The total  
19 right-of-way width for this typical  
20 section is 156 feet, which is 56 feet  
21 less than that required by the 1988  
22 study.

23 The alignment for the new proposed  
24 typical section will be generally  
25 consistent with the alignment proposed

1 in the 1988 PD&E study. However, a  
2 deviation from that alignment is  
3 necessary in the segment from the  
4 Suncoast Parkway to Kent Grove Drive to  
5 avoid a new major gas line located on  
6 the south side of the roadway.

7 Many of your questions may be very  
8 specific in nature, and we may not be  
9 able to answer them tonight. However,  
10 we will give you the best answer we can  
11 based on the information that we have  
12 to date.

13 Now I will describe the ways that  
14 you can comment. Your comments  
15 regarding the proposed improvements  
16 tonight made be made in one of four  
17 different ways.

18 First, you can make an oral  
19 statement during the formal portion of  
20 the hearing, which is the portion that  
21 we are in now.

22 Second, you can make an oral  
23 statement to the court reporter during  
24 the informal portion of the hearing.

25 Third, you can complete the comment

1 form which can be submitted to the  
2 court reporter or dropped in a comment  
3 box -- comment form box.

4 Or fourth, you can complete and mail  
5 the comment form to the address  
6 preprinted on the back of the comment  
7 form.

8 At this time I would like to  
9 recognize any elected officials or  
10 their representatives who are here  
11 tonight. If there are any such  
12 representatives, I would ask them to  
13 please stand and introduce themselves  
14 for the record.

15 We will now call upon those who have  
16 turned in speaker cards. If you have  
17 not turned in a -- in a card and wish  
18 to speak, please raise your hand and  
19 someone will give you a card to  
20 complete.

21 Before the first speaker begins, I  
22 would like to remind everybody that  
23 this portion of the hearing is not a  
24 question-and-answer period.

25 The purpose of this portion of the

1 hearing is to allow you to make public  
2 statements regarding your views and  
3 opinions on the project.

4 If you have any specific questions,  
5 please see one of the representatives  
6 during the informal period following  
7 this portion. The informal portion  
8 will extend until 7:30 tonight.

9 To allow everybody who would like to  
10 speak the opportunity to do so, please  
11 limit your comments to 3 minutes.

12 Before making your statement, please  
13 state your name and address for the  
14 court reporter.

15 At this time those persons who have  
16 filled out a speaker card and wish to  
17 speak for the record will be called to  
18 the microphone.

19 Our first speaker is Angelo J.  
20 Guglielmoni.

21 MR. GUGLIELMONI: I have no comment.

22 MR. BOGEN: Our next speaker is  
23 MaryAnn Prseitelli.

24 MS. PRSEITELLI: I live at 13022  
25 Cypress Hill Drive, and that's at

1 Shadow Ridge -- excuse me, Pine Ridge  
2 at Shadow Creek. I have the last unit  
3 of the development. The noise is  
4 unbearable. At night it's terrible.  
5 And that's only on a 2-lane highway;  
6 one going and one coming.

7 When it becomes a 6-lane highway,  
8 the noise will be three times, four  
9 times, five times, six times worse.  
10 There has to be some kind of a barrier  
11 put up. Not only for the noise, but  
12 for all our safety. Because if there's  
13 an accident, which there have been  
14 many, it's going to happen and they  
15 could come right into my bedroom.

16 I really would like to have a sound  
17 barrier and some kind of safety device  
18 put up there. Thank you.

19 MR. BOGEN: I think you have spoken  
20 with Robin --

21 MS. PRSEITELLI: Yes, I did.

22 MR. BOGEN: Our next speaker is  
23 Theresa Memmel.

24 MS. MEMMEL: Yes. I'm also talking  
25 about this sound barrier. And the way

1           that they judge -- the Department of  
2           Transportation judges the level of the  
3           sound, we are only 2 meters -- 2  
4           decibel points below that, and I  
5           believe that a sound barrier should be  
6           put up.

7           Two decibel points, if you add on a  
8           couple of more lanes, it's going to be  
9           much louder. I don't believe that's  
10          the way to be judging it.

11          Also, that they are going to need a  
12          light there for the senior citizens to  
13          get in and out, or anybody.

14          MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
15          comment. Our next speaker is Daniel  
16          Timothy Dey.

17          MR. DEY: Hi. I'm Daniel Dey at  
18          16328 Killlearn Lane, Shady Hills. And  
19          I want to say, first of all, I'm  
20          grateful that you are finally getting  
21          through with building this road. But I  
22          have problems with the some of the --  
23          some of the parts of the design.

24          The median, for example, I think  
25          deserves -- I think they deserve a turn

1 lane over at the -- (unintelligible) --  
2 Road for safety because isn't that a  
3 county park? That's a county park,  
4 isn't it? Yeah, right.

