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1.0 INTRODUCTION

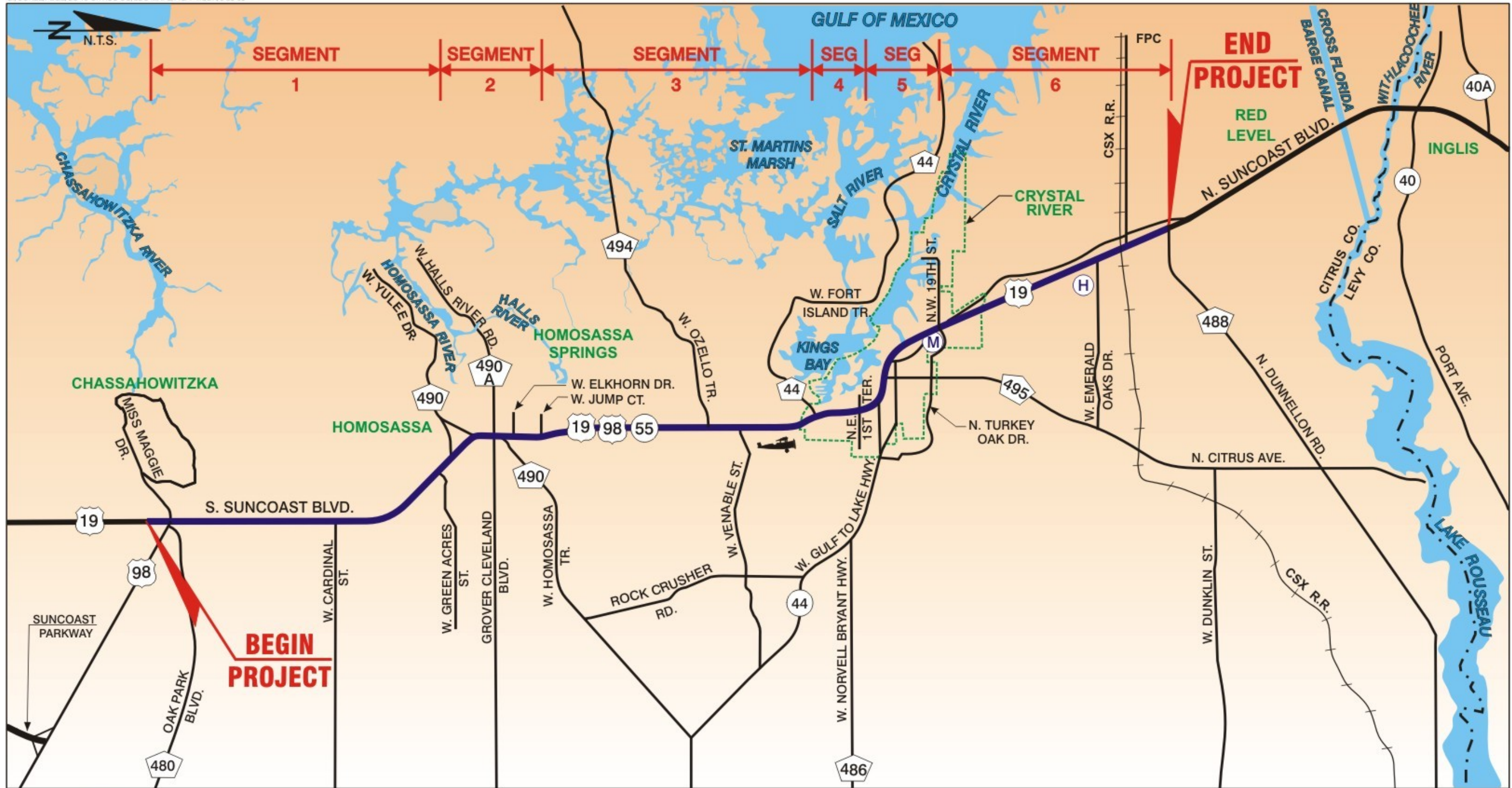
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, has conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate the proposed improvements to US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488 (Dunnellon Road) in Citrus County, Florida, a distance of approximately 18.8 miles (mi.) (Figure 1).

Within the project limits, US 19 is a part of the National Highway System and the Florida Intrastate Highway System. The facility also serves as the major hurricane evacuation route for this part of Citrus County. The need for this project has been identified in the Citrus County and City of Crystal River Comprehensive Plans.

The intent of a PD&E Study is to evaluate and document engineering and environmental issues associated with the alternatives developed and to select a Recommended Alternative based upon that analysis and public comment.

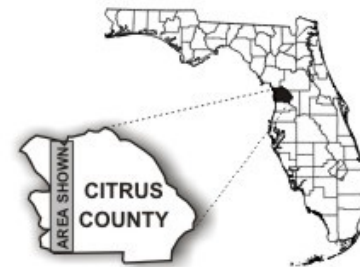
Improvements recommended as part of this PD&E Study include reconstructing US 19 from a 4-, 5-, and 7-lane roadway to a 6-lane divided roadway along the majority of the corridor to improve capacity, meet level of service standards, and improve safety. The roadway is currently and will remain a controlled access facility. However, the level of access control will be improved in Homosassa and Crystal River by incorporating a raised restricted median where none exists today. All signalized intersections, as well as CR 488, will be improved.

For the purposes of evaluating improvement alternatives, the project was divided into 6 segments based on the existing and future land use, projected traffic volumes for the design year 2025, existing typical sections, and available right-of-way (ROW). The project segments are as follows:



LEGEND

-  US 19 Project Limits
-  Crystal River Airport
-  Crystal River City Limits
-  Seven Rivers Community Hospital
-  Crystal River Mall



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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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FIGURE 1

Segment 1: South of US 98 to West Green Acres Street; 4.86 mi.

Segment 2: West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court; 2.07 mi.

Segment 3: West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail (CR 44); 4.65 mi.

Segment 4: West Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NE 1st Terrace; 0.86 mi.

Segment 5: NE 1st Terrace to Turkey Oak Drive; 2.05 mi.

Segment 6: Turkey Oak Drive to North Dunnellon Road (CR 488); 4.31 mi.

Segment 1: The Recommended Alternative in Segment 1 widens the existing 4-lane roadway to a 6-lane divided rural roadway with a 42-foot (ft) depressed grass median. Southbound US 19 is widened to the outside to accommodate an additional 12-ft travel lane and an 8-ft shoulder of which 5 ft is paved. An 8-ft paved shoulder is also added within the median. Northbound US 19 is widened within the median to allow for an additional 12-ft travel lane and an 8-ft paved shoulder. Guardrail is provided adjacent to the shoulder on one side of the median only. The existing 4-ft paved shoulder on the outside of northbound US 19 is widened to 5 ft. A 12-ft multi-use path and 5-ft sidewalk are provided along the existing western and eastern ROW lines, respectively. Pedestrian signals and crosswalks are also included at each signalized intersection. A pedestrian overpass is included over US 19 just south of US 98. The proposed design speed for this typical section is 70 miles per hour (mph).

Segment 2: The Recommended Alternative in Segment 2 includes two proposed typical sections. The proposed typical section from West Green Acres Street to West Yulee Drive (CR 490) and from West Elkhorn Drive to West Jump Court is a 6-lane divided urban roadway with a 30-ft raised median, which utilizes a centered alignment. This typical section contains three 12-ft travel lanes and a 4-ft bicycle lane in each direction. A 12-ft multi-use path and 5-ft sidewalk are provided along the existing western and eastern ROW lines, respectively, from West Green Acres Street to West Yulee Drive (CR 490). From West Elkhorn Drive to West Jump Court, a 5-ft sidewalk is provided along both sides of the roadway adjacent to the ROW line. Pedestrian signals and crosswalks are also included at each signalized intersection. The proposed typical section can be accommodated within the existing 246 ft of ROW from West Green Acres Street to West

Yulee Drive (CR 490) and within the existing 160 ft of ROW from West Elkhorn Drive to West Jump Court. The proposed design speed for this typical section is 50 mph.

The typical section from West Yulee Drive (CR 490) to West Elkhorn Drive is a 6-lane divided urban roadway with a 20-ft raised median. This typical section contains two 11-ft travel lanes and one 12-ft outside travel lane with a 4-ft bicycle lane in each direction. Sidewalks, 5 ft in width, are provided within a 12-ft border along both sides of the roadway. Pedestrian signals and crosswalks are also included at each signalized intersection. This typical section utilizes a centered alignment from West Yulee Drive (CR 490) to north of Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. The alignment then shifts to the west to accommodate dual left-turn lanes at West Halls River Road (CR 490A) before shifting back to a centered alignment north of West Homosassa Trail. This typical section can be accommodated within the existing 120 ft of ROW. However, ROW acquisition is required for corner clips and where the alignment shifts to the west. The proposed design speed for this typical section is 50 mph.

Segment 3: The Recommended Alternative for Segment 3 is a 6-lane divided urban roadway with a 30-ft raised median, which utilizes a centered alignment. This typical section contains three 12-ft travel lanes and a 4-ft bicycle lane in each direction. Sidewalks, 5 ft in width, are provided within a 45-ft border along both sides of the roadway. Pedestrian signals and crosswalks are also included at each signalized intersection. This typical section can be accommodated within the existing 200 ft of ROW. The proposed design speed for this typical section is 50 mph.

Segment 4: The Recommended Alternative for Segment 4 consists of reconstructing the existing two-way, left-turn lane to a 17-ft raised median. In areas where left-turn lanes are proposed, the raised median will be reduced to a 4-ft traffic separator with a single 12-ft exclusive left-turn lane. This alternative also includes milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway to allow for three 12-ft travel lanes in each direction. A multi-use path, 12 ft in width, is proposed along each side of the roadway, adjacent to the ROW line to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. At SE Kings Bay Drive, bicyclists using the

multi-use path on the east side of US 19 will cross over to the west side. The multi-use path on the west side of US 19 will continue to NE 1st Terrace since it can be accommodated within the existing ROW. A design speed of 40 mph is proposed for this alternative.

Segment 5: The Recommended Alternative for Segment 5 is a 6-lane divided urban roadway with a 16-ft raised median from NE 1st Terrace to Turkey Oak Drive, which utilizes a best-fit alignment. The median width may be reduced to 15 ft to accommodate a gravity wall where needed. This typical section contains two 11-ft travel lanes and one 12-ft outside travel lane in each direction. Sidewalks, 6 ft in width, are provided along both sides of the roadway adjacent to the back of curb. This typical section is contained within the existing 100 ft of ROW for a portion of this segment. No provisions for bicyclists were developed with this alternative due to significant ROW impacts that would result. A design speed of 40 mph is proposed for this alternative.

Segment 6: The Recommended Alternative for Segment 6 consists of Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements. The improvements include extending or adding turn-lanes at the North Dunnellon Road (CR 488) intersection, including adding a signal, if warranted. Signal upgrades are also proposed at Seven Rivers Community Hospital and West Powerline Street. Pedestrian signals and crosswalks are also included at each signalized intersection.

A Public Involvement Plan (PIP), approved by the FDOT on July 31, 2001, was implemented as an integral part of this project. The balance of this report describes the following components of the PIP: Advance Notification (AN), Public Officials/Agency Kickoff Meeting, Alternatives Public Workshop, Public Hearing, and Newsletters/Presentations/Small Group Meetings.

2.0 ADVANCE NOTIFICATON

The FDOT, through the AN process, informed a number of federal, state, regional, and local agencies of this project and its scope of anticipated activities. The AN Package was distributed to the Florida State Clearinghouse on June 25, 2001. Copies of the AN Package and comments received may be found in Appendix A.

Those agencies receiving an AN Package, in addition to the agencies on the Florida State Clearinghouse distribution list, are identified below:

Federal Agencies

- Federal Highway Administration - Division Administrator
- Federal Emergency Management - Mitigation Division, Chief
- Federal Aviation Administration - Airports District Office
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Regulatory Branch, District Engineer
- U.S. Department of Agriculture - Southern Region, Regional Forester
- U.S. Department of Commerce - National Marine Fisheries Service - Habitat Conservation Division
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Regional Environmental Officer
- U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs - Office of Trust Responsibilities
- U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office
- U.S. Department of Interior - National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office
- U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Geological Survey, Chief
- U.S. Department of Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Supervisor
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region IV, Regional Administrator

State Agencies

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection - District Office*
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Office of Environmental Services, Director
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Regional Director
- Florida Department of Transportation - Environmental Management Office, Manager (MS 37)
- Florida Department of Transportation - Federal Aid Programs Coordinator (MS 35)
- Florida Department of Community Affairs - Florida Coastal Management Program*
- Florida State Clearinghouse - Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Unit*

Regional/Local Agencies

- Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, Executive Director*
- Southwest Florida Water Management District, Executive Director

Other

- Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama - Chairman
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma - Principal Chief
- Muskogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma - Principal Chief*
- Seminole Tribe of Florida - Director
- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida - Representative

Comments were received from seven agencies. Outlined below is a summary of these comments with responses as appropriate:

Agency: Florida Department of Community Affairs

Comment: “Based on the information contained in the referenced application and the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that, at this stage of project development, the referenced project is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. In addition, the applicant is required to provide the Florida State Clearinghouse with the detailed project information requested by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as soon as the information becomes available.”

Response: On June 23, 2003, the FDOT provided the FDEP with the Environmental Determination for the recommended alternatives and its associated impacts. The FDEP has indicated that “the potential environmental impacts of the proposed roadway construction project will be addressed in the application for an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) to be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) pursuant to Chapter 253 and 373, Florida Statutes. Final agency action on the permit application will constitute the State of Florida’s final consistency determination.”

Agency: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Comment: “Funding for the Federal Aid action and PD&E Study is consistent with the Department’s authorities in the Florida Coastal Management Program”

Response: None required.

Comment: “Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) by the SWFWMD, pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.)....” “We recommend that a wetland jurisdictional determination, per Rule 62-340, Florida

Administrative Code (F.A.C.), be obtained for the highway corridor prior to further planning. Early coordination of project plans with the SWFWMD may help permit future permitting problems.”

Response: As the project enters the final design phase, jurisdictional wetland boundaries will be coordinated with SWFWMD.

Comment: “The permit applicant will be required to eliminate or reduce any proposed wetland resource impacts to the greatest extent possible.”

Response: To the maximum extent feasible, potential project impacts will avoid designated wetland area. The Wetland Evaluation Report addresses these issues as well as mitigation for any unavoidable impacts.

Comment: “In addition to the six Outstanding Florida Waters (OFWs) listed on the Fact Sheet, an aquatic preserve, state buffer preserve, state greenway, state park, and national wildlife refuge are also located in the vicinity of the project. All water bodies within the boundaries of these public lands are designated OFWs under section 62-302.700 (9), F.A.C. Pursuant to section 373.414(1), F.S., any impacts to these water bodies and associated wetlands must be demonstrated to be “clearly in the public interest” as part of the Environmental Resource Permitting process.”

Response: During the ERP process, all aspects of the public interest test will be addressed to the SWFWMD’s satisfaction.

Comment: “Every effort should be made to maximize the treatment of stormwater runoff from the proposed highway improvements project, The permit applicant must demonstrate that the proposed stormwater system meets the design and performance criteria established for the treatment/attenuation of discharges to OFWs, pursuant to...”

Response: The Location Hydraulic Report notes the existing OFW outfalls. During the design phase the proposed project will meet the stormwater quality requirements pursuant to Rule 40D-4, F.A.C.

Comment: “The Department recommends that future environmental documentation provide information regarding the Best Management Practices to be utilized during construction activities to prevent erosion, sedimentation, and turbid discharges to waters of the state.

Response: Best Management Practices will be utilized.

Agency: **Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council**

Comment: “...The staff of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) reviewed the above-referenced project and find it to be consistent with the goals and policies of the WRPC’s adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Withlacoochee Region and, in particular with...”

Response: None required.

Agency: **Division of Forestry – Forest Resource Planning & Support Service Bureau**

Comment: No comment/consistent.

Response: None required.

Agency: **Florida Department of State – Department of Historic Resources**

Comment: No comment/consistent.

Response: None required.

Agency: **Executive Office of the Governor - Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development**

Comment: No comment.

Response: None required.

Agency: **Seminole Nation of Oklahoma**

Comment: “While we are not currently aware of any Seminole affiliated cultural properties or resources within the proposed project areas, inadvertent discoveries may occur even in area of prior or existing development. ...please be advised of the following... Sites, which are known to possess or that, are discovered to possess our ancestral remains or burial artifacts, or which are of historical, cultural or religious significance to the Seminole people should be avoided.”

Response: These issues are addressed in the Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) that has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

3.0 PUBLIC OFFICIAL/AGENCY KICKOFF MEETING

A Public Official/Agency Kickoff Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Crystal River City Hall Meeting Room, located at 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to inform local, state, and federal agencies, elected officials, and appointed officials of the project and to obtain specific data pertinent to the Study including technical, socio-economic,

ecological, and environmental information. The meeting also provided a forum to solicit information regarding local issues and concerns as they relate to the proposed transportation improvement. The meeting was held in an open, informal format. Information presented at the meeting included graphics depicting the project location map and the proposed project schedule. A brief project handout also included this information, discussed the proposed improvements, and provided a comment sheet that could be submitted at the meeting or by mail.

Notification letters were mailed to elected officials and agency representatives at least 21 days prior to the Kickoff Meeting. Newspaper advertisements are not published for this meeting.

Approximately 37 people attended the Kickoff Meeting. This includes 17 representatives from either elected/appointed officials, or agencies. The remaining attendees were from the public at large. A total of eight written comments were received. The brief synopsis outlined below is categorized according to those received from elected/appointed officials and agencies, and those submitted by the public. Many comments addressed more than one issue.

Elected/Appointed Officials and Agency Comments

Comment: Preservation of downtown Crystal River

One comment was received from the City of Crystal River Community Redevelopment Agency regarding potential impacts to downtown Crystal River, particularly the redevelopment district.

Comment: Bicycle/pedestrian issues

The comment from the Crystal River Community Redevelopment Agency also addressed the need for bicycle/pedestrian safety along and across the roadway. A comment was

also received from the Crystal River State Buffer Preserve requesting that the proposed entrance for that agency's walking trail be considered when developing alternatives for the roadway improvements.

Public Comments

Comment: Add to the mailing list

Two comments were received requesting to be placed on the project mailing list.

Comment: Improved access

Two comments requested improved access at various locations (primarily via an additional median opening).

Comment: Stormwater runoff/drainage concerns

One comment expressed the need for protection of the springs and other local bodies of water.

Comment: Bicycle/pedestrian issues

One comment stated the need for an overpass for the new recreational trail in Crystal River that links both sides of US 19.

Comment: Preservation of downtown Crystal River

One comment expressed concern that the proposed roadway improvements would have a negative impact to downtown Crystal River, particularly the redevelopment district.

Comment: Safety issues

One comment requested that advance directional signage be used at major intersections.

Comment: Issues outside project limits

One comment requested that the Study be extended to Highway 40.

Copies of the notification letters, meeting handout, comment sheet, sign-in sheet, and responses to comments received are included in Appendix B.

4.0 ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Alternatives Public Workshop was held after feasible alternatives were developed and fully analyzed. The Workshop was held on Monday, January 16, 2003, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located at 8551 W. Venable Street, Crystal River, Florida. The purpose of the Workshop was to present the alternatives that had been developed, and their associated impacts, and to receive community input on the information presented.

Notification letters were sent to elected officials and agency representatives at least 25-30 days prior to the meeting. Property owners, whose property lies in whole or in part within 300 ft. from the centerline of any of the proposed alternatives, and other interested parties, were notified of the Workshop 21 days in advance, in accordance with the PD&E Manual. A quarter-page, legal, display advertisement was published in the Citrus County Chronicle on January 6, 2003.

The meeting was held in an open, informal format. A continuously looped project video was shown throughout the duration of the meeting. Aerial photographs, conceptual plans, graphics, and other project information was available for public viewing. A project

brochure, Evaluation Matrix, and Comment Form were available to all attendees upon arrival.

Approximately 201 people attended the Workshop. This total number includes the eight elected officials that signed in, primarily from the municipality of Crystal River. Persons were able to make comments as part of the Official Alternatives Public Workshop in one of two ways: 1) completing the Comment Form and dropping it in one of the “Comment” boxes; and 2) completing the form and mailing it to the District 7 address on the back of the form. Comments were to be postmarked by January 27, 2003 so project development could proceed in a timely manner. A total of 31 written comments were received. Many comments addressed more than one issue. A brief synopsis of the comments received is provided below.

Comment: Improved access

Nine comments were received requesting improved access to various commercial or residential properties (primarily via an additional median opening).

Comment: Bypass request

Three comments were received requesting the construction of a bypass as opposed to the proposed improvements for US 19. Two requested a bypass around the City of Crystal River; the other requested a bypass around the municipality of Homosassa.

Comment: Stormwater runoff/drainage concerns

Four comments were received concerning protection of the springs and other local bodies of water, as well as concern regarding the existing drainage problems within the City of Crystal River.

Comment: Request for plans

Three of the written comments requested copies of the conceptual plans.

Comment: Add to the mailing list

One comment asked to be placed on the project mailing list.

Comment: North Suncoast Parkway II Issues

Two comments stated that the construction of the North Suncoast Parkway II would alleviate the need for improvements to US 19.

