

# Public Hearing Scrapbook

US 301 (Gall Blvd.)

## Project Development & Environment Study

from S. of Proposed SR 56 to S. of SR 39 (Buchman Highway)

Work Program Item Segment Number: 416564-1



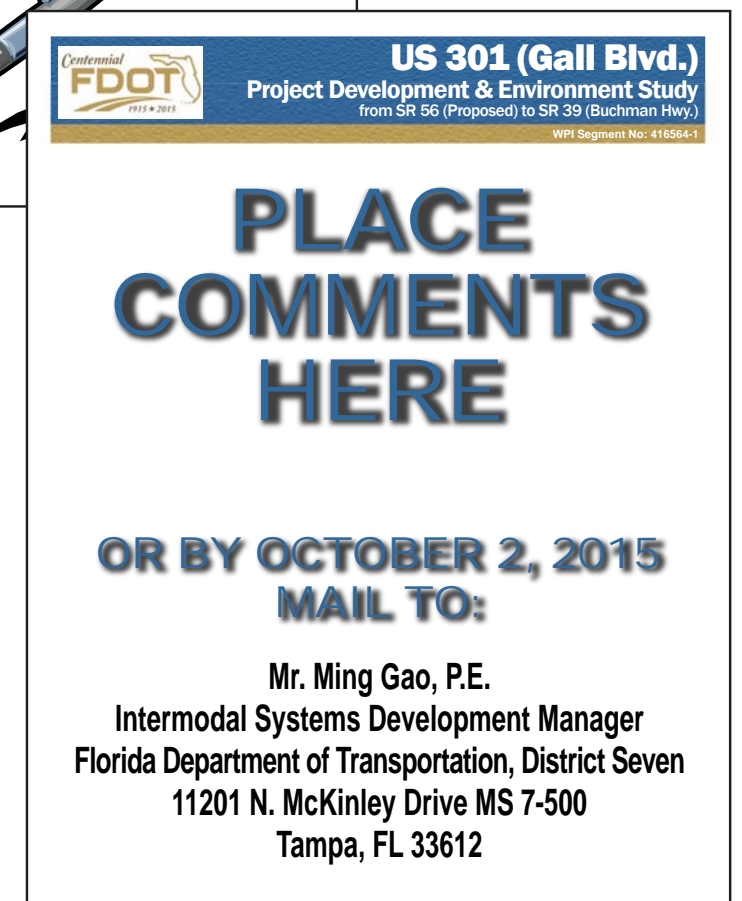
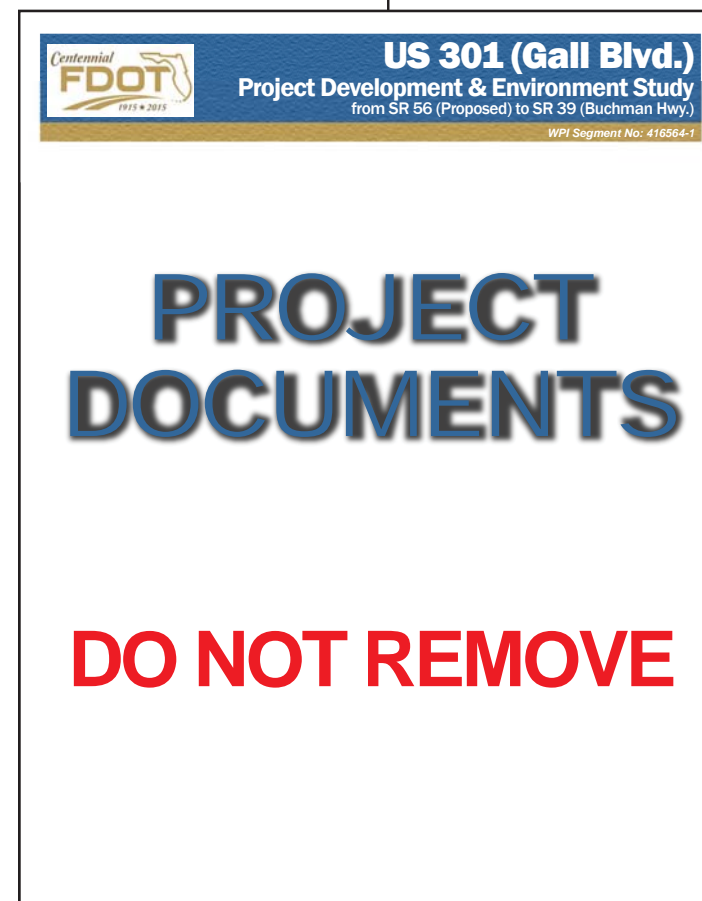
**New Hope Baptist Church**  
**3514 Allen Road**  
**Zephyrhills, FL**  
**September 22, 2015**