5 The one thing -- the U-turn to the  
6 Florida Highway Patrol there, that  
7 needs a left turn lane, too, even  
8 though it's not for us, because I don't  
9 want to be driving down the road west  
10 on 52 and have to have a state trooper  
11 stop short in front of me and I have to  
12 slam into him.

13 Shady Hills Road, I'm glad you are  
14 putting a right-turn ramp going  
15 south -- south to west. I think you  
16 should put one west and north. Because  
17 the (undecipherable).

18 I would like to observe the river on  
19 the -- I think that's Withlacoochee --  
20 what's the name of that path,  
21 Withlacoochee Lane. That river --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 Withlacoochee?

24 MR. DEY: Thanks, yeah. There is --  
25 also the shifting of right of way for

1           52. I understand you are doing that,  
2           but 54 when I found out there is --  
3           someone else is working on that. I  
4           don't know why that has to be.

5           I guess the rest of my comments were  
6           already in the box there. Oh, science,  
7           I'm not going to science. I really  
8           should have been -- should have more  
9           prepared speeches here. I hope it  
10          works out.

11          MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
12          comment. I will refer you to Judy  
13          Smith on your access -- your median  
14          issue in the informal portion. You can  
15          talk with her.

16          MR. DEY: All right. I will call  
17          her.

18          MR. BOGEN: Our next speaker is Tom  
19          Lincoln.

20          MR. LINCOLN: Hi. My name is Tom  
21          Lincoln, 8951 Ridge Road, New Port  
22          Richey, Florida 34654.

23          I'm here tonight to I guess really  
24          support the road. I want to see the  
25          road built. However, I do have some

1 concerns about the road as to the  
2 environment. We need this road. It  
3 will be helpful in evacuation, maybe  
4 not only for just hurricanes but any  
5 other necessary evacuation.

6 Also, you know, the traffic is bad.  
7 And there is road rage out there, and I  
8 would like to see this road built in  
9 such a way so that it flows efficiently  
10 like I-75.

11 Get rid of some of those lights and  
12 intersections that tie up traffic and  
13 make people sit and wait. If we can  
14 have more overpass bridges. Especially  
15 at U.S. 41 and State Road 52. Hayes  
16 Road would be another really good  
17 intersection to relieve traffic.

18 By having an overpass bridge, this  
19 will expedite any type of necessary  
20 evacuation, plus it helps with fuel  
21 economy.

22 I'm in over 20 environmental  
23 groups; one of them being the Sierra  
24 Club, and we are concerned about oil  
25 consumption. And if you obviously hit

1           your brakes, then have to reaccelerate  
2           your car, you are contributing to  
3           pollution, global warming, and the  
4           problem of using Middle Eastern oil,  
5           which I think, God Bless America, we  
6           are all against using foreign oil at  
7           this point.

8           Wildlife crossings. We beg that you  
9           can find the dollars somehow because  
10          this county and -- I mean, granted,  
11          endangered species are a problem for  
12          the whole country.

13          You know, we don't have the moral  
14          right to single out a species or an  
15          animal and say, "We don't care that we  
16          are totally eliminating you," but in  
17          Pasco County there are a few endangered  
18          species left.

19          And by having wildlife crossings  
20          that are at least 6-feet tall, maybe  
21          6-feet wide, so that it will enable  
22          larger black bear and Florida panther,  
23          hopefully, to make the cross.

24          And then have the wildlife crossing  
25          up high enough so that when it rains or

1 floods that the babies and the smaller  
2 species are still able to cross. And  
3 my strongest suggestion or plea to you  
4 is that you connect the Seranova  
5 Preserve or the Seranova tract to  
6 the -- what's the name of it here,  
7 Concourse Council.

8 They have some land there that is  
9 being, I guess, preserved. It's -- I  
10 don't understand the politics on that,  
11 but --

12 MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
13 comment.

14 MR. LINCOLN: Am I out of time? May  
15 I make one more -- one last statement  
16 here?

17 MR. BOGEN: Sure.

18 MR. LINCOLN: The one little thing  
19 that bothers me is if you could  
20 maybe, since the Concourse Council has  
21 their land as preservation, try and  
22 find another developmental site to use  
23 as the wetland mitigation or any other  
24 mitigation, try and find -- because you  
25 see the Council's land -- the Concourse

1 Council's land is already being  
2 preserved.

3 So for you to take that as -- and  
4 make a wetland there or retention pond  
5 and call that mitigation, you are  
6 already trying to mitigate what is --  
7 nature has already mitigated. So move  
8 it -- make the mitigation somewhere  
9 else so that we really get full credit  
10 for that. Thank you.