Comment: Issues outside of project limits

Two comments addressed issues outside the project limits – south of US 98. The first comment requested that resurfacing be undertaken for US 19 from the Citrus County line to US 98; the other requested a median opening for the Walden Woods community located south of US 98.

Comment: Safety issues

Five comments expressed concern regarding various safety issues. Three noted the need for better signage along US 19; one requested a signal at US 98; and the other noted the need to ensure safety in the event of a hurricane evacuation.

Comment: Specific requests

Two comments were very specific in nature – one requested a response as to why US 19 could not be double decked; the other wanted an explanation as to why jug handles were not being used to improve safety.

Copies of all notification letters and advertisements, meeting materials, and any responses to comments are included in Appendix C.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held on November 3, 2003, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located at 8551 Venable Street, Crystal River, Florida. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the Recommended Alternative and its associated impacts and to receive community input on the information presented. The “No Build” Alternative was also presented and is considered to be a viable alternative throughout the duration of the Study. Elected officials and agencies were notified of the meeting at least 25-30 days prior. Per F.S. and the FDOT’s PD&E Manual, property owners whose property lies in whole or part within 300 ft. from the centerline of any of the proposed alternatives were notified by first class mail 21 days in advance. The Hearing was advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly on October 17, 2003, and in the Citrus County Chronicle on October 13, 2003 and again October 25, 2003.

The Hearing was also held in accordance with Department Rule 14.97.005, F.A.C., Review and Modification of Access Classifications. The Access Management classification was changed for US 19 in Crystal River from West Fort Island Trail to NW 7th Avenue to Access Class 3. This reclassification was also consistent with the US 19 Access Management Study from the Hernando County Line to Mayo Drive prepared by Citrus County.

Conceptual alignments and project reports were available for public viewing prior to and after the Hearing beginning October 13, 2003 through November 13, 2003, at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida.

The meeting 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 looped project video, view the conceptual plans and project documents on display, speak to the court reporter in a one-on-one setting, and ask questions from FDOT representatives. Project handouts, a copy of the Evaluation Matrix, a Comment Form, and Request to Speak Cards were available to all attendees. At 6:00 p.m. the formal portion of the Hearing commenced. At that time, the FDOT gave a formal presentation regarding the project and its associated effects. The project video was also shown during this time. An opportunity to provide formal public comment followed the project video. No one gave an oral statement during the formal portion. A court reporter transcribed the entire formal portion. Following the formal portion of the 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 in a one-on-one setting during the informal portion of the Hearing; (3) complete the Comment Form provided and submit it to the court reporter or drop it in one of the “Comment” boxes; or (4) complete and mail written comments to the address listed on the back of the Comment Form.

Approximately 60 people attended the Public Hearing. No one spoke during the formal portion of the Hearing; two individuals gave their statements to the court reporter during the informal portion following the formal presentation. Eleven written comments were received at the Public Hearing; five more were mailed to the FDOT within the ten day comment period. One of the comments received in the mail was from an individual who gave a statement to the court reporter during the informal portion of the Hearing. Many of the comments received addressed several issues. A brief synopsis of the comments received is provided below.

Comment: Request for copies of conceptual plans

Four comments requested copies of various segments of the conceptual plans.

Comment: Support for the project

Three comments expressed total support for the project – one particularly supported the proposed pedestrian overpass in Segment 5.

Comment: Stormwater runoff/drainage concerns

Five comments expressed concern regarding the protection of the springs and other local bodies of water, as well as concern regarding the existing drainage problems within the City of Crystal River.

Comment: Provision for U-turns for semis

One comment requested the FDOT provide U-turn accommodations for semis.

Comment: Opposition to Recommended Alternative for Segment 5

One comment (a possible relocatee) expressed opposition to the Recommended Alternative for Segment 5.

Comment: Provide wildlife crossings

One comment requested the provision of wildlife crossing due to the sighting of collared black bears in the area.

Comment: Did not support the project

One comment did not support the project due to the provision of bicycle/pedestrian facilities. It was perceived that provision of these facilities would increase litter.

Comment: Lack of bicycle/pedestrian facilities in Segment 5

One comments expressed disappoint over the lack of bicycle/pedestrian facilities to the businesses in Segment 5.

A copy of the Public Hearing notification materials, meeting materials, and any responses to comments may be found in Appendix D. A copy of the Official Public Hearing Transcript may be found in Appendix E.

6.0 NEWSLETTERS/PRESENTATIONS/SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

The FDOT has issued two newsletters to elected officials, agencies, and property owners within 300 ft. of the centerline of any of the proposed alternatives. The first was mailed in December 2002 and while introductory in nature, it also announced the upcoming Alternative Public Workshop to be held in January 2003. Specifically, it acquainted the public with the PD&E process, project description, the proposed alternatives, and upcoming activities. The second newsletter, issued in October 2003, announced the Public Hearing and outlined the Recommended Alternative for each segment. Finally, a newsletter will be mailed upon project approval from the FHWA and will explain the final conceptual design for the proposed improvements and include an upcoming project schedule for design, ROW, and construction activities.

In an additional effort to further disseminate project information and solicit community input, the FDOT participated in Crystal River Annual Scarecrow festival in the fall of 2001. At the informational kiosk, festival attendees could talk to FDOT representatives about the project, view project graphics, obtain a project Fact Sheet, and offer comments regarding the proposed improvements.

The FDOT met with the City Manager for Crystal River, Ken Lilly, and his staff on July 23, 2002 to discuss the proposed improvements. The FDOT gave presentations to the Crystal River City Council on March 10, 2003 and May 27, 2003. The first

presentation on March 10th outlined the viable alternatives for Segments 4 and 5. For Segment 5, a new alternative was also presented that consisted of a reduced typical section and ROW width. This alternative received support from the City and the FDOT was directed to conduct additional engineering and environmental analysis for refinement of that alternative. That alternative was subsequently refined as was the alternative for Segment 4. These were formally presented to the City as the Recommended Alternatives for these segments on May 27, 2003, and subsequently presented at the Public Hearing on November 3, 2003.

The FDOT did not receive any requests for presentations to small groups such as homeowners associations and chambers of commerce.

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Appendix A

Advance Notification Materials



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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

RE: WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study / Citrus County / Advance Notification

Dear Ms. Raffington:

The attached Advance Notification package is for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study on US 19 from south of US 98 to CR 488 in Citrus County. This information is forwarded to your office for processing through the appropriate state agencies in accordance with Executive Order 95-359. Distribution to local and federal agencies is being made as noted.

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

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

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

We are looking forward to receiving your comments on the project within 45 days. Should additional review time be required, a written request for an extension of time must be submitted to our office within the initial 45-day comment period. Your comments should be addressed to:

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

Your expeditious handling of this notice will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

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Attachment

MAILING LIST:

Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator

Federal Emergency Management Agency – Mitigation Division, Chief

Federal Aviation Administration - Airports District Office

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

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Southern Region, Regional Forester

U.S. Department of Commerce – National Marine Fisheries Service – Habitat Conservation Division

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

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

U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Trust Responsibilities

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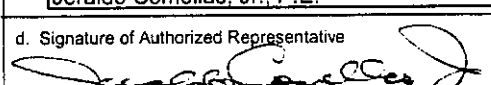
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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

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5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name: Florida Department of Transportation		Organizational Unit: Office of Design	
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code): 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, Leon, Florida 32399-0450		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code): Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E. District VII Environmental Management Engineer 813-975-6077	
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13. PROPOSED PROJECT: Start Date: 05/2001 Ending Date: 05/2003		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant: _____ b. Project: Congressional District #5	
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a. Federal	\$ 1,515,000.00	a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE: June 25, 2001	
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a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.		b. Title District VII EMO Engineer	c. Telephone number 813-975-6077
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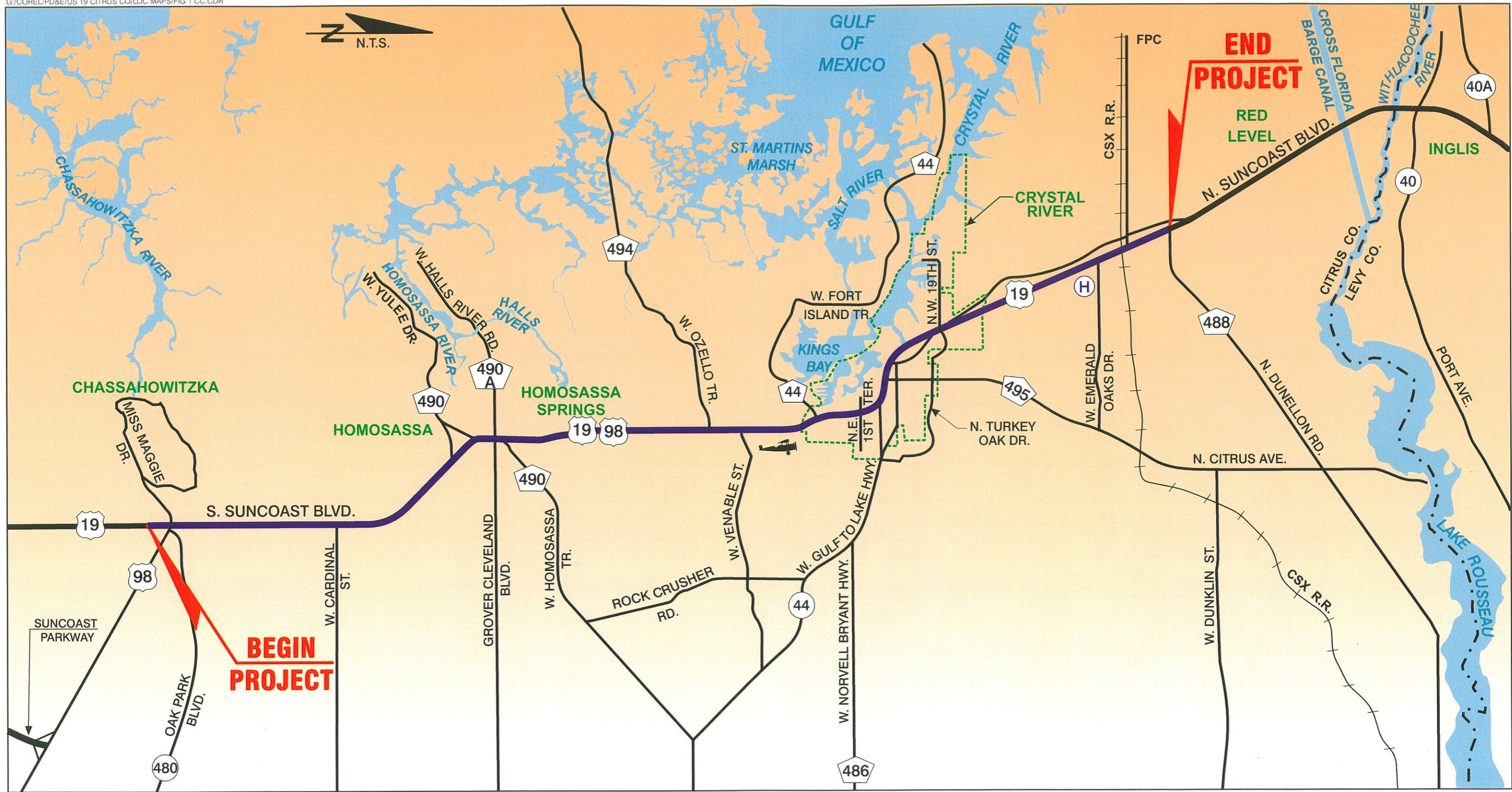
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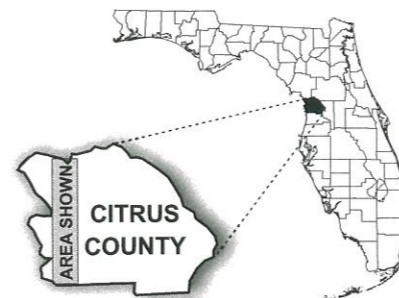


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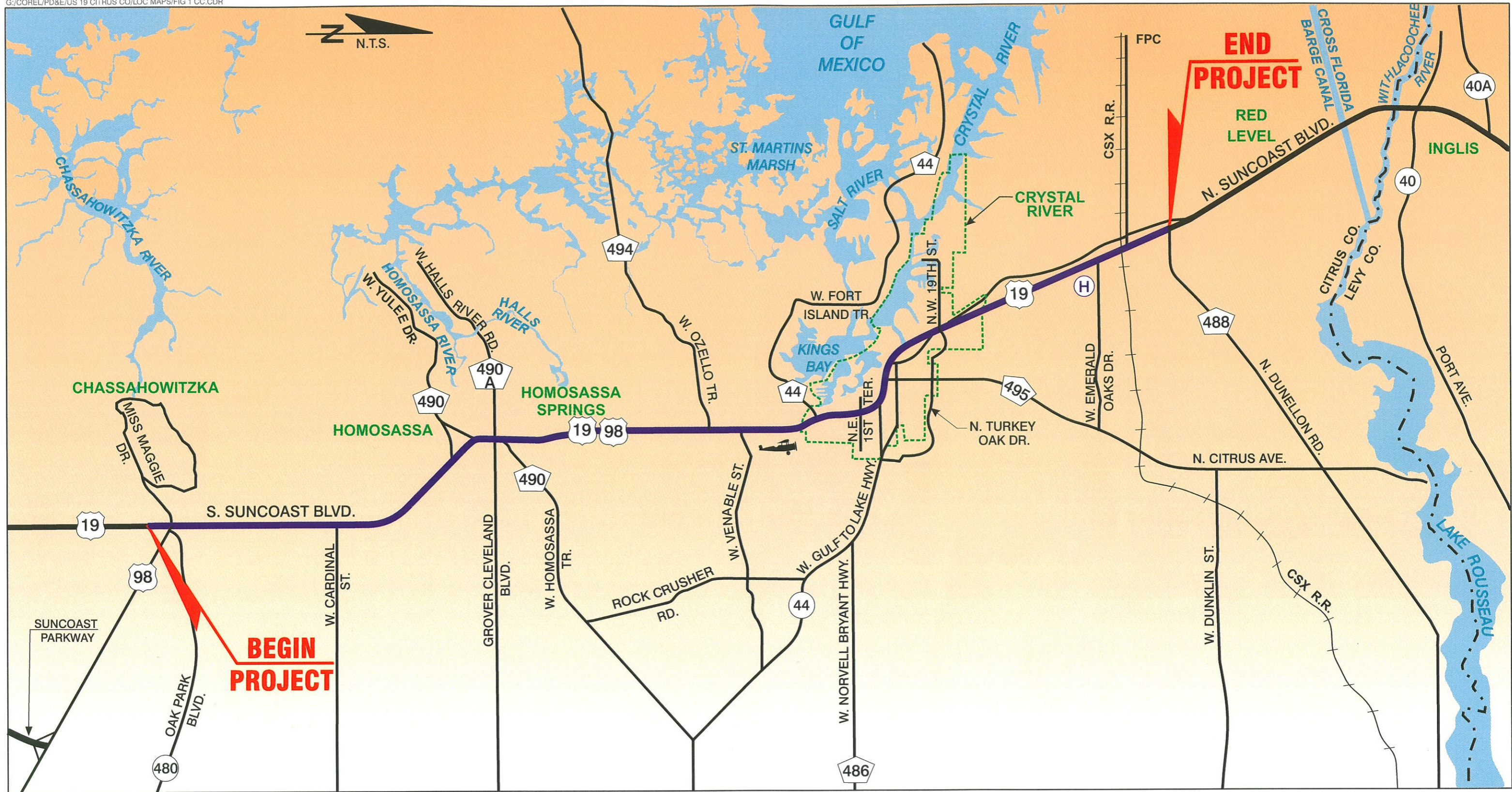
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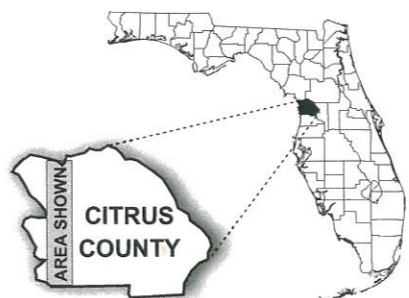
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 Advance Notification - US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study - WPI Seg. No. 405822 -
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 SAI: FL 200107020578C

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The Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) notes that the proposed project is consistent with the goals and policies of the WRPC's adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Withlacoochee Region. Please refer to the enclosed WRPC comments.

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

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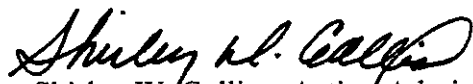
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Based on the information contained in the referenced application and the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that, at this stage of project development, the referenced project is consistent with the Florida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

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

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

Sincerely,



Shirley W. Collins, Acting Administrator
Florida Coastal Management Program

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Enclosures

cc: Lauren P. Milligan, Department of Environmental Protection
Vivian A. Whittier, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council

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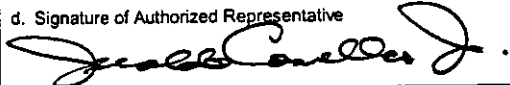
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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

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		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE 	State Application Identifier
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY 	Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name: Florida Department of Transportation	Organizational Unit: Office of Design		
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code): 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, Leon, Florida 32399-0450	Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code): Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E. District VII Environmental Management Engineer 813-975-6077		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 5 9 - 6 0 0 1 8 7 4	7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: <i>(enter appropriate letter in box)</i> A A. State H. Independent School Dist. B. County I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning C. Municipal J. Private University D. Township K. Indian Tribe E. Interstate L. Individual F. Intermunicipal M. Profit Organization G. Special District N. Other (Specify): 		
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other (specify): 	9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation		
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 2 0 2 0 5 TITLE: Highway Planning and Construction	11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study FPN: 405822-1-22-01		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (cities, counties, states, etc.): Citrus County and City of Crystal River			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT: Start Date: 05/2001 Ending Date: 05/2003		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant: b. Project: Congressional District #5	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$ 1,515,000.00	a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE: June 25, 2001	
b. Applicant	\$.00	b. NO. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372 <input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW 	
c. State	\$.00	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
d. Local	\$.00		
e. Other	\$.00		
f. Program Income	\$.00		
g. TOTAL	\$ 1,515,000.00		
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED			
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.		b. Title: District VII EMO Engineer	c. Telephone number: 813-975-6077
d. Signature of Authorized Representative: 			e. Date Signed: 6/25/01



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David B. Struhs
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August 7, 2001

Ms. Jasmin Raffington
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RE: USDOT – Advance Notification – U.S. 19 (S.R. 55) PD&E Study, City of Crystal River, Citrus County, SAI # FL200107020578C

Dear Ms. Raffington:

The Department has reviewed the above referenced Advance Notification from the Florida Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (USDOT) to conduct a study of U.S. 19 capacity and design improvements. Funding for the Federal aid action and PD&E study is consistent with the Department's authorities in the Florida Coastal Management Program. However, as detailed project information is not yet available, the Department cannot determine the consistency of the road improvements project at this time. Additional information is required concerning the anticipated roadway width, design, impacts, construction, and mitigation for any proposed wetland impacts. Further evaluation(s) of the project will be conducted during the environmental documentation and permitting stages. Future consistency will be based in part on adequate consideration of comments offered in this and subsequent reviews. Department staff offer the following comments and recommendations:

- ◆ As noted on the Advance Notification Fact Sheet, roadway construction activities will require issuance of an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*, and Rules 62-113, 40D-4, and 40D-40, *Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)*. We recommend that a wetland jurisdictional determination, per Rule 62-340, *F.A.C.*, be obtained for the highway corridor prior to further planning. Early coordination of project plans with the SWFWMD may help prevent future permitting problems.
- ◆ The permit applicant will be required to eliminate or reduce any proposed wetland resource impacts to the greatest extent practicable:
 - Minimization should emphasize avoidance-oriented corridor alignments, wetland fill reductions via steep or vertically retained side slopes, and median width reductions within safety limits.

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- Wetlands should not be displaced by the installation of stormwater conveyance and treatment swales; compensatory treatment in adjacent uplands is the preferred alternative.
 - After avoidance and minimization have been exhausted, mitigation must be proposed to offset the adverse impacts of the project to existing wetland functions and values. Significant attention is given to forested wetland systems, which are difficult to mitigate.
 - The cumulative impacts of concurrent and future road improvement projects in the vicinity of the subject project should also be addressed.
- ◆ In addition to the six Outstanding Florida Waters (OFWs) listed on the Fact Sheet, an aquatic preserve, state buffer preserve, state greenway, state park, and national wildlife refuge are also located in the vicinity of the project - St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve, Crystal River State Buffer Preserve, Florida Springs Coastal Greenway (formerly Crystal River, St. Martins, and Homosassa Reserve CARL Projects), Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park, and Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge. All waterbodies within the boundaries of these public lands are designated OFWs under section 62-302.700(9), *F.A.C.* Pursuant to section 373.414(1), *F.S.*, any impacts to these waterbodies and associated wetlands must be demonstrated to be “clearly in the public interest” as part of the Environmental Resource Permitting process.

Please note: The Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park Visitor Center, parking lot, and transportation boat basin are located adjacent to the U.S. 19 right-of-way south of C.R. 490A. For additional information, please contact Mr. Mark Latch, Environmental Administrator, DEP Division of Recreation and Parks at (850) 488-8666. For information regarding the Florida Springs Coastal Greenway parcels adjoining U.S. 19, please contact Mr. Matt Clemons, Manager, DEP Crystal River State Buffer Preserve at (352) 563-1136.