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## Public Hearing Scrapbook

The purpose of this Public Hearing Scrapbook is to document the information that was presented at the US 301 (Gall Blvd) PD&E study Public Hearing. This document includes the following information:

- Advertisements and notifications;
- The description of the proposed improvements;
- Display graphics presented;
- Citizen sign-in sheets;
- Public Hearing handouts; and
- The powerpoint/video presentation with script.

Also, a DVD is included containing electronic files of this scrapbook as well as the video presentation shown at the hearing and copies of the display boards. The draft project documents were available at the hearing.

## Project Description

US 301 is a major north-south roadway used for travel through Pasco County. It is an important roadway in the Tampa Bay area regional transportation network, carrying regional traffic from west central Florida to other areas of the state and the nation. The focus of this study is the proposed widening of the section of US 301 between the proposed new intersection of US 301 and SR 56 on the south, and the realigned SR 39 intersection to the north. As many as 12,500 vehicles per day currently travel this section of US 301 and it is important to consider how this corridor will continue to serve this region in the future. The need to widen US 301 to four lanes is based on several factors:

- By the year 2040, traffic on US 301 will grow to an estimated 39,500 vehicles per day causing an unacceptable level of service on the existing two-lane roadway;
- US 301 is a designated emergency evacuation route, and maintaining acceptable operation conditions is vital to the safety and welfare of residents of Pasco County;
- US 301 is identified as a regional roadway by the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Chairs Coordinating Committee and is included in the Regional Roadway Network. It is a critical link in the local and regional transportation network, supporting a growing economy and the safe and efficient movement of freight and goods throughout the state.

The currently adopted 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization also documents the need to widen US 301.

Within the study area, US 301 is a two-lane undivided roadway with one 12-foot travel lane in each direction, paved shoulders and no sidewalks. The existing right-of-way is generally 100 feet wide. The existing posted speed limit ranges from 45 to 55 miles per hour. The recommended alternative includes widening US 301 to a 4-lane divided roadway. Two typical sections are being proposed and both will require additional right-of way along the existing corridor. The first typical section will extend from the future SR 56 intersection to Chancey Road. This proposed roadway will have two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, with a 54-foot wide grassed median, 7-foot paved shoulders (also buffered bicycle lanes) and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. In the future, this roadway could be expanded to 6 lanes by adding two lanes on the inside and reducing the median width.

The second typical section will extend from Chancey Road to the realigned SR 39 intersection. This proposed roadway will have two 11-foot travel lanes in each direction, with a 33-foot to 54-foot wide grassed median, 7-foot paved shoulders (also buffered bicycle lanes) and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. This typical section would serve as a transition to the ultimate 4-lane section of US 301 that begins just north of the realigned SR 39 intersection.

## Public Hearing Summary

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a public hearing for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements to US 301 in Pasco County, Florida. This public hearing was held to allow interested persons an opportunity to provide comments concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of widening US 301 from State Road (SR) 56 (proposed) to just south of the realigned intersection at SR 39 (Buchman Highway), a distance of approximately 2 miles.

On August 28, 2015, public hearing notifications were mailed/emailed to:

- 267 property owners and interested parties;
- 41 agencies; and
- 28 elected officials.

Advertisements for the public hearing were published in the Tampa Tribune, Tampa Bay Times and Centro Tampa on August 28 and September 11, 2015; and in the Florida Administrative Register on September 15, 2015.

Below are the date, time, location, and number of attendees at the public hearing.

## New Hope Baptist Church



DATE: September 22, 2015  
 TIME: Open House at 5:00 p.m. and formal hearing at 6:00 p.m.  
 WHERE: New Hope Baptist Church, 3514 Allen Road  
 Zephyrhills, Fl  
 ATTENDEES: 30

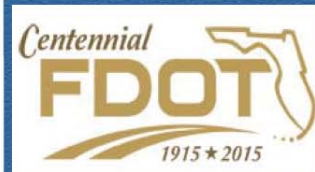
The draft project documents were on display at the hearing. A project video showed continuously during the open-house portions of the hearing. FDOT representatives were available to answer questions and take comments.

One comment form was collected at the hearing, three additional comments were received by mail following the hearing, and one person spoke during the formal session.