11 MR. BOGEN: Thank you. Thank you  
12 for your comment. I will refer your  
13 comment about the overpass at the  
14 different roads to Mike Seifert our  
15 project manager, and you can talk to me  
16 about the wildlife crossings.

17 MR. LINCOLN: Thank you, sir.

18 MR. BOGEN: Next we have Jim Wilcox.

19 MR. WILCOX: Jim Wilcox, 6210 Keller  
20 Drive, Port Richey, Florida, President  
21 of the Concourse Council.

22 We have a real concern with a couple  
23 of things that have been going on.  
24 Hopefully, they will be resolved soon.

25 Our main entrance brings in

1 approximately 100 school children a day  
2 to Safety Town, and we also have a  
3 couple of other smaller events out  
4 there.

5 And right now with the road, even  
6 though it's pretty busy, you can  
7 imagine how busy it's going to be in a  
8 couple of years. A couple of years ago  
9 we were told we were going to have a  
10 full median cut at our property; and  
11 obviously, a full median cut, hopefully  
12 in the future we would have a light  
13 there which would be a safety issue  
14 that we would have for the school  
15 children and any other events we might  
16 have on that property.

17 It's not a county park though. It  
18 is for county use, but it is privately  
19 owned and, you know, we want to let  
20 people in the county use this  
21 property.

22 We have been in discussions with  
23 three other property owners; one next  
24 to us and two across from us at  
25 Suncoast Center, the residents of

1 Murcott Way, and also Mable Bridge  
2 Corporation about trying to find a  
3 place where all four parties could be  
4 happy so we would only have one median  
5 cut, and all four properties could get  
6 to their properties from that property.

7 And we have all been in negotiations  
8 and everything. It looked good, and  
9 hopefully it will continue that way.  
10 But we just want to make sure that  
11 that's the main concern of DOT and also  
12 Pasco County, is to make it  
13 advantageous to all four property  
14 owners right there. So, that's it.

15 MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
16 comment. Next we have Fred Werdine.

17 MR. WERDINE: My name is Fred  
18 Werdine. My address is 601 North  
19 Ashley Drive in Tampa. I'm here  
20 tonight on behalf of the Mitchell  
21 family, specifically, Dewey Mitchell  
22 who owns property between Moon Lake and  
23 the Suncoast.

24 And we just want to go on the record  
25 saying that the Mitchells have no

1           problem with the widening. They are in  
2           favor of the widening. They recognize  
3           that 52 needs to be widened if you look  
4           at what has happened with the Suncoast,  
5           that's four-laned at Moon Lake Drive.

6           So the road is going to be widened.  
7           What we are concerned about is that the  
8           Department, once they are past the  
9           design phase and are into the  
10          right-of-way acquisition phase, that  
11          once they make their initial offer to  
12          acquire the property, that they will  
13          negotiate in good faith with the  
14          owner.

15          We have had some experiences in the  
16          past where the Department hasn't done  
17          that. Specifically, under Chapter 734  
18          statutes, DOT is required to negotiate  
19          in good faith prior to filing any type  
20          of a lawsuit to take the property.

21          So we just want to go on the record  
22          saying that we are not in any way  
23          trying to hold up this project, but we  
24          do expect that the Department will play  
25          by the rules and will negotiate in good

1 faith once they have made their initial  
2 offer. Thanks.

3 MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
4 comment. I will refer you to Jim  
5 Futch. You can talk with him during  
6 the informal portion. He will give you  
7 more information on that.

8 Our next speaker is Gregory Muller.

9 MR. MULLER: Yep. Gregory Muller. I  
10 live at 12504 Ferndale Court in Hudson,  
11 Florida.

12 And my main concern with -- I think  
13 it's a great project. It needs to be  
14 done. But my mother-in-law lives at  
15 Pine Ridge. When we go to visit her --  
16 my wife had gotten into a serious car  
17 accident not that long ago trying to  
18 get into Pine Ridge.

19 And the problem there is that where  
20 52 kind of turns gradually there, it's  
21 hard to negotiate the speed of traffic  
22 that's heading west. And a light is  
23 definitely in order.

24 It just -- the sight distance comes  
25 into play. It's hard to judge as

1 people come around that turn. You  
2 really can't gauge the speed that they  
3 are -- it's hard to negotiate that  
4 turn.

5 My wife was hit. That was -- that  
6 was -- an officer had hit her. A  
7 cruiser was passing north -- a cruiser,  
8 but that's neither here nor there.

9 And also the sound is an issue  
10 there. You know, I know it -- I spoke  
11 to the young lady who did the sound  
12 test and it doesn't meet the criteria  
13 that the federal government sets up  
14 to -- you know, for the decibel level.

15 But if not -- I don't know when they  
16 do those tests if it's done with a  
17 computer. But if you could sit in one  
18 of those dwellings and hear for  
19 yourself, you can really get a feel for  
20 the sound.