- ◆ Every effort should be made to maximize the treatment of stormwater runoff from the proposed highway improvements project, as the neighboring OFWs are afforded a high level of protection under sections 62-4.242(2) and 62-302.700, *F.A.C.* We recommend that the study include an evaluation of existing stormwater treatment adequacy and details on the future stormwater treatment facilities, which must be designed to prevent the water quality degradation of receiving waters in the OFWs. The permit applicant must demonstrate that the proposed stormwater system meets the design and performance criteria established for the treatment/attenuation of discharges to OFWs, pursuant to Rule 40D-4, *F.A.C.*, and the SWFWMD Basis of Review for ERP Applications.

Please note: Protection of surface water and groundwater quality within the recharge basins of the area’s first magnitude springs – Crystal River Springs, Homosassa Springs, and Chassahowitzka Spring – is of significant interest to the Department. Based upon the work and findings of the multi-agency Florida Springs Task Force, the Department has assigned a high priority to the protection and restoration of Florida’s springs – among the most valuable ecological and economic resources of the state. We welcome the Department of

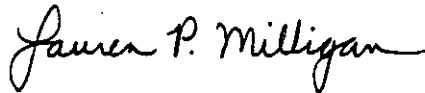
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Transportation's input and cooperation in developing strategies to improve existing stormwater treatment in the vicinity of the springs (e.g., rerouting and treating stormwater runoff discharging directly into sinkholes). For further information, please contact Mr. Gregg Jones, Director, SWFWMD Resource Conservation and Development Department at (352) 796-7211, ext. 4215.

- ◆ The Department recommends that future environmental documentation provide information regarding the Best Management Practices to be utilized during construction activities to prevent erosion, sedimentation, and turbid discharges to waters of the state.

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

Sincerely,



Lauren P. Milligan
Environmental Specialist
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

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SUBJECT: SAI #: 200107020578C
U. S. Department of Transportation
Advance Notification - PD&E Study
WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 - FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55)
Crystal River, Citrus County, FL
WRPC ICR #: 42-C6-01-DOT

Dear Ms. Raffington:

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

Policy 2.4.13: Plan and design transportation facilities that provide maximum access to jobs and markets.

Policy 2.12.1: Coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the development of policies that maintain adequate regional transportation facilities for continued economic development.

Policy 4.10.5: Confer with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission], and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service when revising land use plans that might affect the habitat of threatened or endangered species of plants and animals.

Goal 5.5: Provide transportation facilities to ensure that the regionally significant roadways operate at acceptable levels of service.

Policy 5.5.2: Perform timely maintenance, expansion, and repair of roads and bridges to minimize costly reconstruction and to enhance safety.

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

Policy 4.3.3: Require new development to locate and construct impervious surfaces, buildings, lawns, and sewage facilities so that they do not adversely affect the quality of nearby surface waters.

Policy 4.3.10: Require protective devices to prevent construction activity from causing increased sediment in surface waters or wetlands.

Policy 4.4.1: Utilize natural drainage and floodplain functions in new development and redevelopment; prohibit significant interference of floodplain functions.

Policy 4.4.11: Limit dredging to maintenance of existing channels, and retention and detention ponds. Do not dispose of dredged material in wetlands unless it is for the purpose of restoring an altered system, or in sensitive vegetative communities. Require restoration or mitigation where dredge and fill regulations have been violated.

Policy 4.6.2: Design and build new local, state, and private roads, bridges, and causeways so as not to interfere with surface water flows, and with appropriate protective measures to avoid degrading water quality.

Goal 4.8: Avoid adverse impacts to the natural functions of the region's wetlands or surface water systems from development and redevelopment.

Policy 4.8.18: Design new public and private roads so as not to impede the natural flow of water.

Ms. Jasmin Raffington

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Policy 4.9.2: Design roads and bridges to incorporate design features that facilitate the free passage of wildlife so as to avoid vehicle and animal collisions.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Vivian A. Whittier
ICR Procedural Coordinator

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SAI#: FL200107020578C

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AREA OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: COUNTY: CITRUS CITY: Crystal River

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

U.S. Department of Transportation - Highway Planning and Construction - Advance Notification - US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study - WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 - FAP No. 1852 007 P - City of Crystal River, Citrus County, Florida.

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NOTES: 7/18/01:
See WRPC comments attached.

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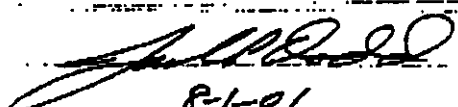
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Reviewer:  _____
Date: 8-1-01 _____

COUNTY: CITRUS

DATE: 6/25/01

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Reviewer:

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Reviewer: M Blakely

Date: 7/11/01

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SAI Routing Sheet

COUNTY: Citrus

DATE: 07/02/2001

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PROJECT TO BE REVIEWED BY: (Div/Program)	ASSIGNED REVIEWERS (Print Last Name)	IS PROJECT LOCATED IN APPROVED DRI? (Circle Yes/No)				Is Project CONSISTENT w/ COMPLAN?		Is Project CONSISTENT w/ FCMP?		Do you have any COMMENTS on project?		DATE REVIEW COMPLETED	RVWR/SUPV INT
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September 6, 2001

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RE: WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study / Citrus County

Dear Mr. Comellas:

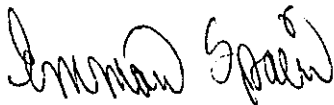
While we are not currently aware of any Seminole affiliated cultural properties or resources within the proposed project areas, inadvertent discoveries may occur even in areas of prior or existing development. Archaeological testing, construction activities and looting can destroy, damage or otherwise diminish the integrity of Seminole cultural resources, please be advised of the following:

It is the policy of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma in the event of inadvertent discoveries of ancestral remains or burial artifacts, that all site surveys and/or other site activities cease pending immediate notification of this office and until such remains and artifacts have been properly secured. Further, we oppose any laboratory testing, data retrieval, non-biodegradable shrouding, photographic documentation, public display, or unauthorized removal of ancestral remains or burial artifacts. Sites, which are known to possess or that, are discovered to possess our ancestral remains or burial artifacts, or which are of historical, cultural or religious significance to the Seminole people should be avoided.

Please be advised that Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act does not mandate notification of nor consultation with either state recognized or self identified entities purporting to be Native American regarding proposed undertakings. Any request for project reviews addressed to such entities within the context of government-to-government relationship between the United States and Federally recognized tribal nations is inappropriate, and constitutes a breach of the authority and intent of Federal law, as well as the inherent sovereign propriety of valid tribal governments.

Furthermore, we request to be kept informed as your project continues. Should you require further commentary, review, or additional information concerning this matter, please contact us at 405-257-2036.

Sincerely,



Emman Spain
Historic Preservation Officer
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

P.O. Box 1498 ♦ Wewoka, OK ♦ 74884
Phone: 405-257-2036 ♦ Fax: 405-257-8611

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Appendix B

Public Official/Agency Kick-off Meeting



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August 3, 2001

Mr. John Lettow, Acting Director
City of Crystal River
Public Works Department
123 N.W. Highway 19
Crystal River, Florida 34428

RE: WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) from US 98 to CR 488 / Citrus County

Dear Mr. Lettow:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a Public Official/Agency Kickoff meeting for the US 19 (SR 55) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The project limits are US 19 (SR 55) from US 98 to CR 488, a distance of approximately 18.7 miles, in Citrus County, Florida. Please see the attached project location map. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Crystal River City Hall Meeting Room, located at 123 N.W. Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida.

The meeting is being held to inform elected and appointed officials and local, state, and federal agencies of the project and to obtain specific data pertinent to the Study including technical, socio-economic, ecological, and environmental matters. The meeting will also provide a forum to obtain local knowledge and suggestions as they relate to the proposed transportation improvement. The PD&E Study will evaluate and document engineering and environmental issues associated with the proposed improvements to US 19, and recommend various improvement alternatives. The proposed improvements include widening and reconstructing the existing multi-lane facility, and providing improved access management features.

The meeting will be in an open, informal format with project graphics and other pertinent information on display. Department representatives will be available beginning at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the project, answer questions, and receive comments.

In addition to comments collected during this meeting, you may submit written comments to:

Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E.
District Seven Secretary
ATTN: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District Environmental Management Engineer
Florida Department of Transportation
MS 7-500
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612-6456

Mr. John Lettow
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August 3, 2001

We request that comments be postmarked by August 31, 2001, so they may be evaluated and the Study can proceed.

This meeting is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Title VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38.

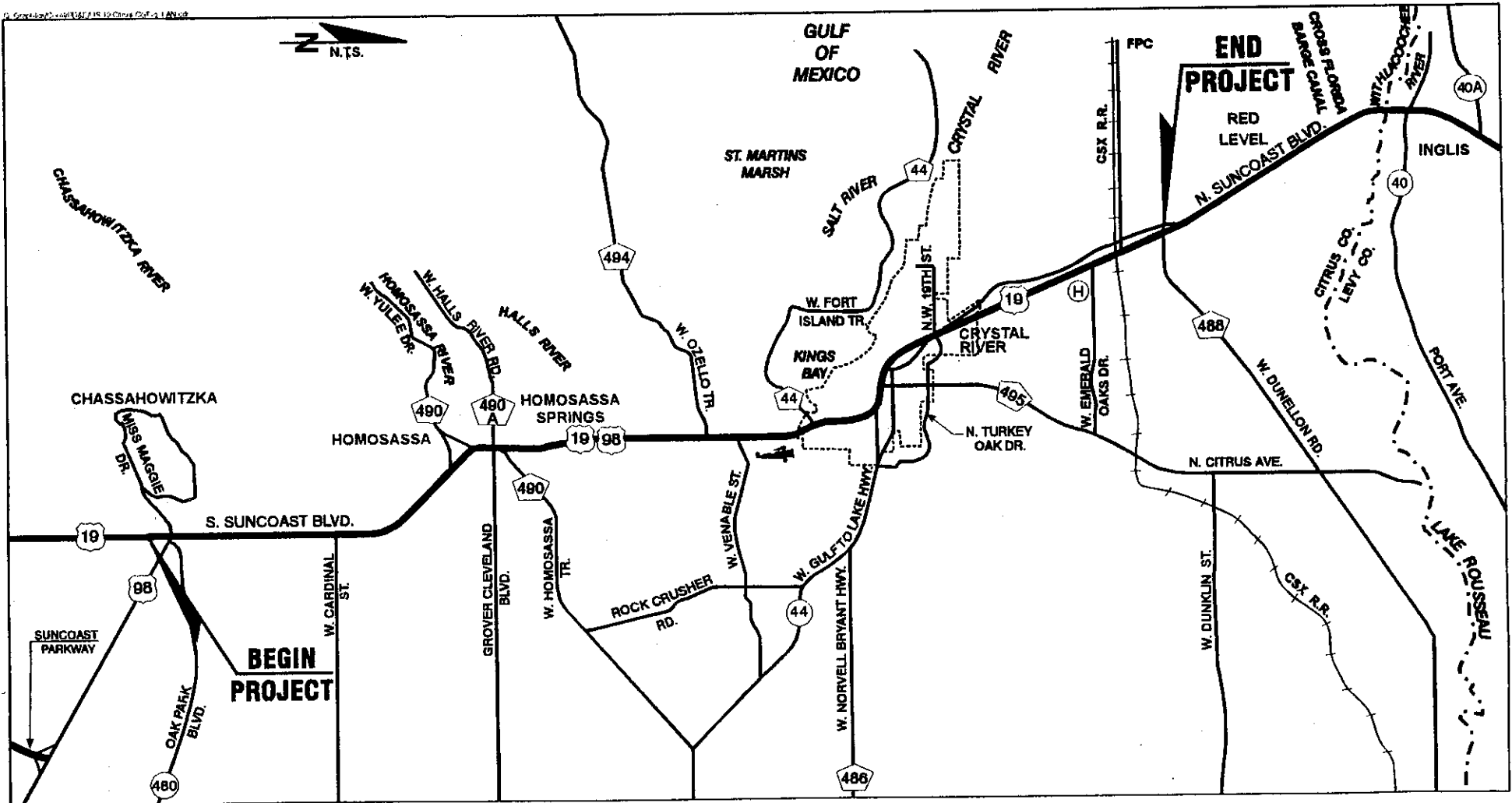
Your attendance at this Kickoff Meeting is encouraged. Any questions regarding the proposed project or the meeting may be directed to Ming Gao, P.E., Project Manager, at (800) 226-7220/(813) 975-6454 or by e-mail to ming.gao@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,





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

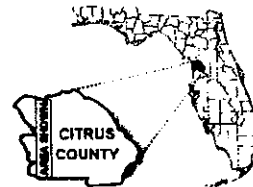
Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer

Enclosure



LEGEND

-  US 19 Project Limits
-  Crystal River Airport
-  Crystal River City Limits
-  Seven Rivers Community Hospital



**US 19 (SR 55)
P&E STUDY**
From South of US 98 to CR 488
Citrus County, Florida



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

WPI SEG NO. 4058221
FAP: 1822007P

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Dear Mr. St. John

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Dear Mr. Hankinson

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Dear Mr. Hankla

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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Dear Lt. Col. Holder

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Dear Mr. Hartman

Mr. Emilio Vergara, Executive Director
Southwest Florida Water Management District
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, Florida 34609-6899

Dear Mr. Vergara

Ms. Deborah Getzoff, District Director
Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
Southwest District
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Dear Ms. Getzoff

Mr. Michael R. Moehlman, Executive Director
Withlacoochee Planning Council
1241 S.W. 10th Street
Ocala, Florida 34474-2798

Dear Mr. Moehlman



**US 19 (SR 55)
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY
FROM SOUTH OF US 98 TO CR 488
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Work Program Item Segment No. 405822 1
FAP No. 1852 007 P**

Public Official/Agency Kickoff Meeting

Wednesday, August 22, 2001

CONTACTS:

Ming Gao, P.E., Project Manager or Marian Pscion, Public Information Officer, (800) 226-7220

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate and document engineering and environmental issues associated with the improvements associated with the proposed improvements to US 19. The project begins south of US 98 and extends approximately 18.7 miles along US 19 to CR 488 in Citrus County, Florida. The project is located in the communities of Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, and Crystal River in western Citrus County, Florida.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

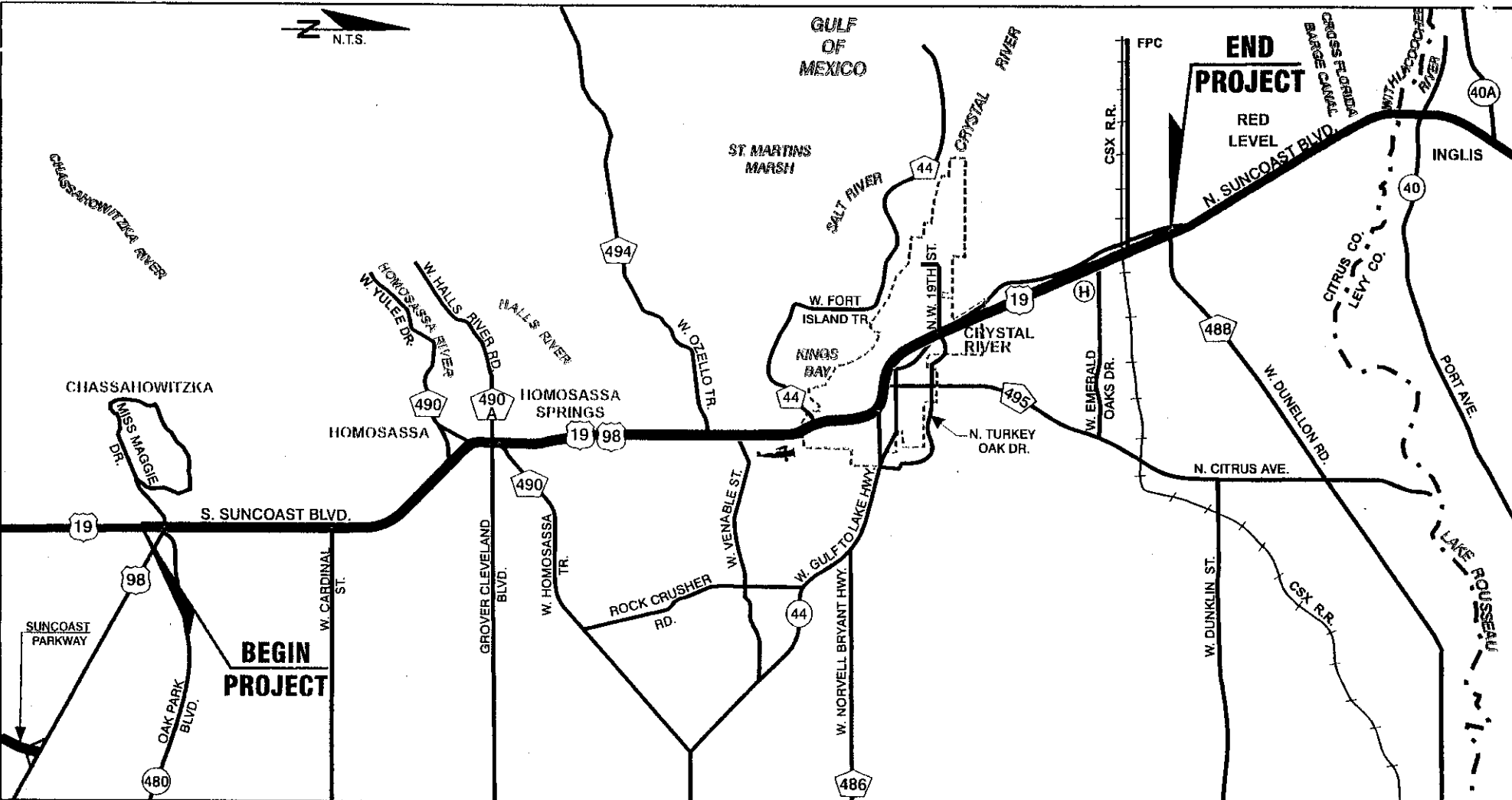
The Study will evaluate capacity improvements along the entire project corridor. These improvements include widening and reconstructing the existing multi-lane facility, and providing improved access management features.





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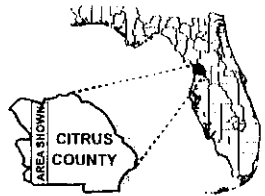
Public Official/Agency Kickoff Meeting	August 22, 2001
Alternatives Public Workshop	Spring 2002
Public Hearing	Spring 2003
Location Design Acceptance (LDA)	Fall 2003

**FIVE YEAR ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM FUNDING
(FISCAL YEARS 2001/2002 – 2005/2006):**

Design (Reserve):	2004/2005
ROW Acquisition:	Not currently funded
Construction:	Not currently funded



- LEGEND**
-  US 19 Project Limits
 -  Crystal River Airport
 -  Crystal River City Limits
 -  Seven Rivers Community Hospital



US 19 (SR 95)
PDE&E STUDY



PROJECT LOCATION MAP
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COMMENTS

from

US 19 (SR 55)

Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study

Public Official/Agency Kickoff Meeting

Crystal River City Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 22, 2001

Part I – Comments

We encourage you to write down your opinions and comments to ensure that they are considered in the improvements for US 19. Please provide your comments below. If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form.

Part II – Request to be on the Mailing List

If you did not receive notification of this meeting, and desire to be included on the mailing list, please complete this part.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

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If you would like to mail this form, please have it postmarked by August 31, 2001, and addressed to:

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Attn: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer
Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
MS 7-500
11201 N. McKinley Drive
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US 19 (SR 55)
 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study
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ROW KEITHEN	123 W W Hwy 19	CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER
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Linda Tschuschke	8150 W. OAK ST CR	"
Charles Tschuschke	" "	"
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THOMAS F. BARRY, JR.
SECRETARY

June 8, 2001

Mr. Bill Radder
24 Hemlock Court South
Homosassa, FL 34446

RE: Section 02030, US 19 in Citrus County

Dear Mr. Radder:

The Department recently received a copy of your "Survey of Traffic Safety on US Route 19 Corridor." We share your concern for drivers using US 19. The safety of the motoring public is the first priority at the Department of Transportation.

We are currently implementing several of the solutions described in your survey. The intersection of US 19 and Suffolk Terrace has been programmed for improvement as a safety project. One of the two closely spaced median openings will be closed and left turn lanes will be added to the one that remains. Funds have been allocated for constructing this improvement. The design should begin before the end of the year.

The Department has used raised channelization to prohibit certain turning movements at median openings. The typical design prohibits left turns from the side street and is used at locations where there is an accident problem. This is also effective in treating median openings that have multiple stacking problems.

A project has been initiated in the District to install advance directional signs at major intersections. The signs are placed about ¼ mile in advance of the major crossroad. The signs specify the name of the crossroad and are positioned far enough in advance to allow motorists to get in the proper lane for turning. These signs are particularly helpful for our visitors to Florida who may not be familiar with the roadway network. These signs will be installed in Citrus County within the next few years.

As described in your letter, the use of frontage roads is an effective tool to lessen congestion. In Hernando County, for example, frontage roads have been used effectively to control movements on and off of US 19. The County has required frontage roads on many residential and commercial developments. Most recently, the Department and County installed a frontage road to connect the signal at Northcliffe Boulevard to residential areas to the south.

Mr. Bill Radder
June 8, 2001
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We appreciate receiving your survey, and we will review all of your suggestions. If you have any further questions or comments, you can reach me at (813) 975-6254.