Based on funding opportunities, it was determined that the environmental document for this project would be processed as a Design Change Re-evaluation.

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

# Advertisements and Notifications



# US 301 (Gall Blvd.) Project Development & Environment Study from SR 56 (Proposed) to SR 39 (Buchman Hwy.)

WPI Segment No: 416564-1 Pasco County, Florida August 2015

**The Public Hearing is being held in the following location:**

Date: September 22, 2015  
Place: New Hope Baptist Church  
3514 Allen Road  
Zephyrhills, FL 33541  
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Open House  
6:00 pm - Formal Presentation

**We Want Your Input!**

A successful project depends on the public's participation in the project's development.

To provide comments, ask questions, and make suggestions about the project contact:

Stephanie Pierce  
Project Manager  
813-975-6445  
800-226-7220

or

Kris Carson  
Public Information Officer  
813-975-6202  
800-226-7220

**Send written comments to:**

Ming Gao, PE  
Intermodal Systems Development Manager  
Florida Department of Transportation  
District Seven  
11201 N. McKinley Drive  
MS 7-500  
Tampa, FL 33612-6456

**Email comments to:**

stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us

You may submit written comments or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral comments, at the hearing or by mailing your comments to the address preprinted on the back of the attached comment form or enter them on the project website at [www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39). All comments or other exhibits must be postmarked no later than Friday, October 2, 2015 to become part of the official public hearing record.

**Dear Property Owner or Interested Citizen:**

You are invited to attend and participate in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven public hearing for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements to US 301 in Pasco County, Florida. This public hearing is being held to allow interested persons an opportunity to provide comments concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of widening US 301 from State Road (SR) 56 (proposed) to just south of the realigned intersection at SR 39 (Buchman Highway), a distance of approximately 2 miles.

The study considered two alternatives: widening US 301 to the east of the existing corridor and the No-Build or do-nothing alternative. The widening of US 301 is proposed as a four lane divided roadway with pedestrian and bicycle facilities on both sides of the roadway. Additional information may be found at the study website: [www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39).

This letter serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to F.S. 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the edge of right of way of the proposed project. However, this does not mean that all properties will be directly affected.

Draft project documents and other project-related materials will be displayed, and a PowerPoint presentation will run continuously during the open house. A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting. Written comments can also be submitted at the hearing, mailed to the FDOT, or emailed to [stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us). All comments must be postmarked or emailed by Friday, October 2, 2015.

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If you have questions about the project or the scheduled hearing, please contact Stephanie Pierce, FDOT Project Manager, at (813) 975-6445, or [stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

Ming Gao, P.E.  
Intermodal Systems  
Development Manager



Draft project documents will be available for public review at the following locations from September 1, 2015 to October 2, 2015:

Zephyrhills Public Library 5347 8th Street Zephyrhills, FL 33542 Tue-Fri 9 am - 7 pm Sat 9 am - 12 pm	FDOT District Seven 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, FL 33612 Mon-Fri 8 am - 5 pm
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**From:** Esposito, Robert <Robert.Esposito@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 10:28 AM  
**To:** danny.burgess@myfloridahouse.gov; Wilton Simpson (simpson.wilton@flsenate.gov); John Legg (legg.john@flsenate.gov); Richard Corcoran (richard.corcoran@myfloridahouse.gov); Jack Mariano (jmariano@pascocountyfl.net); Kathryn Starkey; Lucille Paterno; Mary Leczar; Michele Isitt; Mike Moore; Mike Wells; Ted Schrader (tschrader@pascocountyfl.net)  
**Cc:** Marable, Lori; Carson, Kristen; Botello, David; Robertson, Summer; Becky Zizzo (zizzo.becky@flsenate.gov); REIDY.RICH; Jim. Browne (Browne.Jim@flsenate.gov); Till, Jonathan; robin.ringeisen@myfloridahouse.gov; Judy Parker (parker.judy@flsenate.gov); Graumann, Doris; jared.ochs@myfloridahouse.gov  
**Subject:** US 301 - from SR 56 (proposed) to SR 39 (Buchman Hwy)  
**Attachments:** FINAL 416564-1 US 301 Public Hearing Newsletter.pdf

**Dear Elected Officials and Staff:**

You are invited to attend and participate in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven public hearing for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements to US 301 in Pasco County, Florida. This public hearing is being held to allow interested persons an opportunity to provide comments concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of widening US 301 from State Road (SR) 56 (proposed) to just south of the realigned intersection at SR 39 (Buchman Highway), a distance of approximately 2 miles. Work Program Item Segment No. 416564-1.