21 It really -- you would have to  
22 really be in the field to -- I don't  
23 know, they don't do the field test. I  
24 was told they do computer tests.

25 If you sit in one of those dwellings

1           you can hear it. If not a sound  
2           barrier made out of masonry, at least a  
3           berm with evergreens, something would  
4           be sightly pleasing, and noise does not  
5           seem as loud if you can't see it. You  
6           know, but that's it.

7           MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
8           comment. Your comment about the sight  
9           distance, I will refer you to Adam  
10          Perez, our design project manager. And  
11          I do believe on the noise that we do  
12          take sample sites, but I will refer you  
13          back to Robin, and she can further tell  
14          you about that process.

15          Our next speaker is Paul Cadovius.

16          MR. CADOVIOUS: I'm Paul Cadovius,  
17          11435 Murcott Way, Grovewood Estates.

18          We have a concern as far as the  
19          design with a turn lane going east  
20          because there is -- now there is a  
21          proposed development going on between  
22          Murcott Way and the Suncoast Center,  
23          that's 600 homes now.

24          I might be putting the cart before  
25          the horse, but that road is to tie into

1 existing Murcott Way. We will have an  
2 excess amount of traffic coming in.

3 So we would need to request a turn  
4 lane to turn into Murcott Way, plus the  
5 possibility of a traffic light.

6 There is also a concern for the  
7 Suncoast Expressway, the bike trail.  
8 There is no parking for anybody to park  
9 their vehicles to park on the -- we  
10 would like to see a parking area so  
11 that they can park their cars and get  
12 on bicycles and proceed to the  
13 parkway. That's all I have. Thank  
14 you.

15 MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
16 comment. I will refer you to Mike  
17 Seifert, and he should be able to shed  
18 some light on that.

19 Our next speaker is James Adams.

20 MR. ADAMS: James Adams, Adams  
21 Engineering Associates, Brooksville,  
22 Florida. I am an agent for and  
23 represent the Mable Bridge property,  
24 which is located adjacent to the  
25 immediate east side of the Concourse.

1 I want to support the comments of  
2 Jim Wilcox of the Concourse. We would  
3 support the roadway, but the location  
4 of the full median cut, instead of  
5 being at Murcott should be moved east  
6 to about Station 156, right on the  
7 property line.

8 This alignment or alignment of this  
9 location is -- has been worked out in  
10 cooperation of all the property owners  
11 in that immediate vicinity, is my  
12 understanding, that they all support  
13 this relocation.

14 Mable Bridge is a large parcel  
15 designated as mixed use by Pasco  
16 County, which is a high-intense use,  
17 which is appropriate for this location  
18 which demands as traffic generation --  
19 traffic demand at that location is  
20 going to demand a full median cut at  
21 that location to accommodate this use  
22 as far as the -- and as well as the  
23 other property owners in the vicinity  
24 including the development on the south  
25 Concourse, in the subdivision.

1 I encourage the DOT to move this  
2 full-cut median to the property line  
3 east of Murcott.

4 MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your  
5 comment. If you will see Judy Smith,  
6 she can probably give you more  
7 information on that.

8 Our next speaker is George Nicholas.

9 MR. NICHOLAS: I represent the  
10 owners of the GBY tract, which is a  
11 tract of land which is south of 52 and  
12 west of Suncoast Expressway. That's a  
13 488-acre tract, and we were trying to  
14 work out that intersection at Murcott  
15 as well. Along with what Mr. Adams  
16 said. We met with everyone and we  
17 thought we had worked out an agreement  
18 that we are going to shift the entrance  
19 over and the median cut as well.

20 And so I just want to let everyone  
21 else know that we were in agreement  
22 with that and that we would like to  
23 support that movement of that median  
24 cut.

25 MR. BOGEN: Thank you. Is there

1 anyone who has not spoken who would  
2 like to speak at this time? If so,  
3 please raise your hand.

4 The transcript of the oral  
5 proceedings of this hearing and copies  
6 of or in reference to written  
7 statements or exhibits, together with  
8 copies or references to materials made  
9 available for the hearing will be  
10 available for public inspection at the  
11 District Seven office at 11201 North  
12 McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, within  
13 three weeks.

14 It is approximately 6:35 p.m. There  
15 being no one else wishing to speak,  
16 I hereby officially close this formal  
17 portion of the public hearing of the  
18 State Road 52 PD&E study reevaluation.

19 The Florida Department of  
20 Transportation thanks you for your  
21 participation in tonight's public  
22 hearing.

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I, RACHELLE SCOLARO, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at large, hereby certify that the Public Hearing was recorded in Stenotypy by me and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct transcription of the recordings thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 18th day of December, 2001, at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

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