Sincerely,

David K. Buser, P.E.
District Traffic Operations Engineer

BY: *Alan L. Gilbranson*

Alan L. Gilbranson, P.E.
Assistant District Traffic Operations Engineer

ALG/GS

cc: Marian Pscion
Curtis Karr

Appendix C

Alternative Public Workshop Materials



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SECRETARY

December 20, 2002

The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senator
Sam Gibbons Federal Court House
801 North Florida Avenue, 4th Floor
Tampa, FL 33602

**RE: WPI Seg. No. 4058221/FAP No. 1852007 P
US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488/Citrus County**

Dear Senator Nelson:

You are invited to attend and participate in the US 19 (SR 55) Alternatives Public Workshop on January 16, 2003 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located at 8551 West Venable Street, Crystal River, Florida.

This Workshop is one of the many opportunities for you to comment on the proposed roadway alternatives. The limits for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study are from south of US 98 to North Dunnellon Road (CR 488). Please see the attached newsletter.

You may provide comments at the Workshop or written comments at the following address:

Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary
Attn: Robert M. Clifford, AICP, District Modal Planning and Development Manager
Florida Department of Transportation
11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500
Tampa, Florida 33612-6456

If you any questions concerning this project, please contact Mark Clasgens, Project Manager at (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6450 or by e-mail at mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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

KAH/PS/lm
Attachment

**US 19 Citrus
Elected Officials Mailing List**

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The Honorable	Nancy	Argenziano	State Senator, District 3		6216 West Corporate Oaks Drive		Crystal River	FL	34429-2694	Senator Argenziano	argenziano.nancy.web@flsenate.gov
The Honorable	Ginny	Brown-Waite	United States Representative		Hernando Government Complex	20 North Main Street, Room 200	Brooksville	FL	34601	Representative Brown-Waite	house.gov
The Honorable	Bob	Graham	United States Senator		625 Twiggs Street	Suite 500	Tampa	FL	33602	Senator Graham	bob_graham@graham.senate.gov
The Honorable	Bill	Nelson	United States Senator	Sam Gibbons Federal Court House	801 North Florida Avenue	4th Floor	Tampa	FL	33602	Senator Nelson	senator@billnelson.senate.gov
The Honorable	Vicki	Phillips		Citrus County Commission	111 West Main Street	3rd Floor	Inverness	FL	34450	Commissioner Phillips	vicki.phillips@bocc.citrus.fl.us
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The Honorable	Ronald E.	Kitchen, Jr.	Mayor	City of Crystal River	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	FL	34428	Mayor Kitchen	mayor@crystalriverfl.org
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**RE: WPI Seg. No. 4058221/FAP No. 1852007 P
US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488/Citrus County**

Dear Mr. Wesch:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct an Alternatives Public Workshop regarding the proposed improvements to US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488 in Citrus County, Florida, a distance of approximately 18.8 miles. The Workshop will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2003, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located at 8551 West Venable Street, Crystal River, Florida. Please see the attached Project Location Map.

The Workshop will present information about the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for US 19 within the above referenced limits. Proposed improvements include widening the existing four-lane sections to six-lanes and implementing various Transportation System Management improvements such as signal timing, improved intersection geometry, bicycle and sidewalk facilities, and improved access features.

Exhibits showing the project alternatives and related information will be available for viewing. FDOT representatives will be in attendance to answer any questions and solicit comments.

We invite and encourage you to attend and participate in this Alternatives Public Workshop. If you have any questions regarding the project, or if you require special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, please contact Mr. Mark Clasgens, Project Manager, at (800) 226-7220 or at (813) 975-6450 or by e-mail at mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Clifford, AICP
District Planning Manager

RMC/PS/lm
Attachment

Proof of Publication

from the
CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE
Crystal River, Citrus County, Florida
PUBLISHED DAILY

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CITRUS

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared

Karen McDaniel

Of the Citrus County Chronicle, a newspaper published daily at Crystal River, in Citrus County, Florida, that the attached copy of advertisement being a public notice in the matter of the
472-0106 MCRN Florida Department of Transportation Alternatives Public Workshop US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488 WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P Display Advertisement A/R #071-060763

Court, was published in said newspaper in the issues of January 6th, 2003,

Affiant further says that the Citrus County Chronicle is a Newspaper published at Crystal River in said Citrus County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in Citrus County, Florida, each week and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Inverness in said Citrus County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he/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.

Karen McDaniel

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me

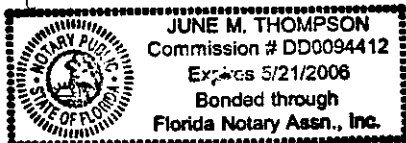
This 6th day of January, 2003

By: Karen McDaniel

who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

June M. Thompson



ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488

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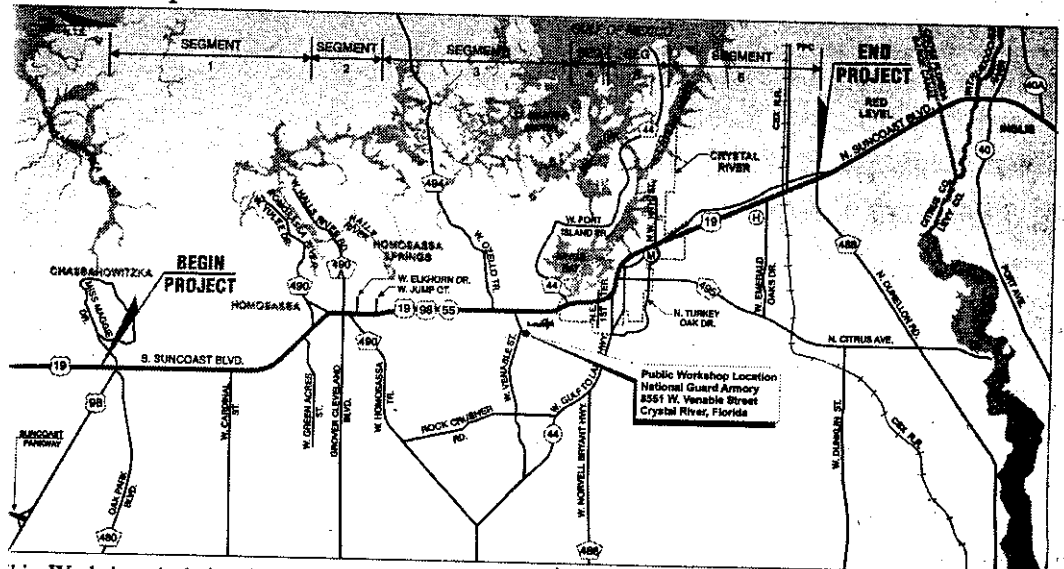
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The Workshop will allow interested parties the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Exhibits showing the project alternatives and related information will be available for viewing. FDOT representatives will be in attendance to answer any questions and solicit your comments.

Persons who wish to submit written statements may do so at the Workshop, or they can mail them to the following address: Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E., District Seven Secretary, Attn: Robert M. Clifford, AICP, District Modal Planning and Development Manager, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612-6456. We request that comments be postmarked by January 27, 2003 so that project development can proceed. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or family status.

We invite and encourage you to attend and participate in this Public Workshop. If you have any questions regarding the project, or if you require special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, please contact Mr. Mark Clasgens, Project Manager, at (800) 226-7220 or at (813) 975-6450. Special accommodation requests should be made at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Workshop.

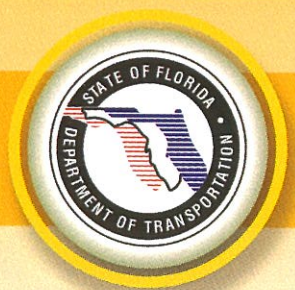


This Workshop is being held pursuant to the Federal Highway Act, 23 U.S.C., 1010 dt. seq., 128.315; section 2(a); 2(b), and 9(e)(1) of the Department of Transportation Act; 49 CFR Section 1.4 (c); 23 CFR section 1.32; Chapter 339.155 of the Florida Statutes; 23 CFR 771; and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and in compliance with 49 CFR part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38.



US 19 (SR 55)

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
WPI Seg. No. 4058221



This newsletter is the first in a series of newsletters prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation to keep the public informed about the US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study.

ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

Dear Interested Citizen and Property Owner:

You are invited to attend and participate in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) US 19 (SR 55) Alternatives Public Workshop on January 16, 2003 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located at 8551 W. Venable Street, Crystal River, Florida.

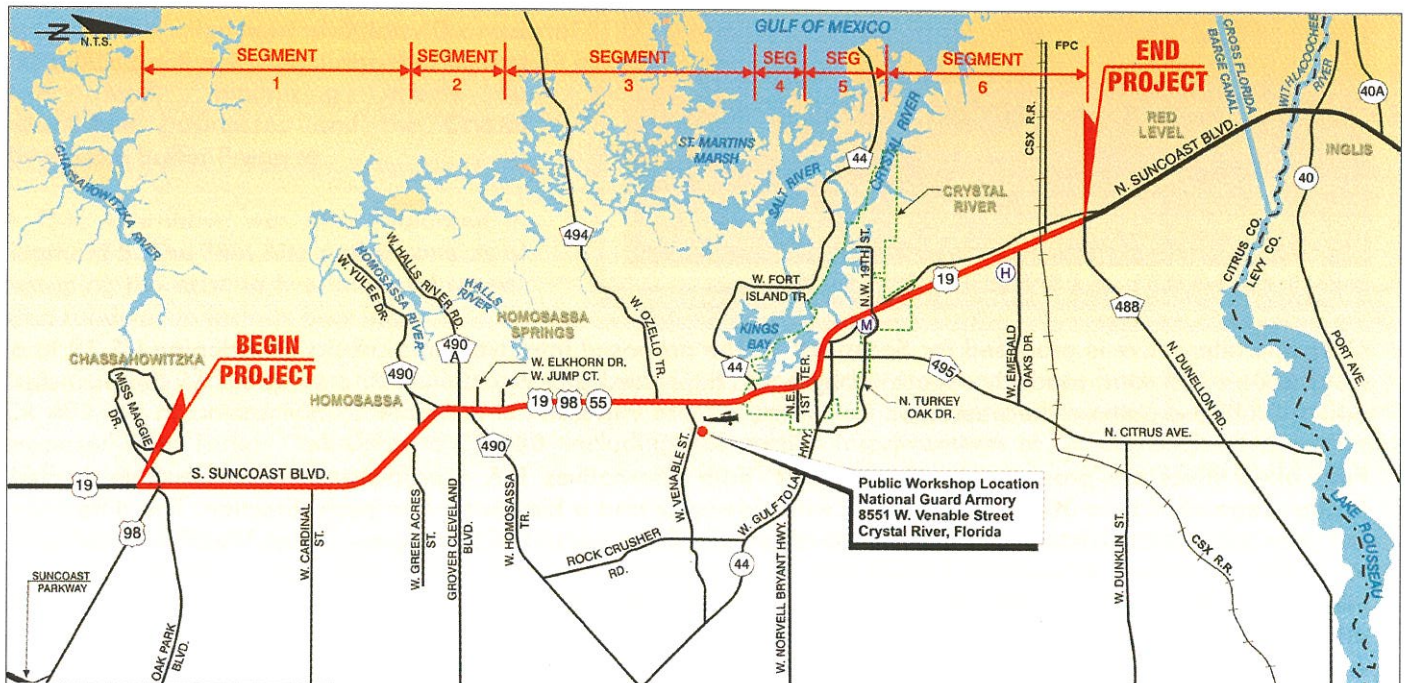
This letter also serves as notice to property owners that a whole or portion of their property is within 300 feet of the centerline of one of the project alternatives pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155(6). However, the property may not be directly affected.

Exhibits showing the project alternatives and related information will be available for viewing. FDOT representatives will be in attendance to answer any questions and solicit your comments. You may provide written comments by completing a Comment Form at the Public Workshop that can be dropped in one of the comment boxes. You may also mail us your comments to the address on the back of this newsletter by January 27, 2003.

Any person requiring special assistance is requested to contact Mark Clasgens, FDOT Project Manager, at (800) 226-7220 or at (813) 975-6450. Special accommodation requests should be made at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Workshop.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Clifford, AICP
Modal Planning & Development Manager





US 19 (SR 55)

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

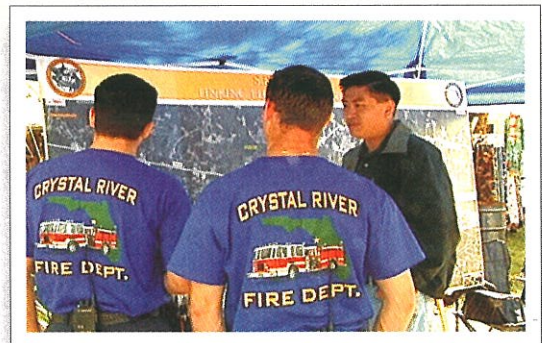
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is being conducted by the FDOT for US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488. Proposed improvements include widening the existing four-lane sections to six-lanes, and implementing various Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements such as signal timing, improved intersections, bicycle and sidewalk facilities, and improved access features.

The PD&E process develops and documents feasible alternatives for roadway improvement projects. These alternatives are evaluated and a recommended alternative is selected based on environmental, engineering, socioeconomic, and safety needs. You are invited to participate and provide valuable comments and input in shaping the project.

The need for this project has been identified in the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan and the Traffic Circulation Element of the Crystal River Comprehensive Plan.

For purposes of evaluating improvement alternatives, the project was divided into six segments as shown on the map:



- Segment 1: South of US 98 to West Green Acres Street
- Segment 2: West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court
- Segment 3: West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail (CR 44)
- Segment 4: West Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NE 1st Terrace
- Segment 5: NE 1st Terrace to Crystal River Mall
- Segment 6: Crystal River Mall to North Dunnellon Road (CR 488)

PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

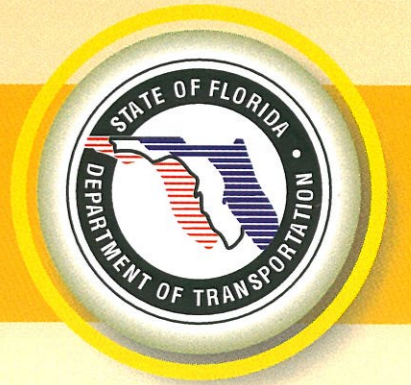
Only one alternative is proposed for **Segment 1**. The proposed improvements consist of widening US 19 to a rural, six-lane divided roadway separated by a 42' depressed grass median with a sidewalk on the east side and a multi-use path on the west side.

Four alternatives are proposed for **Segment 2**. Both Alternatives 1 & 4 propose an urban six-lane divided facility, separated by a 30' raised median, with sidewalks and a bicycle lane in each direction. The difference between the two alternatives is the roadway alignment for a portion of the segment from West Yulee Drive to West Elkhorn Drive. Alternative 1 shifts the alignment to the east to avoid effects to businesses and the Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park. Conversely, Alternative 4 shifts the alignment to the west to avoid effects to established businesses on the east side of US 19.



US 19 (SR 55)

From South of US 98 to CR 488



Work Program Item Segment No: 405822 1
Federal-Aid Program No: 1852 007 P

Impact Evaluation Matrix Segments 1-3

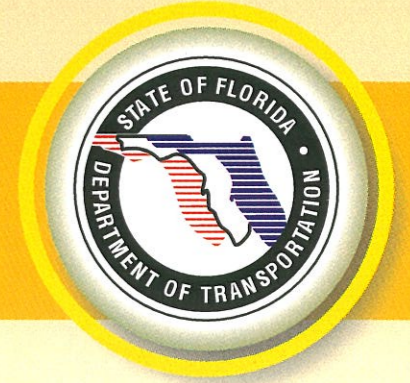
EVALUATION FACTORS	Segment 1 4.86 Miles		Segment 2 2.07 Miles				Segment 3 4.65 Miles	
	Alternative 1		Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
	Widening		30' Median, Urban, Center/East	20'- 30' Median Urban, Center	30' Median & 7-Lane Urban, Center	30' Median, Urban, Center/West	30' Median, Urban, Center	40' Median, Rural, Center
BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL RELOCATIONS ⁽¹⁾								
Number of businesses estimated to be relocated	0		27	26	16	17	0	0
Number of residences estimated to be relocated	0		3	3	0	0	0	0
COMMUNITY FACILITY EFFECTS (Community impacts within Right-of-Way)								
Number of churches, schools, child care facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, cemeteries, and other public services effected	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PARKS INVOLVEMENT								
Number of historic sites/structures within or adjacent to Right-of-Way	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of public parks adjacent to Right-of-Way	2		2	2	2	2	0	0
Number of public parks effected	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INVOLVEMENT								
Estimated wetland involvement area in acres	1.991		0.226	0.227	0.219	0.253	2.722	2.722
Estimated area of floodplain encroachment in acres	27.593		42.641	41.909	41.344	42.541	76.355	76.364
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT INVOLVEMENT								
Estimated number of noise sensitive sites	48		85	85	85	85	56	56
Number of potential petroleum pollutant and hazardous material contaminated sites ranked medium and high	5		6	6	6	6	10	10
ESTIMATED PROJECT COST ⁽¹⁾ (Present value in million \$)								
Engineering design cost ⁽²⁾	\$2.62	\$2.83	\$1.69	\$1.69	\$1.72	\$1.69	\$3.70	\$3.31
Right-of-Way acquisition cost	\$13.86	\$13.86	\$37.75	\$35.04	\$27.21	\$32.64	\$17.28	\$17.28
Construction cost (Roadway)	\$16.16	16.16	\$11.25	\$11.27	\$11.47	\$11.25	\$24.65	\$22.06
Construction cost (Pedestrian Overpass)	Option A \$1.31	Option B \$2.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction engineering & inspection cost ⁽²⁾	\$2.62	\$2.83	\$1.69	\$1.69	\$1.72	\$1.69	\$3.70	\$3.31
TOTAL ALTERNATIVE COST ⁽¹⁾	\$36.57	\$38.37	\$52.38	\$49.69	\$42.12	\$47.27	\$49.33	\$45.96

1) Includes estimated pond areas
2) 15% of construction cost



US 19 (SR 55)

From South of US 98 to CR 488



Work Program Item Segment No: 405822 1
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Impact Evaluation Matrix Segments 4-6

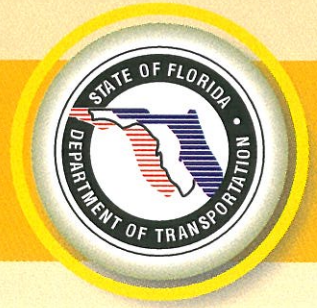
EVALUATION FACTORS	Segment 4 0.86 Miles		Segment 5 1.77 Miles		Segment 6 4.59 Miles	
	TSM ⁽³⁾ Alternative	Alternative 1	TSM ⁽³⁾ Alternative	Alternative 2	TSM ⁽³⁾ Alternative	Transition ⁽⁴⁾ Alternative
	Widening 7-Lane 2.5' each side	30' Median Urban, Center	Restripe Existing Pavement	22' Median, Urban SR 44 At-Grade	CR 488 Intersection Improvements	22'- 40' Median Urban, Center
BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL RELOCATIONS⁽¹⁾						
Number of businesses estimated to be relocated	1	1	0	39	0	0
Number of residences estimated to be relocated	0	0	0	4	0	0
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION RELOCATIONS⁽¹⁾						
Number of non-profit organizations estimated to be relocated	0	0	0	1	0	0
COMMUNITY FACILITY EFFECTS (Community impacts within Right-of-Way)						
Number of churches effected	0	0	0	1	0	0
Number of schools, child care facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, cemeteries effected	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of other public services (fire stations, etc.) effected	0	0	0	3	0	0
CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PARKS INVOLVEMENT						
Number of historic sites/structures within or adjacent to Right-of-Way	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of public parks adjacent to Right-of-Way	0	0	3	3	1	1
Number of public parks effected	0	0	0	1	0	0
NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL INVOLVEMENT						
Estimated wetland involvement area in acres	0.194	0.197	0.000	0.846	0	0
Estimated area of base floodplain encroachment in acres	15.539	15.559	0.000	26.052	0.000	49.122
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT INVOLVEMENT						
Estimated number of noise sensitive sites	1	1	0	16	0	0
Number of potential petroleum pollutant and hazardous material contaminated sites ranked medium and high	2	2	0	13	0	2
ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS⁽¹⁾ (Present value in million \$)						
Engineering design cost ⁽²⁾	\$0.33	\$0.71	\$0.66	\$1.73	\$0.16	\$0.28
Right-of-Way acquisition cost	\$3.01	\$2.24	\$0.00	\$75.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction cost (Roadway)	\$2.22	\$4.76	\$3.15	\$10.30	\$1.08	\$1.88
Construction cost (Pedestrian Overpass)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.22	\$1.22	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction engineering & inspection cost ⁽²⁾	\$0.33	\$0.71	\$0.66	\$1.73	\$0.16	\$0.28
TOTAL ALTERNATIVE COSTS⁽¹⁾	\$5.89	\$8.42	\$5.69	\$90.48	\$1.40	\$2.44

1) Includes estimated pond areas

2) 15% of construction cost

3) Transportation System Management

4) Transition from any Build Alternative in Segment 5 (if selected) to the existing four-lane roadway in Segment 6



PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES (CONT.)

Alternatives 2 & 3 also propose an urban six-lane divided roadway with sidewalks in each direction except for the portion between West Yulee Drive and West Elkhorn Drive. For Alternative 2, in this portion of the segment, the inside travel lanes are slightly narrower, separated by a 20' raised median. Alternative 3 proposes a seven-lane undivided roadway with a two-way left turn lane separating north and southbound traffic for this portion of Segment 2.

Segment 3 has two alternatives proposed. Alternative 1 consists of an urban six-lane divided facility with a bicycle lane and sidewalk in each direction separated by a 30' raised median, while Alternative 2 proposes a rural six-lane divided roadway with sidewalks in each direction separated by a 40' depressed grass median.

Two alternatives are proposed for **Segment 4**. Alternative 1 provides an urban six-lane divided facility with a bicycle lane and sidewalk in each direction separated by a 30' raised median. The second alternative is a Transportation System Management (TSM) Alternative that consists of low cost capital improvements that maximize the efficiency of the present system. The TSM Alternative widens the existing seven-lane facility to accommodate a bicycle lane, and sidewalks are included in each direction.

Segment 5 proposes two viable alternatives. Alternative 2 proposes an urban six-lane divided facility with a bicycle lane and sidewalk in each direction separated by a 22' raised median, and an at-grade intersection at SR 44. This alternative utilizes a western alignment from NE 1st Terrace to North Citrus Avenue. The alignment shifts to the east from North Citrus Avenue to the Crystal River Mall, minimizing effects to established businesses and the Crystal River State Buffer Preserve.

A TSM Alternative was also evaluated in Segment 5. The TSM Alternative consists of restriping the existing five-lane and seven-lane roadway to include bike lanes.



Because the 2025 projected No-Build Level of Service (LOS) for **Segment 6** is adequate from Turkey Oak Drive to CR 488, no reconstruction or widening is necessary for this portion of Segment 6. However, a TSM Alternative is proposed from Turkey Oak Drive to CR 488, including intersection improvements at CR 488 such as extending or adding turn lanes on all approaches.

The No-Build Alternative in each segment consists of not constructing the project and limiting improvements to routine maintenance. It is considered a viable alternative and will remain so throughout the duration of this Study.



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TITLE VI & TITLE VIII COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

HOW TO REACH US

We encourage you to take an active part in the US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study. If you wish to discuss the project with a Study team member, schedule a small group meeting or be added to the mailing list, please contact Mark Clasgens, Project Manager at:

Telephone: 1-800-226-7220
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Anticipated Project Schedule

Public Hearing	Summer 2003
PD&E Study Completed	Fall 2003
Begin Design Phase*	2003

*If Accepted by Federal Highway Administration

FDOT FIVE-YEAR ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM

(Fiscal Years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007)

PHASE	FISCAL YEAR
Design Reserve (Partial)	2002 / 2003
Right-of-Way Reserve (Partial)	2006 / 2007

FDOT FIVE-YEAR TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM*

(Fiscal Years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008)

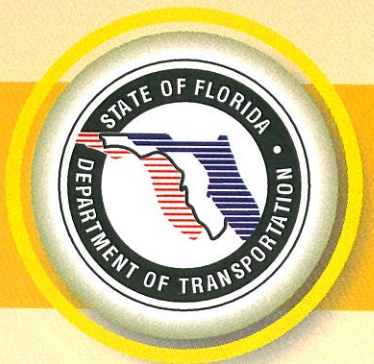
PHASE	SEGMENT	FISCAL YEAR
Design	West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court	2003/2004
	West Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NE 1st Terrace	2003/2004

* Becomes the Adopted Work Program on July 1, 2003 contingent upon Legislative approval



US 19 (SR 55)

From South of US 98 to CR 488



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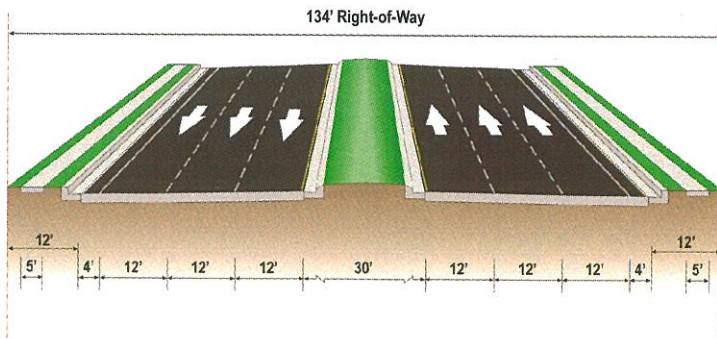
Segment 1 - Alternative 1 South of US 98 to West Green Acres Street



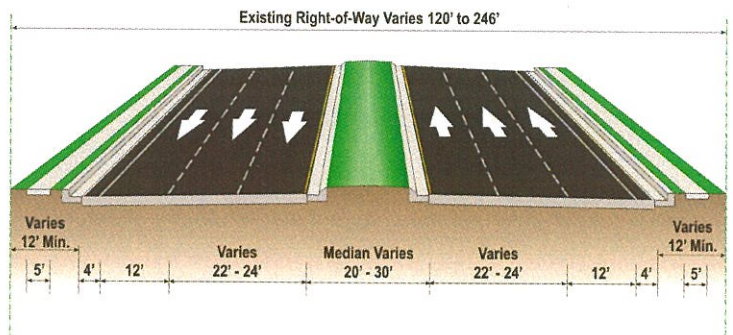
- Proposed Widening
- Proposed Overbuild
- Existing Pavement

NORTH OF US 98 TO WEST GREEN ACRES STREET (SEGMENT 1)

Segment 2 - Alternatives 1 & 4 West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court



Segment 2 - Alternative 2 West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court



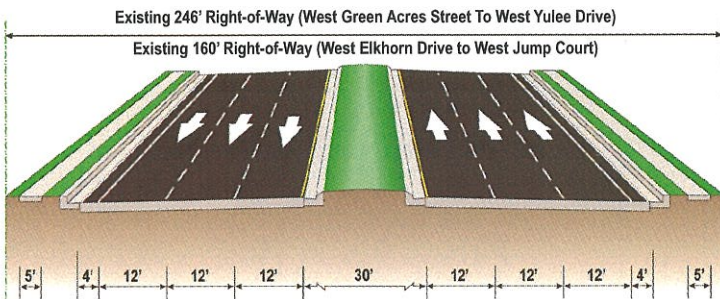


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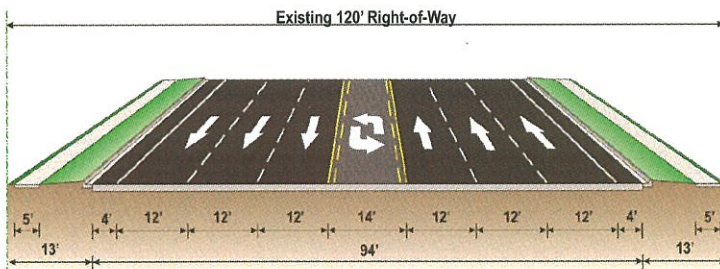
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Segment 2 - Alternative 3 West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court



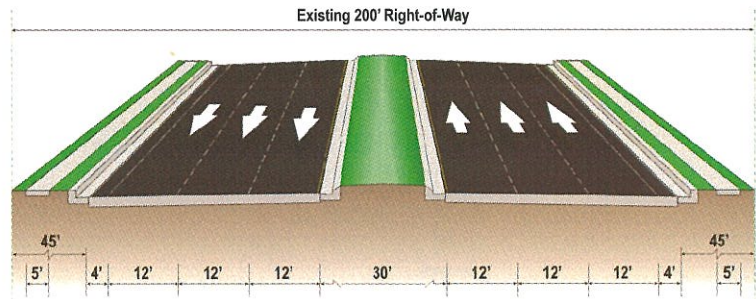
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(PORTION OF SEGMENT 2)

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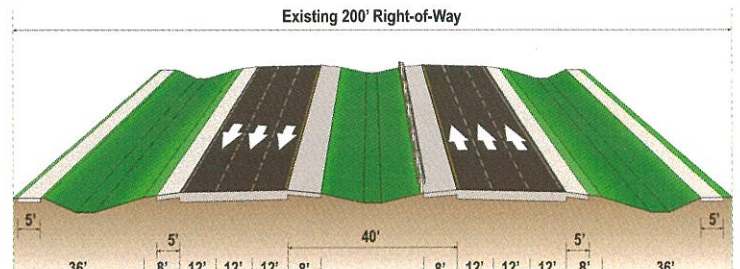


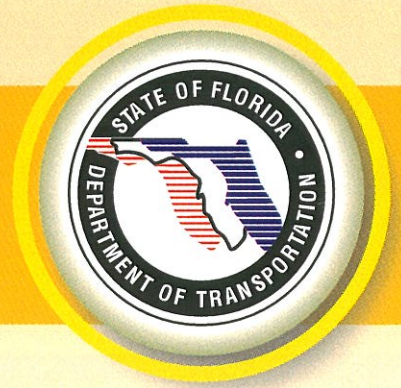
WEST YULEE DRIVE (CR 490) TO WEST ELKHORN DRIVE
(PORTION OF SEGMENT 2)

Segment 3 - Alternative 1 West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail (CR 44)



Segment 3 - Alternative 2 West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail (CR 44)



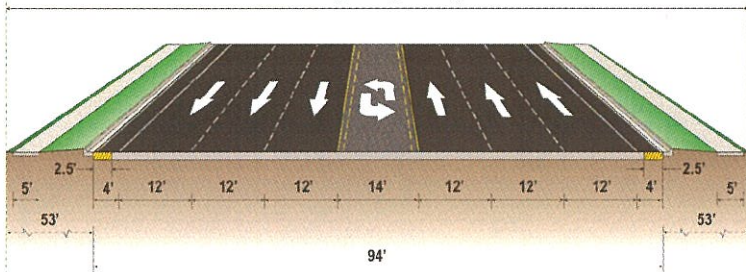


Proposed Typical Sections

Segment 4 - TSM* Alternative

West Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NE 1st Terrace

Existing 200' Right-of-Way

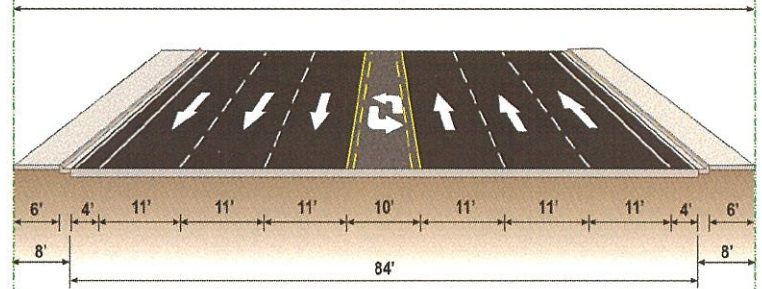


Proposed Widening

Segment 5 - TSM* Alternative

NE 1st Terrace to Crystal River Mall (Station 865+00)

Existing 100' Right-of-Way



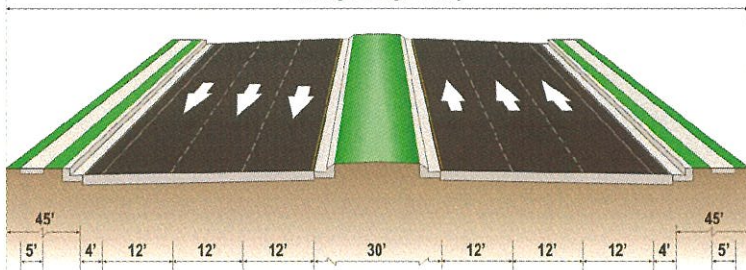
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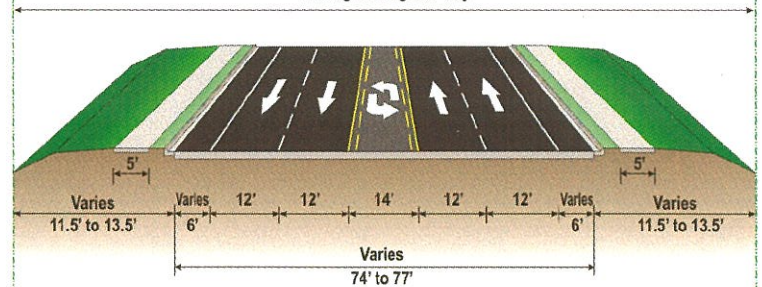
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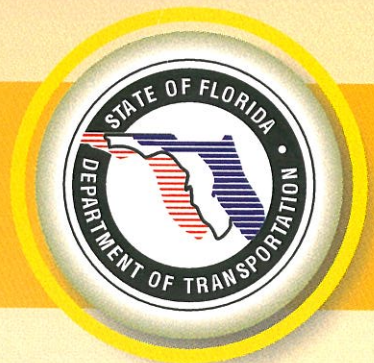
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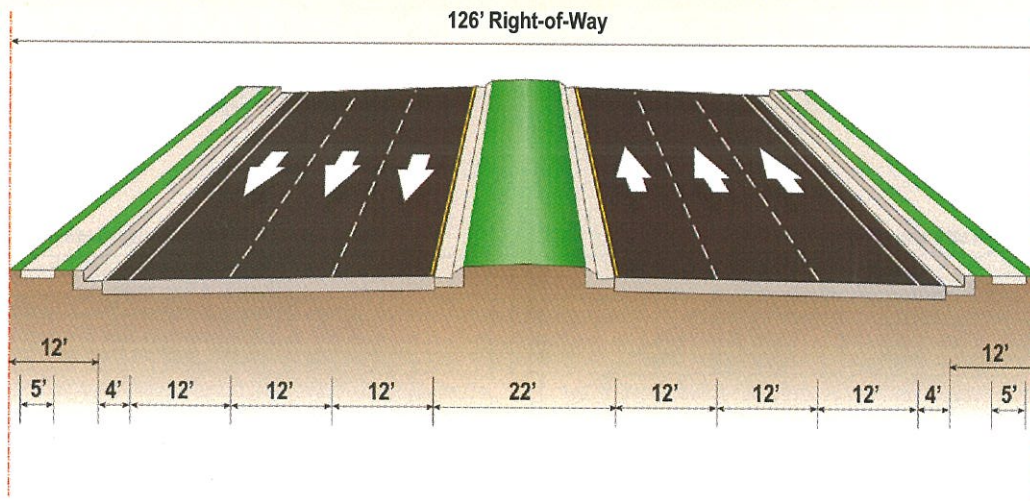
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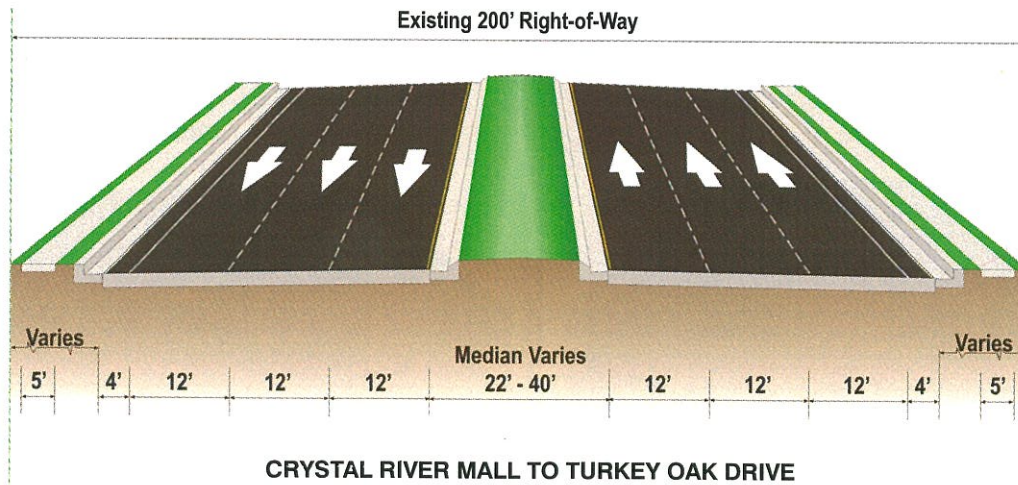
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Segment 6 - Transition Alternative

Crystal River Mall (Station 865+00) to North Dunnellon Road (CR 488)

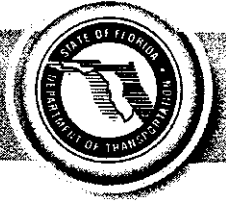


NOTE: Only Alternatives Determined to be Viable are Shown



US 19 (SR 55)

From South of US 98 to CR 488



Work Program Item Segment No: 405822 1

Federal-Aid Program No: 1852 007 P

ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

JANUARY 16, 2003

COMMENT FORM

We encourage your comments regarding this project.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

NOTE: Please complete and place in the "Comments" box or mail to Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E. at the address on the back of this Comment Form. We request that comments be postmarked by January 27, 2003 so project development can proceed.



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August 21, 2003

Mr. Robert Reiner
1600 Killean Court
Apopka, Florida 32712

RE: WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) from South of US 98 to CR 488 / Citrus County

Dear Mr. Reiner:

I would like to thank you for participating in the Alternatives Public Workshop for the US 19 (SR 55) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study held on January 16, 2003. The PD&E Study will evaluate and document engineering and environmental issues associated with the proposed improvements to US 19 and recommend various improvement alternatives. The Workshop was held to present the improvement alternatives developed to date, and to solicit public input regarding these alternatives and supporting analyses. Per your request, enclosed please find a copy of the Recommended Alternative for Segment 1 from station 310 to 350. I again apologize for the late response.

Your participation at the Alternatives Public Workshop was appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you again at the Public Hearing scheduled to be held this fall. Any questions you may have regarding the proposed project may be directed to myself at (800) 226-7220/(813) 975-6450 or by e-mail to mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Mark Clasgens
Project Manager
Mark.Clasgens@dot.state.fl.us

/MC

cc: Doug Reed, file



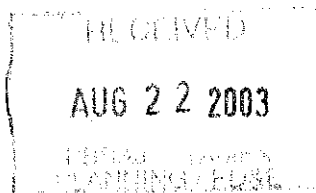
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August 21, 2003



Mrs. Joyce Shoulders
2779 Scenic Drive
Clarksville, TN 37043-53091440

RE: WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) from South of US 98 to CR 488 / Citrus County

Dear Mrs. Shoulders:

I would like to thank you for participating in the Alternatives Public Workshop for the US 19 (SR 55) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study held on January 16, 2003. The PD&E Study will evaluate and document engineering and environmental issues associated with the proposed improvements to US 19 and recommend various improvement alternatives. The Workshop was held to present the improvement alternatives developed to date, and to solicit public input regarding these alternatives and supporting analyses. You requested a copy of the conceptual plans for the above referenced project at Mayo Drive. Your request specified that you would like these when the plans are finalized. This won't happen until after the Public Hearing, currently scheduled for the fall, when the Department receives Location Design Acceptance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). However, here is a preliminary copy of the Recommended Alternative for US 19 at Mayo Drive. I again apologize for the late response.

Your participation at the Alternatives Public Workshop was appreciated. Any questions you may have regarding the proposed project may be directed to myself at (800) 226-7220/(813) 975-6450 or by e-mail to mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Mark Clasgens
Project Manager
Mark.Clasgens@dot.state.fl.us

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cc: Doug Reed; file

Appendix D
Public Hearing Materials

**US 19 Citrus
Elected Officials Mailing List**

Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name	Address	Address2	City	State	PostalCode	Salutation	E-mail Address
The Honorable	Charles S. "Charlie"	Dean	State Representative, District 43		101 Zephyr Street		Inverness	FL	34450	Representative Dean	DEAN.CHARLES@myfloridahouse.com
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The Honorable	Nancy	Argenziano	State Senator, District 3		6216 West Corporate Oaks Drive		Crystal River	FL	34429-2694	Senator Argenziano	argenziano.nancy.web@flsenate.gov
The Honorable	Ginny	Brown-Waite	United States Representative		Hernando Government Complex	20 North Main Street, Room 200	Brooksville	FL	34601	Representative Brown-Waite	house.gov
The Honorable	Bob	Graham	United States Senator		625 Twiggs Street	Suite 500	Tampa	FL	33602	Senator Graham	bob_graham@graham.senate.gov
The Honorable	Bill	Nelson	United States Senator	Sam Gibbons Federal Court House	801 North Florida Avenue	4th Floor	Tampa	FL	33602	Senator Nelson	senator@billnelson.senate.gov
The Honorable	Vicki	Phillips		Citrus County Commission	111 West Main Street	3rd Floor	Inverness	FL	34450	Commissioner Phillips	vicki.phillips@bocc.citrus.fl.us
The Honorable	Jim	Fowler	Chairman	Citrus County Commission	111 West Main Street	3rd Floor	Inverness	FL	34450	Chairman Fowler	jim.fowler@bocc.citrus.fl.us
The Honorable	Gary	Bartell		Citrus County Commission	111 West Main Street	3rd Floor	Inverness	FL	34450	Commissioner Bartell	gary.bartell@bocc.citrus.fl.us
The Honorable	Roger	Batchelor		Citrus County Commission	111 West Main Street	3rd Floor	Inverness	FL	34450	Chairman Batchelor	roger.batchelor@bocc.citrus.fl.us
The Honorable	Josh	Wooten		Citrus County Commission	111 West Main Street	3rd Floor	Inverness	FL	34450	Commissioner Wooten	josh.wooten@bocc.citrus.fl.us
The Honorable	Ronald E.	Kitchen, Jr.	Mayor	City of Crystal River	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	FL	34428	Mayor Kitchen	mayor@crystalriverfl.org
The Honorable	Kitty	Ebert		Crystal River City Council	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	FL	34428	Councilwoman Ebert	kebert@crystalriverfl.org
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The Honorable	John	Kendall		Crystal River City Council	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	FL	34428	Councilman Kendall	jkendall@crystalriverfl.org
The Honorable	Susan	Kirk		Crystal River City Council	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	FL	34428	Chairwomen Kirk	skirk@crystalriverfl.org
The Honorable	Roger B.	Proffer, Sr.		Crystal River City Council	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	FL	34428	Councilman Proffer	rproffer@crystalriverfl.org

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			Dept. of Health & Human Services	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention	National Center for Environmental Health, EEHS/CDB, (F-16)	4770 Buford Highway Northeast	Atlanta	Georgia	30341-3724	Sir or Madam
Mr.	Richard	Wesch	County Administrator	Citrus County	111 West Main Street	Third Floor	Inverness	Florida	34450	Mr. Wesch
Mr.	Jim	Soukup	Director	Citrus County Emergency Operations	3425 West Southern Street		Lecanto	Florida	34461	Mr. Soukup
Mr.	Ken	Cheek	P.E., Director	Citrus County Engineering Department	3600 West Sovereign Path		Lecanto	Florida	34461	Mr. Cheek
Mr.	Rafael	Del Valle	Manager	Citrus County Parks & Recreation Department	P.O. Box 1439		Crystal River	Florida	34423-1439	Mr. Del Valle
Mr.	Chuck	Dixon	Director	Citrus County Planning Department	3600 West Sovereign Path		Lecanto	Florida	34461	Mr. Dixon
Mr.	Ron	Schultz	Property Appraiser	Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office	110 N. Apopka Avenue	Room 200	Inverness	Florida	34450	Mr. Schultz
Mr.	David	Hickey	Superintendent	Citrus County School Board	1007 West Main Street		Inverness	Florida	34450	Superintendent Hickey
Sheriff	Jeff	Dawsey		Citrus County Sheriff's Office	1 South Park Avenue		Inverness	Florida	34450	Sheriff Dawsey
Mr.	Kenneth L.	Frink	Director	Citrus County Department of Public Works	3600 West Sovereign Path	Suite 212	Lecanto	Florida	34461	Mr. Frink
Ms.	Susan R.	Boyer	City Manager	City of Crystal River	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	Florida	34428	Ms. Boyer
Mr.	Kerry	Lewis	Acting Director	City of Crystal River Public Works Department	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	Florida	34428	Mr. Lewis
Mr.	Lew	Chandler	Director	Crystal River Building & Zoning Department	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	Florida	34428	Mr. Chandler
Mr.	Roger	Goettelmann	Manager	Crystal River Community	Redevelopment Agency	123 Northwest Highway 19	Crystal River	Florida	34428	Mr. Goettelmann
Chief	Brown	Dumas		Crystal River Fire Department	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	Florida	34428	Chief Dumas
Chief	James	Farley		Crystal River Police Department	123 Northwest Highway 19		Crystal River	Florida	34428	Chief Farley
Mr.	Jim	St. John	Division Administrator	Attn: Marvin Williams	Federal Highway Administration	227 North Bronough Street, Room 2015	Tallahassee	Florida	32301-2015	Mr. St. John
			Chief, Review Unit	Environmental Affairs Program, M.S. 423	U.S. Geological Survey Chief, U.S. Dept. of Interior, Rm 2D318	12201 Sunrise Valley Drive	Reston	Virginia	20192	Sir or Madam
Mr.	Leroy	Irwin	Manager	Environmental Management Office	Florida Department of Transportation, M.S. 37	605 Suwannee Street	Tallahassee	Florida	32399	Mr. Irwin
			Airports District Office	Federal Aviation Administration	Citadel National Building, Suite 400	5950 Hazeltine National Drive	Orlando	Florida	32822	Sir or Madam
Mr.	David	Hankla	Field Supervisor	Fish and Wildlife Service	U.S. Department of Interior	6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310	Jacksonville	Florida	32216-0912	Mr. Hankla
Dr.	Janet	Snyder Matthews	Director	Florida Department of State	Division of Historical Resources	500 S. Bronough Street	Tallahassee	Florida	32399-0250	Dr. Matthews
Ms.	Deborah	Getzoff	District Director	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection	Southwest District	3804 Coconut Palm Drive	Tampa	Florida	33619	Ms. Getzoff
			Chief	Natural Hazards Branch	Federal Emergency Management Agency	3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road	Atlanta	Georgia	30341	Sir or Madam
Mr.	Bradley J.	Hartman	Director	Office of Environmental Services	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	620 South Meridian Street	Tallahassee	Florida	32399-1600	Mr. Hartman
Mr.	Carl	Gibilaro	P.E.	Project Manager	Florida Turnpike	P.O. Box 263, Building No. 5315	Ocoee	Florida	34761	Mr. Gibilaro
Mr.	Joe	Miller	District Engineer	Regulatory Branch	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Post Office Box 4970	Jacksonville	Florida	32201-4970	Mr. Miller
Lt. Col.	Greg	Holder	Regional Director	South Region	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	3900 Drane Field Road	Lakeland	Florida	33811-1299	Lt. Col. Holder

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			Regional Environmental Officer	U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development	Richard B. Russell Federal Building	75 Spring Street Southwest	Atlanta	Georgia	30303-3309	Sir or Madam
Mr.	James I.	Palmer, Jr.	Administrator, Region IV	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Atlanta Federal Center	61 Forsyth Street	Atlanta	Georgia	30303-8960	Mr. Palmer
Ms.	Shelly	Norton		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	9450 Koger Boulevard		St. Petersburg	Florida	33702	Mr. Norton
Mr.	Michael R.	Moehlman	Executive Director	Withlacoochee Planning Council	1241 Southwest 10th Street		Ocala	Florida	34474-2798	Mr. Moehlman
			U.S. Postmaster		10780 West Yulee Drive		Homosassa	Florida	34487	Sir or Madam
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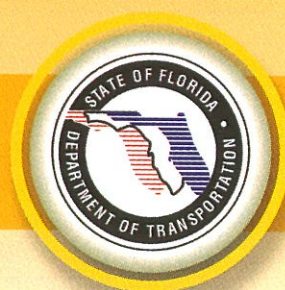


US 19 (SR 55)

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
From South of US 98 to CR 488

WPI Seg. No. 4058221

FAP No. 1852 007 P



This newsletter is the second in a series of newsletters prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation to keep the public informed about the US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

Dear Interested Citizen and Property Owner:

You are invited to attend and participate in a Public Hearing for US 19 (SR 55) in Citrus County. The Hearing is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and will be held on:

Date: Monday, November 3, 2003

Time: Open House 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Formal Hearing 6:00 p.m.

Location:

**National Guard Armory
8551 W. Venable Street
Crystal River, Florida**

The Hearing is being held to afford persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The proposed improvements include widening the existing four-lane sections to six-lanes, and implementing various Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements such as signal timing, improved intersections, bicycle and sidewalk facilities, and improved access features.

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

The proposed improvement would include the addition of a restrictive median separating northbound and southbound traffic. In accordance with Department Rule 14.97.005 Florida Administrative Code, Review and Modification of Access Classifications, it is the Department's intent to change the adopted access classification of US 19 in Crystal River from W. Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NW 7th Street to Access Class 3.

The Study and its supporting reports will be available for public review prior to and after the Public Hearing beginning October 13, 2003 through November 13, 2003, at the Coastal Region Library, Reference Desk, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida.

Department representatives will be available at the National Guard Armory beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the Hearing to answer questions and discuss the project informally. Aerial photographs will be displayed showing the proposed improvements. A project video will be continuously shown throughout the informal portion of the Hearing. At 6:00 p.m. the Department will begin the formal portion of the Hearing, which includes a presentation and an opportunity to make formal public comments.

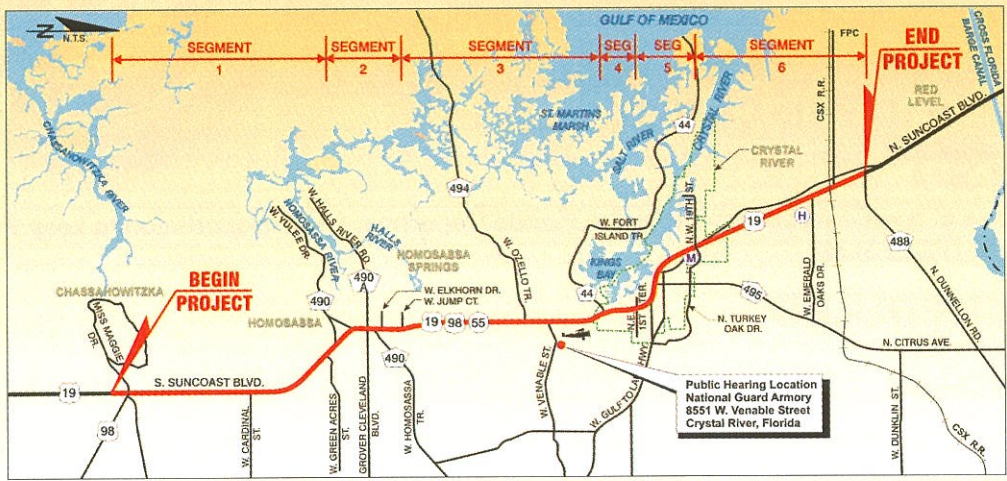
You may provide comments, verbal or written, to the court reporter during the informal portion of the Hearing or by speaking during the formal portion. Written statements may also be dropped in one of the comment boxes at the Public Hearing or mailed to: Robert M. Clifford, AICP, Modal Planning & Development Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456. All comments must be postmarked by November 13, 2003 to become part of the official Public Hearing record.

This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact the Project Manager, Mark Clasgens, at (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6450 or by e-mail at mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us, by October 27, 2003.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Clifford, AICP
Modal Planning & Development Manager

PROJECT LOCATION MAP AND SEGMENTS



- Segment 1:** South of US 98 to West Green Acres Street
- Segment 2:** West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court
- Segment 3:** West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail (CR 44)
- Segment 4:** West Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NE 1st Terrace
- Segment 5:** NE 1st Terrace to Turkey Oak Drive
- Segment 6:** Turkey Oak Drive to North Dunnellon Road (CR 488)

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

The PD&E Study process develops and documents feasible alternatives for roadway improvement projects. These alternatives are evaluated, and a Recommended Alternative developed and presented at the Public Hearing based on environmental, engineering, socioeconomic, and safety needs. Following the Public Hearing process, the FDOT presents a Recommended Alternative to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) based on analyses and public input. FHWA then approves the Recommended Alternative by granting Location and Design Acceptance (LDA). Coordination with other state/federal agencies and local governments, and public involvement activities are essential to accomplishing this effort.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

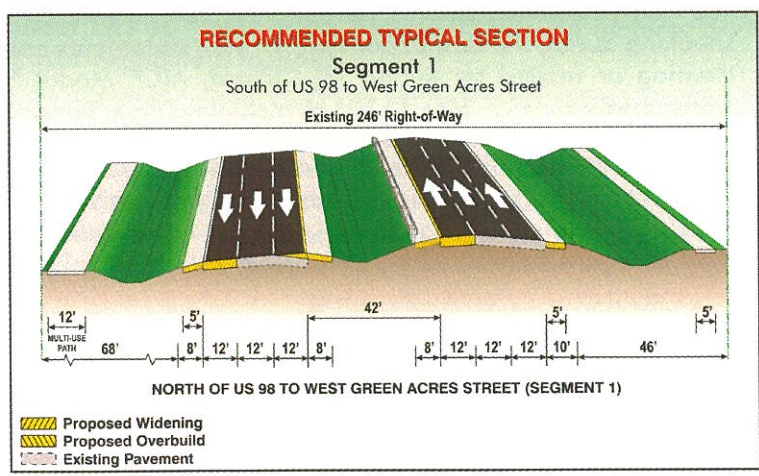
The Department is currently conducting a PD&E Study for US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488, a distance of approximately 18.8 miles. The project is located in the communities of Homosassa and Crystal River in Citrus County, Florida. The proposed improvements include widening the existing four-lane sections to six-lanes, and implementing various Transportation Systems Management (TSM) improvements such as signal timing, improved intersections, bicycle and sidewalk facilities, and improved access features.

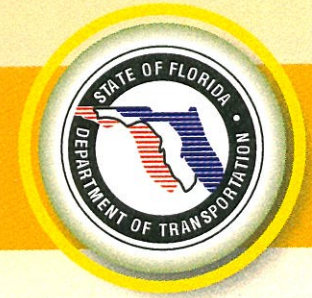
The need for this project has been identified in the Citrus County and Crystal River Comprehensive Plans.

The US 19 PD&E Study began in the Spring of 2001. An Alternatives Public Workshop was held on January 16, 2003 at the National Guard Armory in Crystal River, Florida. At that time various alternatives were proposed for each of the Study's six segments. As a result of input received at the Workshop and additional engineering and environmental analyses, a Recommended Alternative has been developed for presentation at the Public Hearing. In addition, due to the nature of the proposed improvements in Segment 5, that segment's northern limit has been extended from Crystal River Mall to Turkey Oak Drive.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

Segment 1 - The Recommended Alternative for Segment 1 is a six-lane divided rural facility with three 12-ft travel lanes and an 8-ft paved inside shoulder in each direction separated by a 42-ft depressed grassed median. Southbound US 19 will have an 8-ft outside shoulder, 5-ft of which is paved and a 12-ft multi-use path the western right-of-way (ROW) line. Northbound US 19 will have a 5-ft paved outside shoulder and a 5-ft sidewalk along the eastern ROW line.





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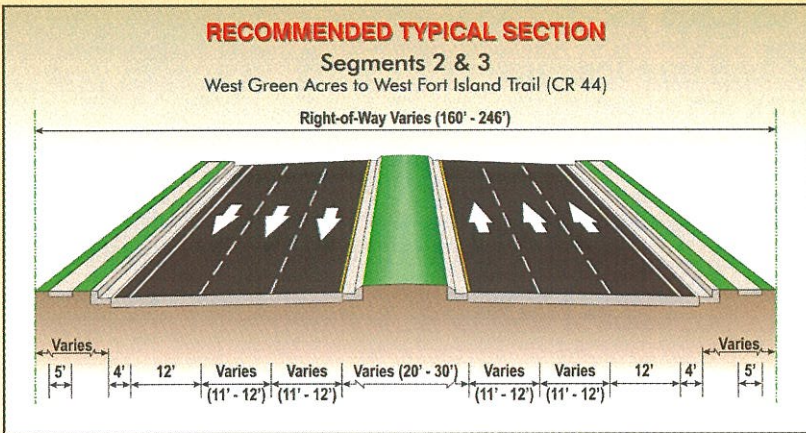
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Evaluation Matrix Recommended Alternative

EVALUATION FACTORS	SEGMENT						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
	Alt 1	Alt 7	Alt 1	TSM ⁽³⁾ 2	Alt 4	TSM	
SEGMENT LENGTH (miles)	4.86	2.07	4.65	0.86	2.05	4.31	18.80
POTENTIAL BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL RELOCATIONS (5)							
Number of businesses estimated to be relocated	0	3	0	0	18	0	21
Number of residences estimated to be relocated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POTENTIAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION RELOCATIONS							
Number of non-profit organizations estimated to be relocated	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
RIGHT-OF-WAY INVOLVEMENT							
Area of ROW to be acquired in acres (includes roadway and estimated stormwater management facilities sites)	21.14	9.50	20.91	0.08	3.76	0	55.39
COMMUNITY FACILITY EFFECTS WITHIN ROW							
Number of churches, schools, child care facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, cemeteries affected	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Number of other public services (fire stations, etc.) affected	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PARKS INVOLVEMENT							
Number of historic sites/structures within or adjacent to ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of public parks adjacent to ROW	2	1	0	0	3	0	6
Number of public parks affected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL INVOLVEMENT							
Wetland involvement (acres)	1.99	0.22	2.72	0.194	0.50	0	5.62
Base floodplain encroachment (acres)	27.59	34.12	76.36	14.260	26.17	0.55	179.05
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT INVOLVEMENT							
Estimated number of noise sensitive sites affected (66 dBA or above)	20	8	6	0	1	0	35
Number of potential petroleum pollutant and hazardous materials contaminated sites ranked medium and high	5	7	8	6	8	0	34
ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS (Present value in million \$)							
Engineering Design (2)	\$2.62	\$1.69	\$3.70	\$0.24	\$1.80	\$0.16	\$10.21
ROW acquisition (1)	\$13.86 (4)	\$25.72	\$17.28 (4)	\$0.29	\$29.28	\$0.00	\$86.43
Construction (Roadway)	\$16.16	\$11.27	\$24.65	\$1.61	\$10.80	\$1.08	\$65.57
Construction (Pedestrian Overpass)	\$1.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.22	\$0.00	\$2.53
Construction engineering & inspection (2)	\$2.62	\$1.69	\$3.70	\$0.24	\$1.80	\$0.16	\$10.21
TOTAL COSTS	\$36.57	\$40.37	\$49.33	\$2.38	\$44.90	\$1.40	\$174.95

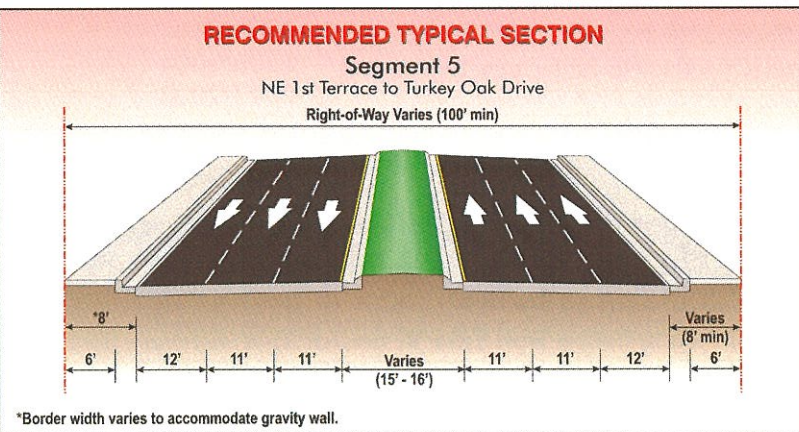
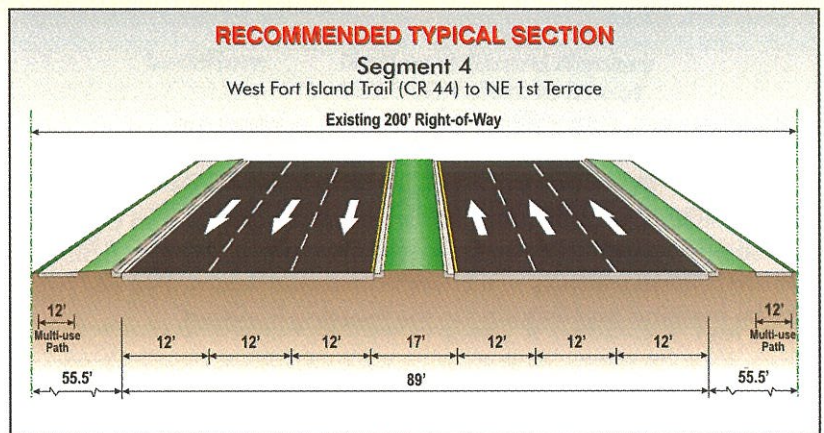
(1) Includes estimated pond areas (2) 15% of Construction Cost (3) Transportation System Management (4) Includes stormwater management facilities only
(5) Does not include relocations for pond sites, to be determined in Design.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE (CONT.)



Segments 2 & 3 - The Recommended Alternative for Segments 2 & 3 consists of a six-lane divided facility with varying travel lane, border, median and ROW widths. A 4-ft bicycle lane and 5-ft sidewalk is provided in each direction for both segments.

Segment 4 - A TSM Alternative is the Recommended Alternative for Segment 4. Recommended improvements include converting the existing two-way, center-turn lane to a 17-ft raised median. In areas where left-turn lanes are proposed, the raised median will be reduced to a 4-ft traffic separator with a 12-ft exclusive left-turn lane. This alternative also includes milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway to allow for three 12-ft travel lanes. 12-ft multi-use paths are provided adjacent to the ROW line along both sides of the roadway.



Segment 5 - The Recommended Alternative for Segment 5 was developed to minimize impacts to established businesses in Crystal River. The proposed typical section is a six-lane divided urban roadway with two 11-ft inside travel lanes and one 12-ft outside travel lane, separated by a raised 16-ft median. A 6-ft sidewalk is provided adjacent to the curb along both sides of the facility. A pedestrian overpass is proposed for the Crystal River Bike Path over US 19.

Since no provisions for bicyclists were developed in Segment 5 due to the resulting ROW impacts, bicyclists will exit US 19 at SE King's Bay Drive, in Segment 4. However, an alternative bike route can

be developed by utilizing existing side streets and incorporating the proposed Crystal River Bike Path.

Segment 6 - Since no capacity improvements are needed in Segment 6, a TSM alternative is the Recommended Alternative for Segment 6. This includes extending the northbound left and right-turn lanes at North Dunnellon Road (CR 488), extending the southbound left-turn lane at North Dunnellon Road, adding an exclusive right-turn lane along westbound North Dunnellon Road, and adding a signal at the intersection of US 19 and North Dunnellon Road, if warranted.

The **"No-Build"** Alternative consists of not constructing the project and limiting improvements to routine maintenance. The "No Build" Alternative is considered to be a viable alternative and will remain so throughout the duration of the Study.



Florida Department of Transportation
Modal Planning & Development Department
11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500
Tampa, Florida 33612-6456

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The PD&E Study process evaluates environmental and socioeconomic factors associated with the Recommended Alternative. Some of these factors are ROW acquisition and relocation aspects, floodplains and wetlands involvement, noise and air quality effects, involvement with cultural and historic resources, and potential contamination involvement. These potential effects of the Recommended Alternative are summarized in the evaluation matrix that will be on display at the meeting and included in the meeting handout.

FDOT FIVE-YEAR ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM

(Fiscal Years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008)

PHASE	SEGMENT	FISCAL YEAR
Design	West Green Acres Street to West Jump Court (Segment 2)	2003/2004
	West Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NE 1st Terrace (Segment 4)	2003/2004
Right-of-Way Reserve	Partial	2007/2008
Construction		Not Currently Funded

TITLE VI & TITLE VIII COMPLIANCE

This Hearing complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended. Public participation at this Hearing is encouraged and solicited without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or family status.

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

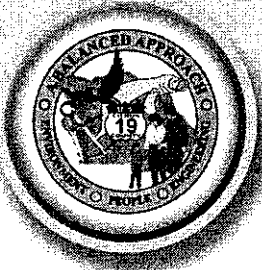
HOW TO REACH US

We encourage you to take an active part in the US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study. If you wish to discuss the project with a Study team member, schedule a small group meeting or be added to the mailing list, please contact Mark Clasgens, Project Manager at:

Telephone: 1-800-226-7220
Fax: 1-813-975-6451
E-mail: mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us
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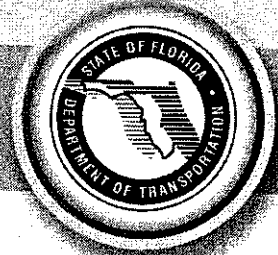
Anticipated Project Schedule

PD&E Study Completed	Winter 2003/2004
Begin Design Phase	Spring 2004



US 19 (SR 55)

From South of US 98 to CR 488



WPI No: 405822 1
FAP No: 1852 007 P

PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 3, 2003

COMMENT FORM

We encourage your comments regarding this PD&E Study or the proposed Access Management Reclassification for US 19 from West Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NW 7th Street to Access Class 3

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

€ If you did not receive notice of the 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 Robert M. Clifford, AICP at the address on the back of this Comment Form. Comments must be postmarked by November 13, 2003 to be included in the official Public Hearing Record.

DATE AND TIME: Regional Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors' Association, Wednesday, November 5, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

DATE AND TIME: CJS&T Commission meeting business agenda, Thursday, November 6, 2003, 8:30 a.m.

DATE AND TIME: Officer Discipline Case Proceedings, Thursday, November 6, 2003, 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Marriott Coral Springs, 11775 Heron Bay Boulevard, Coral Springs, Florida 33076

GUESTROOM RATE: \$85.00 for single or double occupancy from November 2, 2003 – November 8, 2003

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Phone: (954)753-5598; Fax: (954)753-2888

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The above meetings are held to discuss issues relating to standards, training, examinations, certification, de-certification, and record management for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers, Commission rules, and certification and recertification of criminal justice training schools. All parties are invited to attend.

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDAS: A copy of the November 2003 Commission Meeting agenda may be obtained by contacting Donna Hunt, at (850)410-8615, or Commission information may be accessed on October 20, 2003 at www.fdle.state.fl.us, click on Criminal Justice Resource Center, click on "Rules, Policies, and Commission Information, click on "Commission" and then click on "agenda". A copy of the Officer Discipline Agenda may be obtained by contacting Brenda Presnell, at (850)410-8648. If you wish to write the Commission for a copy of the above meeting agendas, please write to Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Post Office Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, Attention: Donna Hunt or Brenda Presnell.

If you wish to write or call for a copy of the Training Center Directors' Association agenda, please write to Training Center Director Association Chairman Ray Newman, Polk Community College, 999 Avenue H Northeast, Winter Haven, Florida 33881-4299, or call (863)297-1030.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact Donna Hunt at (850)410-8615, at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Secure Airports for Florida Economy Council (SAFE Council) announces a public meeting of the Council's Executive Committee to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 29, 2003, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: 102 St. George Street, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, 6000 W. Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, Florida 34746

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Conduct necessary business on behalf of the SAFE Council.

Information may be obtained by contacting: Tom Duncan, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450 (Phone (850)414-4500).

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to advise the Council at least 48 hours before the meetings by contacting Tom Duncan at (850)414-4500.

The Secure Airports for Florida Economy Council announces a public Council meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 29, 2003, 4:00 p.m. to conclusion.

PLACE: 102 St. George Street, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, 6000 W. Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, Florida 34746

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Conduct necessary business of the SAFE Council.

Information may be obtained by contacting: Tom Duncan, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450 (Phone (850)414-4500).

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to advise the Council at least 48 hours before the meetings by contacting Tom Duncan at (850)414-4500.

The Florida Department of Transportation District 7 will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed improvements to US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488 in Citrus County, Florida, WPI No. 4058221 and FAP No. 1852 007P.

DATE AND TIME: November 3, 2003, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (formal portion beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

PLACE: Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable Street, Crystal River, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The hearing provides interested citizens an opportunity to ask questions and offer comments about the proposed Recommended "Build" Alternative, presented by the FDOT in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration. The Recommended Alternative proposes widening the existing 4-lane sections to 6-lanes, and implementing various Transportation System Management improvements such as signal timing, improved intersections, bicycle and sidewalk facilities, and improved access features in Citrus County. The proposed improvement would include the addition of a

restrictive median separating northbound and southbound traffic. In accordance with Department Rule 14-97.005, Florida Administrative Code, Review and Modification of Access Classifications, it is the Department's intent to change the adopted access classification of US 19 in Crystal River from W. Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NW 7th Street to Access Class 3.

This public hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771, U.S.C. 128, Chapter 120 and Section 339.155, Florida Statutes. The public hearing is in compliance with Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act and Americans with Disabilities Act. Individuals who may require special accommodations at the hearing, under ADA, should contact Mark Clasgens, by calling (800)226-7220 or (813)975-6450 at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing to: Mark Clasgens, District Seven Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612.

Tentative Program of Work For Fiscal Years July 1, 2005 Through June 30, 2009

The Florida Department of Transportation District 3 hereby announces public hearings to which all persons are invited. Specific notice is provided to the Pensacola Metropolitan Planning Organization and the County Commissioners for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties serving as MPO for their respective counties; the Tallahassee Metropolitan Planning Organization and the County Commissioners for Leon, Gadsden, Liberty, Wakulla, Franklin, and Jefferson Counties serving as MPO for their respective counties; the Fort Walton Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization and the County Commissioners for Okaloosa and Walton Counties serving as MPO for their respective counties; and the Panama City Metropolitan Planning Organization and the County Commissioners for Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, Holmes, and Calhoun Counties serving as MPO for their respective counties.

The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

1. Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, Holmes, and Calhoun Counties:

DATE AND TIME: November 6, 2003, District Three Work Program from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (CST)

PLACE: Commission Chamber Room, Panama City Hall, 9 Harrison Avenue, Panama City, Florida

2. Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties:

DATE AND TIME: November 4, 2003, District Three Work Program from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (CST)

PLACE: Haggler Mason Room, Pensacola City Hall, 180 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida 32501

3. Okaloosa and Walton Counties:

DATE AND TIME: November 7, 2003, District Three Work Program from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (CST)

PLACE: Niceville Community Center, 204 North Partin Drive, Niceville, Florida

4. Leon, Gadsden, Liberty, Wakulla, Franklin, and Jefferson Counties:

DATE AND TIME: November 3, 2003, District Three Work Program from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST)

PLACE: Commission Chamber Room, Tallahassee City Hall, 300 South Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida

Any comments or input are welcome from all local and regional interest groups, governmental entities, business enterprises, and the general public. These Hearings are held in conformance with Public Law 101-336, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Assistance for disabled persons may be arranged by contacting the Title VI/VII Coordinator at (850)638-0250, extension 511, at least 10 working days in advance of the public hearing.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: These public hearings are being conducted pursuant to Section 339.135(4)(c), Florida Statutes. The hearings serve two purposes. The purpose of the public hearings is to consider the Department's Improved Tentative Work Program for District Three, for the period 2004/2005 through 2008/2009, and to consider the necessity of making any changes to the Program.

Written comments from MPOs and other interested parties will be received by the Department at the Public Hearings and within 10 days after the Public Hearings. Comments should be addressed to: Mr. H. E. Prescott, District Secretary, Department of Transportation, District Three, Post Office Box 607, Chipley, Florida 32428.

The Florida Scenic Highways Program announces a Scenic Highways Advisory Committee meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 13, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PLACE: Rhyne Building, Room 330, 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of the meeting is to review and provide a recommendation regarding the Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway Eligibility Application and the Tamiami Trail Gulf Windows Designation Application.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: Special accommodation requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting.

INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Mariano Berrios, State Scenic Highways Coordinator, Environmental Management Office, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, MS-37, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450; telephone (850)410-5894, e-mail mariano.berrios@dot.state.fl.us, or fax (850) 410-5808.

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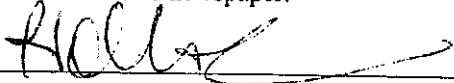
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Of the Citrus County Chronicle, a newspaper published daily at Crystal River, in Citrus County, Florida, that the attached copy of advertisement being a public notice in the matter of the

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Affiant further says that the Citrus County Chronicle is a Newspaper published at Crystal River in said Citrus County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in Citrus County, Florida, each week and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Inverness in said Citrus County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he/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.

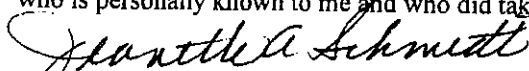


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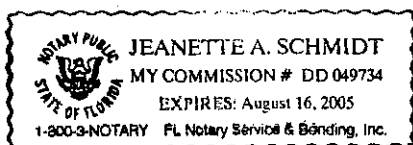
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Notary Public



PUBLIC HEARING

US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488 WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend and participate in a Public Hearing regarding the proposed improvements to US 19 (SR 55) from south of US 98 to CR 488 in Citrus County, Florida, a distance of approximately 18.8 miles. The Hearing will be held on Monday, November 3, 2003, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located at 8551 W. Venable Street, Crystal River, Florida. Please see the Project Location Map below.

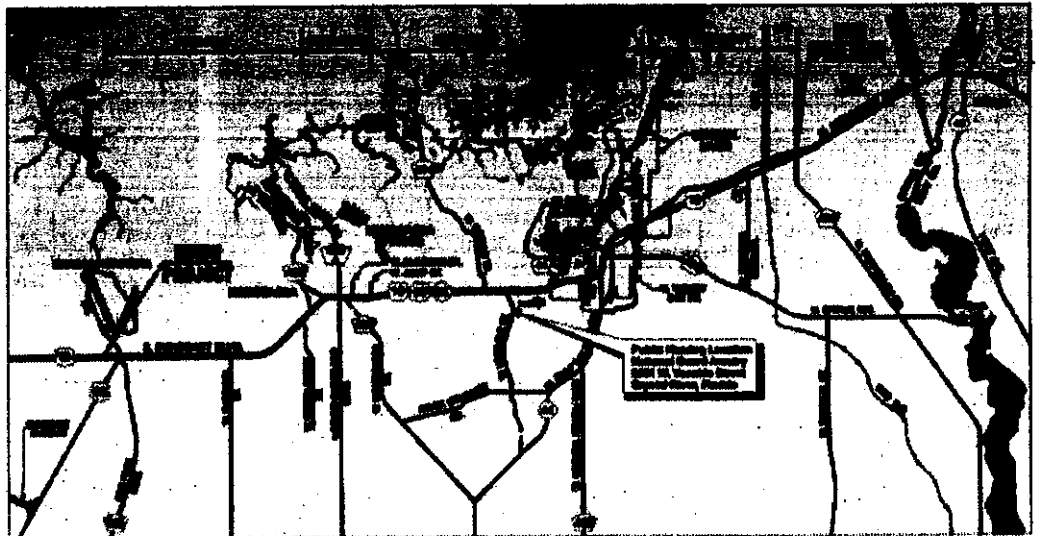
The Hearing is being held to afford persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The Recommended Alternative proposes widening the existing four-lane sections to six-lanes, and implementing various Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements such as signal timing, improved intersections, bicycle and sidewalk facilities, and improved access features. The "No Build" Alternative consists of not constructing the project and limiting improvements to routine maintenance. The "No Build" Alternative will remain a viable alternative throughout the duration of the PD&E Study.

The proposed improvements would also include the addition of a restrictive median separating northbound and southbound traffic. In accordance with Department Rule 14.97.005 Florida Administrative Code, Review and Modification of Access Classifications, it is the Department's intent to change the adopted access classification of US 19 in Crystal River from W. Fort Island Trail (CR 44) to NW 7th Street to Access Class 3.

The Study and its supporting reports will be available for public review prior to and after the Public Hearing beginning October 13, 2003 through November 13, 2003, at the Coastal Region Library, 8819 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida. These materials will also be available for review at the Hearing site between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. FDOT representatives will be available at that time to answer questions and receive comments. There will be a project video that will be shown continuously throughout the informal portion of the Hearing. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., a formal presentation will be given by the Department on the Recommended Alternative and its associated effects. Time for formal public comment will follow the presentation.

Individuals may provide comments, verbal or written, to the court reporter during the informal portion of the Hearing or by speaking during the formal portion. Written statements may also be placed in one of the comment boxes at the Public Hearing or mailed to: Robert M. Clifford, AICP, District Modal Planning & Development Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33612-6456. All comments must be postmarked by November 13, 2003 to become part of the official Public Hearing record.

We invite and encourage you to attend and participate in this Public Hearing. If you have any questions regarding the project, or if you require special considerations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, please contact Mr. Mark Clasgens, Project Manger, at (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6450 or by e-mail at mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us. Special accommodation requests should be made at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Hearing.

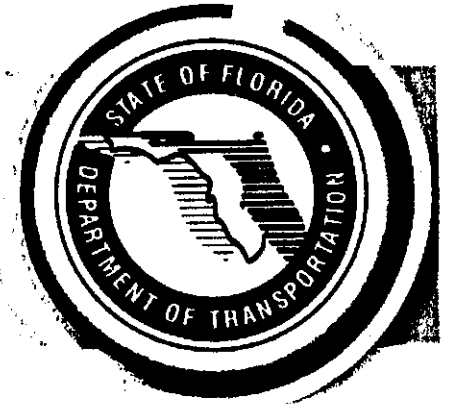


This Hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 339.155 of the Florida Statutes; 23 CFR 771; Executive Orders 11990 and 11988, and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38.



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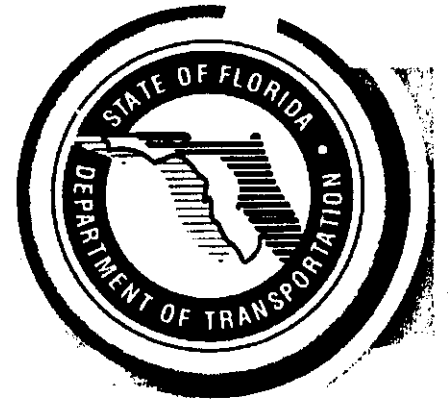
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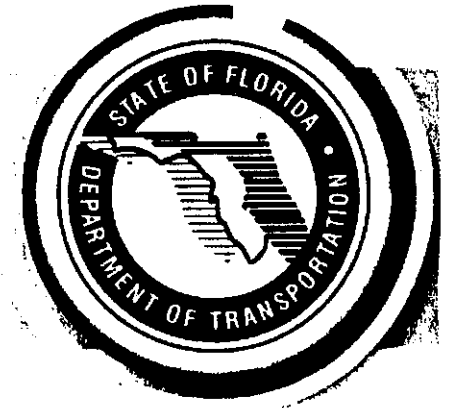
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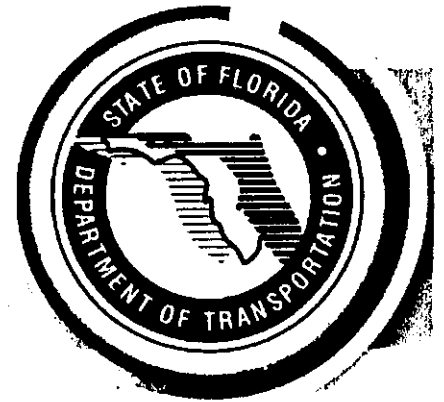
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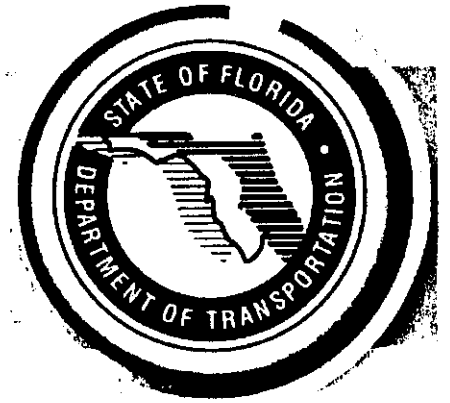
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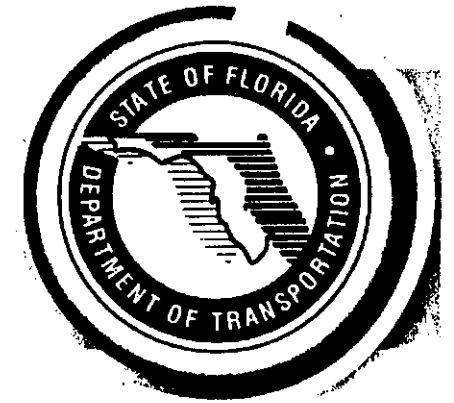
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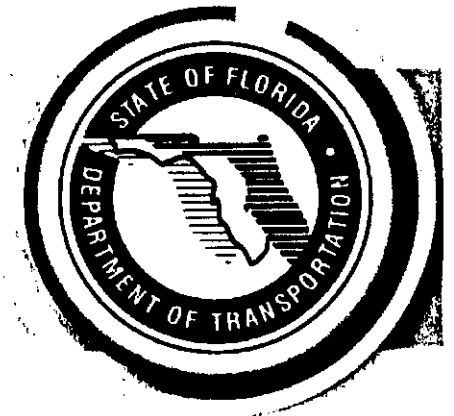
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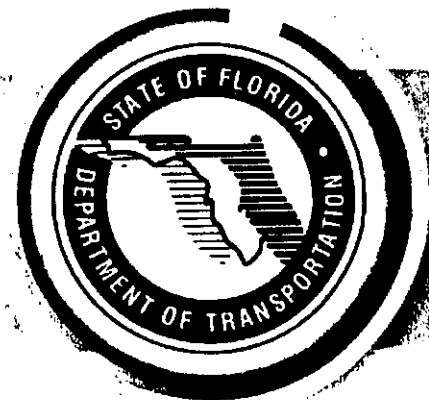
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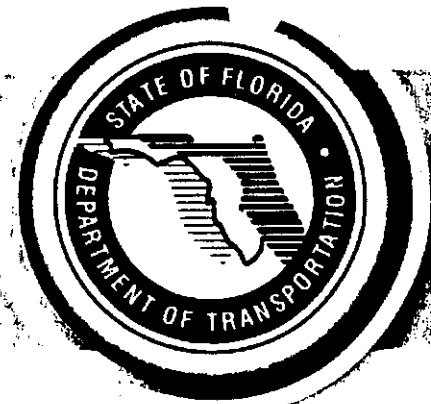
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February 18, 2004

Chairman Janet F. Masavy
Citizens Opposed to the Suncoast Tollway, Inc.
5365 N. Ranger Street
Beverly Hills, FL 34465-4684

RE: WPI Segment No. 405822 1; FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study from South of US 98 to CR 488, Citrus County

Dear Chairman Masavy,

Thank you for your comments from our November 3, 2003, Public Hearing. We apologize for the time lapse in responding to your important comments.

One of your concerns was that there are no provisions being made for Wildlife Crossings. The Department's *Wildlife Crossing Policy* states "Recognizing that the State of Florida has a comprehensive Greenways Program of land acquisition and management to preserve corridors of native habitat for wildlife throughout the state, it is the policy of the Department to evaluate wildlife crossings as deemed appropriate in consultation with other responsible agencies. This policy will be addressed through a program of public involvement which is responsive to those agencies, citizens and groups concerned with habitat and wildlife conservation so that in the planning, location, project development, design, construction and maintenance of transportation facilities these values are fully recognized and considered. Further, this policy will apply to providing crossings on existing facilities as well as in the development of planned projects."

An integral phase in the evaluation is assessing the land use adjacent to the facility. Issues such as bisecting public lands managed for wildlife usage along the corridor, fencing portions of the facility to channel the target species to the crossing structure, and the ability to maintain the desired habitat (i.e. prescribe burning) are among the factors that the Department consider. During the PD&E phase, it was determined that accommodating wildlife movement for the proposed improvements was not feasible due to the environmental setting, and non existent public lands on both sides managed for wildlife (i.e. existing corridors) or planned corridors. US 19 is very urban and the adjacent properties are mostly in private ownership. Also if there is a small corridor, fencing would be a problem. Without fencing the structures are not effective.

You also stated in your comment that runoff from the project would present a threat of pollution to the aquifer. Any widening or highway improvement project that is constructed along US 19 by

the Department of Transportation, will be consistent with current design standards, local government plans, while ensuring the safety to all motorists who use US 19. As a state agency, we are required to abide by all regulations enforced by environmental agencies including the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The Department exercises all measures to control and attenuate drainage stormwaters from its facilities, and preventing unwanted drainage onto private properties.

Thanks for your interest in the US 19 PD&E Study and participating in the public involvement process. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (813) 975-6450 / (800) 226-7220.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Clasgens
PD&E Project Manager
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February 17, 2004

Rev. David S. Bradford
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
1070 North Suncoast Boulevard
Crystal River, Florida 34429

RE: WPI Seg. No. 405822 1 / FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) from South of US 98 to CR 488 / Citrus County

Dear Reverend Bradford:

I would like to thank you for participating in the Public Hearing for the US 19 (SR 55) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study held on November 3, 2003. We apologize for the delayed response.

Your comment expressed concern that northbound vehicles are not provided with a turn lane and direct access to your church property. The spacing and type of median openings shown at the Public Hearing for this portion of US 19 were developed to be in substantial compliance with FDOT policy for the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS). They are consistent with the access management plan developed by Citrus County to improve safety and access control. As such, they have been reviewed and approved by the Department's Median Review Committee. A focus of the access management plan was on improving safety by reducing conflict points with a reduction of median openings. Introduction of another median opening in the vicinity of your property would not be in compliance with FDOT policy and would potentially reduce the safety of the facility. Vehicles traveling northbound will be able to access your property by making a U-turn at West Mayo Drive, just 300 feet north of your property. In a similar way, vehicles leaving your property wanting to travel northbound can enter the southbound left-turn lane directly across from your driveway and make a U-turn. It is also important to note that these plans are preliminary in nature, and final median openings will be determined during the design phase, which currently is not programmed in the FDOT five-year work program. In addition, there will be further opportunities for you to comment during the design phase.

If you have any further questions regarding this project, please contact me at (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6450 or by e-mail to mark.clasgens@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Mark Clasgens
PD&E Project Manager

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February 16, 2004

Jerry Kelley
11184 West Samson Lane
Crystal River, FL 34428

RE: WPI Segment No. 405822 1; FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study from South of US 98 to CR 488, Citrus County

Dear Mr. Kelley,

Thank you for your interest in our project. I am writing to you in response to your question from our November 3, 2003, Public Hearing regarding traffic counts and their relationships to capacity on SR 44 near the intersection of US 19. The SR 44 segment adjacent to US 19 is currently classified as rural and it is part of the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS). There is a traffic count location just over a mile east of US 19. The average annual daily traffic (AADT) at that location in year 2002 was 21,500 vehicles per day. This segment of roadway is in the process of being reclassified by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) based on the latest census. Upon approval, the Level of Service (LOS) standard for this segment will be "C" which has a general capacity of 32,800 vehicles per day based on the number of signals per mile and other existing traffic factors and variables.

If you have additional questions, you may contact me at (813) 975-6450. Thanks again for your interest in the US 19 PD&E Study.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Clasgens
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February 12, 2004

M.L. Gudis
P.O. Box 111
Crystal River, FL 34423

RE: WPI Segment No. 405822 1; FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study from South of US 98 to CR 488, Citrus County

Dear Mr. Gudis,

I am responding to your comments from our November 3rd, 2003 Public Hearing. You requested a copy of the recommended alternative for Segment 2 from station number 415 to station 430. Per your request please find attached Sheet No. 12.

Thanks for your interest in the US 19 PD&E Study and participating in the public involvement process.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Clasgens
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Robert Mallock
9 Byrsonima Ct.
Homosassa, FL 34446

RE: WPI Segment No. 405822 1; FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study from South of US 98 to CR 488, Citrus County

Dear Mr. Mallock,

I am responding to your comments from our November 3rd, 2003 Public Hearing. You requested two copies of aerials for Segment One from South of US 98 to West Green Acres St. Per your request please find attached two copies of Sheets No. 1 through 10.

Thanks for your interest in the US 19 PD&E Study.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Clagens
PD&E Project Manager
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February 12, 2004

James T. Sanders
137 Douglas St.
Homosassa, FL 34446

RE: WPI Segment No. 405822 1; FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study from South of US 98 to CR 488, Citrus County

Dear Mr. Sanders,

I am responding to your comments from our November 3rd, 2003 Public Hearing. You requested aerials for Segment One showing the proposed access to your property located within International Plaza. Per your request please find attached Sheet No. 3.

Thanks for your interest in the US 19 PD&E Study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark E. Clasgens".

Mark E. Clasgens
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February 12, 2004

Ernest Woods
2 N.W. Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34428

RE: WPI Segment No. 405822 1; FAP No. 1852 007 P
US 19 (SR 55) PD&E Study from South of US 98 to CR 488, Citrus County

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am responding to your comments from our November 3rd, 2003 Public Hearing. You requested a copy of Preliminary Concept plans showing station number 440 to station 445 and station 805 to 810. Per your request please find attached Sheet No. 13 and 26.

Thanks you for your interest in the US 19 PD&E Study and participating in the public involvement process.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Clasgens
PD&E Project Manager
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Appendix E

Official Public Hearing Transcript

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ORIGINAL

PUBLIC HEARING CITRUS COUNTY

U.S. 19 (S.R. 55)
FROM SOUTH OF U.S. 98 TO C.R. 488
WPI SEGMENT NO.: 405822 I
FEDERAL-AID PROGRAM NO.: 1852 D07 P

DATE: Monday, November 3, 2003
TIME: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: National Guard Armory
8551 West Venable Street
Crystal River, Florida 34428
REPORTED BY: MS. SHARON A. HARBITZ-TARTLER
Certified Shorthand Reporter
Notary Public
State of Florida at Large

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1 MR. CLIFFORD: Good evening. My name is
2 Bob Clifford, and I am the Modal Planning and
3 Development Manager for District Seven of the
4 Florida Department of Transportation. Welcome to
5 the U.S. 19 Project and Development and Environment
6 Study Public Hearing.

7 This Public Hearing concerns the proposed
8 improvements on U.S. 19 from south of U.S. 98
9 to C.R. 488. Today is Monday, November 3, 2003,
10 and it is approximately 6 p.m.

11 This is your opportunity to receive
12 information on the project and to publicly
13 and officially comment on the recommended "build"
14 alternative and other documents available here
15 tonight.

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

20 This Project Development and Environment
21 Study, or PD&E Study, and Public Hearing are
22 conducted under applicable federal and state laws.
23 Those citations, along with the advertisement
24 dates, are listed on the board next to the sign-in
25 table.

1 When you arrived this evening, you should have
2 received a handout and matrix containing
3 information concerning the project, a comment
4 sheet and a speaker's card. If you did not, please
5 raise your hand if you would like this information.

6 At this time, I would like to introduce
7 representatives that may assist you in answering
8 any questions regarding the materials or displays
9 that we have here this evening.

10 First I would like to introduce Mark Clasgens,
11 Project Manager; Kirk Bogen, District Project
12 Engineer; Doug Reed, Consultant Project Manager;
13 Rick Adair, Department Environmental Coordinator;
14 Dwayne Kile, District Design Engineer; and
15 Marian Scorza, District Public Information Office.

16 I will now show a video presentation that
17 describes the project need, evaluation process and
18 proposed alternatives.

19 After the video, you will be given
20 an opportunity to make an oral statement during
21 this formal portion.

22 (The video presentation was shown and was
23 transcribed as follows):

24 "The Florida Department of Transportation
25 welcomes you to tonight's Public Hearing for the

1 proposed improvements to U.S. 19 (S.R. 55) in
2 Citrus County, Florida.

3 "The growth Citrus County experienced in
4 recent years has placed a strain on the regional
5 and local transportation system. Anticipated
6 future growth will aggravate conditions on this
7 already congested facility.

8 "Transportation solutions need to be
9 developed to meet regional and local
10 transportation goals, but also consider local
11 community needs and values.

12 "The need for this project has been identified
13 in the Citrus County, City of Crystal River
14 Comprehensive Plan.

15 "Tonight's Hearing will present information
16 about the Project Development and Environment,
17 PD&E, Study for U.S. 19 from south of U.S. 98 to
18 C.R. 488, a distance of approximately 18.8 miles.

19 "Within the project limits, U.S. 19 is part
20 of the National Highway System and the Florida
21 Intrastate Highway System. The facility also
22 serves as the major hurricane evacuation route
23 for this part of the county.

24 "The intent of a PD&E Study is to evaluate
25 and document engineering and environmental issues

1 associated with the alternatives developed and
2 to select a recommended alternative based upon that
3 analysis.

4 "The purpose of the Hearing is to present the
5 recommended alternative and its associated impact
6 and to receive community input on the information
7 presented.

8 "We welcome your comments and input for the
9 U.S. 19 PD&E Study and look forward to your
10 continued participation.

11 "Also, this Hearing is being held in
12 accordance with Department Rule 14.97.005
13 of the Florida Administrative Code, Review and
14 Modification of Access Classifications.

15 "It is the Department's intent to change the
16 adopted access classification code of U.S. 19 in
17 Crystal River from West Fort Island Trail
18 (C.R. 44) to Northwest 7th Street to Access
19 Class 3. This reclassification is consistent
20 with the Citrus County U.S. 19 Access Management
21 Action Plan.

22 "To assist in the alternatives analyses, the
23 project was divided into six segments based on
24 existing and future land use, projected traffic
25 volumes, existing typical sections and available

1 right-of-way.

2 "Segment 1: South of U.S. 98 to West Green
3 Acres Street in Homosassa.

4 "Segment 2: West Green Acres Street to
5 West Jump Court in Homosassa Springs.

6 "Segment 3: West Jump Court to West Fort
7 Island Trail (C.R. 44) in Homosassa Springs.

8 "Segment 4: West Fort Island Trail to
9 Northeast 1st Terrace.

10 "Segment 5: Northeast Terrace to Turkey
11 Oak Drive.

12 "Segment 6: Turkey Oak Drive to North
13 Dunnellon Road (C.R. 488).

14 "The recommended alternative for Segment 1
15 is a six-lane divided rural facility with three
16 twelve-foot travel lanes and an eight-foot paved
17 inside shoulder with alternating guardrail in
18 each direction, separated by a forty-two-foot
19 depressed grass median.

20 "Southbound U.S. 19 will also have an
21 eight-foot outside shoulder, five feet of which is
22 paved, and a twelve-foot multi-use path along the
23 western right-of-way line.

24 "The existing four-foot northbound U.S.
25 19 outside shoulder will be widened to five feet

1 and a five-foot sidewalk will be provided along the
2 eastern right-of-way line. A pedestrian overpass
3 is also proposed just south of U.S. 98.

4 "The recommended alternative for Segment 2
5 consists of two typical sections. For the
6 southern and northern portions of the segment,
7 the recommended alternative is a six-lane divided
8 urban facility with three twelve-foot travel lanes
9 and a four-foot bicycle lane in each direction,
10 separated by a thirty-foot raised median.

11 "Five-foot sidewalks are provided along both
12 sides of U.S. 19 for most of the segment. However,
13 from West Green Acres Street to West Yulee Drive, a
14 twelve-foot multi-use path is provided along the
15 western right-of-way line.

16 "In an effort to minimize impacts, a reduced
17 typical section was evaluated from West Yulee Drive
18 to West Elkhorn Drive, where the existing
19 right-of-way is less.

20 "This typical section is a six-lane divided
21 urban facility with two eleven-foot inside travel
22 lanes, one twelve-foot outside travel lane and
23 a four-foot bicycle lane in each direction,
24 separated by a twenty-foot raised median.
25 Five-foot sidewalks are provided within a

1 twelve-foot border along both sides of U.S. 19.

2 "The recommended alternative for Segment 3
3 is a six-lane divided urban facility with three
4 twelve-foot travel lanes and a four-foot bicycle
5 lane in each direction, separated by a thirty-foot
6 raised median. Five-foot sidewalks are also
7 provided within a forty-five-foot border along both
8 sides of the roadway.

9 "A Transportation Systems Management
10 alternative is the recommended alternative for
11 Segment 4.

12 "Recommended improvements include converting
13 the existing two-way, center turn lane to a
14 seventeen-foot raised median. This alternative
15 also includes milling and resurfacing of the
16 existing roadway to allow for three twelve-foot
17 travel lanes.

18 "Twelve-foot multi-use paths are provided
19 adjacent to the right-of-way line along both sides
20 of U.S. 19.

21 "The recommended alternative for Segment 5 was
22 developed to minimize impacts to established
23 businesses in Crystal River.

24 "From Northeast 1st Terrace to Turkey Oak
25 Drive, the proposed typical section is a six-lane

1 divided urban roadway with two eleven-foot interior
2 travel lanes and one twelve-foot outside travel
3 lane, separated by a raised sixteen-foot median.

4 "Six-foot sidewalks are provided adjacent to
5 the curb along both sides of the facility. A
6 pedestrian overpass is proposed for the Crystal
7 River Bike Path over U.S. 19.

8 "Since no provisions for bicyclists were
9 developed in Segment 5 due to the resulting
10 right-of-way impacts, bicyclists will exit U.S.
11 19 at Southeast King's Bay Drive in Segment 4.

12 "However, an alternative bike route can
13 be developed by utilizing existing side streets
14 and the Crystal River Bike Path.

15 "For Segment 6, only operational improvements
16 are proposed at the Dunnellon Road intersection.
17 The improvements include extending the northbound
18 left and right turn lanes at North Dunnellon Road
19 (C.R. 488), extending the southbound left turn
20 lane at North Dunnellon Road and adding an
21 exclusive right turn lane along westbound North
22 Dunnellon Road.

23 "These improvements will facilitate a signal
24 at the intersection of U.S. 19 and North Dunnellon
25 Road when it is warranted.

1 "The "no-build" alternative consists of not
2 constructing the recommended alternative and
3 limiting improvements to routine maintenance.

4 "The "no-build" alternative is considered
5 to be a viable alternative and will remain so
6 throughout the duration of this study.

7 "The PD&E Study analyzed various factors to
8 assess potential impacts resulting from
9 implementing the recommended alternative. They
10 include, for example:

11 "Right-of way acquisition and relocation
12 aspects; floodplains and wetlands involvement;
13 noise and air quality effects; involvement with
14 cultural and historic resources, and potential
15 contamination involvement.

16 "These potential effects are summarized in
17 the Evaluation Matrix provided in the project
18 handout and on display in the graphics area.

19 "FDOT representatives are here tonight to
20 discuss any questions you may have regarding
21 subject such as these.

22 "We welcome your comments and questions
23 on any aspect of the project. During the
24 formal portion of the Hearing that begins at
25 6 p.m., all interested citizens will be provided

1 the opportunity to make comments and statements
2 regarding the "build" and "no-build" alternatives.

3 "If you would like to make a comment that is
4 part of the official Public Hearing record, you
5 may comment in one of the following four ways:

6 "First, you can make an oral statement during
7 the formal portion of the Hearing; second, you can
8 make an oral statement to the court reporter here
9 tonight in a one-on-one setting; third, you can
10 complete the comment form provided in the brochure
11 and submit it to the court reporter or drop it in
12 one of the comment boxes; or fourth, you can
13 complete and mail written comments to the address
14 listed on the comment form provided.

15 "Comments submitted in any one of these four
16 ways will be included in the official record of
17 the Public Hearing proceedings.

18 "All four types of comments will be considered
19 equally in the selection of the final recommended
20 alternative.

21 "The public comment period for this Public
22 Hearing will remain open for ten days. All
23 submittals must be post-marked by November 13,
24 2003 in order to be included in the official
25 Public Hearing record.

1 "Upon review and consideration of public
2 comments from this Hearing, the environmental
3 document will be provided to the Federal
4 Highway Administration for approval.

5 "Following environmental document approval
6 by FHWA, a final newsletter announcing the approved
7 alternative will be mailed to all those individuals
8 on the project mailing list.

9 "The FDOT's Adopted Work Program, Fiscal Year
10 2003/2004-2007/2008, has design money funded for
11 fiscal year 2003/2004 for Segment 2 from West
12 Green Acres Street to West Jump Court and Segment
13 4 from West Fort Island Trail (C.R. 44) to
14 Northeast 1st Terrace.

15 "Right-of-way reserve, or partial funding,
16 is funded in fiscal year 2007/2008. Construction
17 is not currently funded.

18 "Thank you for attending the Public Hearing
19 for U.S. 19 in Citrus County. We appreciate your
20 participation and look forward to your continued
21 interest in this important project."

22 (The video presentation was concluded.)

23 MR. CLIFFORD: As the video describes, you may
24 provide your comments by giving an oral statement
25 to the court reporter in a one-on-one setting.

1 For those of you who prefer to provide written
2 comments, you may complete the comment form
3 included in your handout that can be submitted
4 to the court reporter, dropped in one of the
5 comment boxes or mailed to us at the pre-printed
6 address.

7 To be included as a part of the official
8 Public Hearing document, all letters and
9 correspondence need to be post-marked no later than
10 November 13, 2003.

11 You may also provide your comments during this
12 portion of the Public Hearing. Is there anybody
13 who wishes to make any comments during this
14 portion of the Hearing? Seeing none, I'll move on.

15 The Public Hearing transcript, written
16 statements, exhibits and reference materials will
17 be available for public inspection at the District
18 Seven Office of the Florida Department of
19 Transportation located at 11201 North McKinley
20 Drive in Tampa, Florida within three weeks.

21 It is approximately 6:15, and I hereby
22 officially close the formal portion of the
23 Public Hearing of the U.S. 19 PD&E Study.

24 The Florida Department of Transportation
25 wishes to thank you for attending. Good evening.

1 (The formal portion of the Public Hearing
2 concluded.)

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6 STEVE VARNADOE

7 REMAX

8 504 NORTHEAST HIGHWAY 19

9 CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA 34429

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11 MR. VARNADOE: Steve Varnadoe, address 504
12 Northeast Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida,
13 34429.

14 I just want to go on record to say that a
15 widening of 19 would devastate the parking lot
16 and the building that we recently acquired on 19.

17 We are going through extensive remodeling on
18 that building and are relocating our business there
19 right now.

20 Obviously if the widening occurs, we will lose
21 a good part of our property and our building will
22 no longer be able to function there.

23 And we would like to see the state look at
24 other alternatives to the widening of 19 and
25 hopefully to another path.

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3 REVEREND DAVID S. BRADFORD
4 ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5 1070 NORTH SUNCOAST BOULEVARD
6 CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA 34429
7

8 REVEREND BRADFORD: My name is Reverend
9 David S. Bradford. I'm a pastor at St. Timothy
10 Lutheran Church at 1070 North Suncoast Boulevard,
11 Crystal River, 34429.

12 My concern is about a turn-off lane for the
13 church which is located in Section 3 of the plan.
14 I'm concerned that there is no turn-off for the
15 church currently and there is no turn-off for
16 the church planned in the specified plans shown
17 on the wall here.

18 My concern is that the church is a very
19 active public building. I would like to
20 see them plan for a turn-off, especially from
21 the north to south for northbound on 19 so
22 people can turn north.

23 Currently people have to go half a block
24 further and do a u-turn into oncoming traffic
25 in order to access the church coming south to

1 north.

2 I believe that moving the current -- or
3 expanding the current turn-off lane would allow
4 for easier access to the church and much less
5 hazard to people coming in and out of the
6 church.

7 Our church is a public polling place. We
8 have activities for children and families through
9 the week and are planning an expansion of
10 services in terms of a possible daycare or
11 after-school care.

12 Therefore, I think with that traffic and
13 in terms of safety turn-off, I would request
14 they consider putting in a turn-off lane for
15 access to the church. Thank you. And I'll
16 write that up and send that in also.

17 That's the concern of the members. We're all
18 in favor of the project, but we don't have a
19 turn-off now.

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JERRY KELLEY
11184 WEST SAMSON LANE
CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA 34428

MR. KELLEY: Jerry Kelley, 11184 West Samson Lane, Crystal River, 34428. The question is on S.R. 44.

I would like to know what the capacity -- vehicle capacity of a four-lane highway is and also whether there is any current counts on S.R. 44 in, say, the first mile of it from U.S. 19 where it intersects at S.R. 44 and what those traffic counts are in relationship to its capacity.

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(The Public Hearing concluded at 7:30 p.m.)

1 STATE OF FLORIDA

2 COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

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4 I, SHARON A. HARBITZ-TARTLER, Certified
5 Shorthand Reporter, certify that I was authorized to and
6 did stenographically report the foregoing Public Hearing;
7 and that the transcript is a true record of the Public
8 Hearing.

9 I further certify that I am not a relative,
10 employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor
11 am I a relative or employee of and of the parties'
12 attorney or counsel connected with this action, nor am
13 I financially interested in the action.

14 Dated this 10th day of November, 2003, at
15 Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.



22 *Sharon A. Harbitz-Tartler*

23 SHARON A. HARBITZ-TARTLER
24 Certified Shorthand Reporter
25 Notary Public - State of Florida
Transcript Ordered: 11/3/03