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Your involvement is important to FDOT and to the success of this study. We invite you to share your ideas and comments about the proposed improvements at our upcoming public hearing from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at New Hope Baptist Church, 3514 Allen Road, Zephyrhills, FL. FDOT representatives will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. to answer questions and discuss the project informally. Draft project documents and other project-related materials will be displayed, and a PowerPoint presentation will run continuously during the open house. A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting.

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- Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven Headquarters, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612-6456 (Business hours: Monday to Friday: (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Draft project documents will also be displayed at the public hearing. Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Ming Gao, P.E., Intermodal Systems Development Manager, FDOT, District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive MS 7-500, Tampa, FL 33612, or electronically to the project website at [www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39). All exhibits or statements must be postmarked or emailed no later than Friday, October 2, 2015 to become part of the official public hearing record.

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Sincerely,

Bob Esposito  
Florida Department of Transportation  
District 7 Government Affairs Liaison



11201 North McKinley Drive  
Tampa, FL 33612  
Cell 813-245-3509  
Phone 813-975-6038

**Centro Tampa**

Published weekly by The Tampa Tribune  
Hillsborough County, Florida

State of Florida  
County of Hillsborough

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared C. Pugh, who on oath says that she is the Advertising Billing Analyst of Centro Tampa, a weekly newspaper published in Hillsborough County, Florida, that the attached copy of the

Ads in THE Centro Tampa

In the matter of Legal Notices

was published in said newspaper in the issues of

09/11, 08/28/2015

Affiant further says that the said Centro Tampa is a newspaper published in said Hillsborough County, Florida, each week and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Tampa, in said Hillsborough County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed by me, this 11 day of Sept. A.D. 2015

Personally Known or Produced Identification  
Type of Identification Produced



**The Tampa Tribune**

Published Daily  
Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

State of Florida  
County of Hillsborough

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared C. Pugh, who on oath says that she is the Advertising Billing Analyst of The Tampa Tribune, a daily newspaper published in Hillsborough County and distributed to Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Hernando & Highlands Counties, Florida, that the attached copy of the advertising being a

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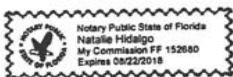
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**Gente**

**GALA CON UN PROPÓSITO**

Course of Action Foundation se creó para proporcionar becas universitarias a quienes desean realizar estudios internacionales en materia económica con miras a establecer investigación e intercambio. La semana pasada la Fundación presentó una beca por \$ 5,000 a USF College de diseño en el marco de una gala en la que habló Frank Sánchez, ex subsecretario de comercio. Fotos: Myraan / Foto: Myraan



US 301 (Gall Blvd.) Estudio de Planificación y Ambiental (PD & E) Desde la futura SR 56 hasta SR 39 (Buchman Hwy), Condado de Pasco WPI Segmento No: 416564-1

Usted está invitado a asistir y participar en la audiencia pública que organiza el Departamento de Transporte de Florida (FDOT), Distrito Siete para un proyecto de Planificación y Ambiental (PD & E) por sus siglas en inglés) que evalúa las mejores propuestas en la audiencia pública que se realizará entre las 17:00 y las 19:00 horas del Martes, 22 de septiembre 2015 en New Hope Baptist Church, 3514 Allen Road, Zephyrhills, FL. Representantes del FDOT estarán disponibles a partir de las 5:00 p.m. para contestar preguntas y discutir el proyecto de manera informal. Se mostrarán los documentos y otros materiales relacionados con el proyecto, y se proyectará una presentación de PowerPoint de forma continua. Un reportero de la corte estará disponible para recibir comentarios en un entorno de uno-a-uno.

A las 6:00 de la tarde, representantes FDOT comenzarán la parte formal de la audiencia, que proporcionará la oportunidad de hacer comentarios públicos formales. Después de la parte formal de la audiencia, el taller público informal se reanudará y continuará hasta las 7:00 pm. Usted puede asistir en cualquier momento durante la reunión de dos horas para revisar la información del proyecto y hablar de uno-a-uno con los miembros del equipo del proyecto. FDOT valora y agradece la participación de todos.

Los documentos preliminares relativos al proyecto estarán disponibles para la revisión pública desde el mes de septiembre 2015 hasta el viernes, 02 de octubre 2015 en los siguientes lugares:

- Biblioteca Pública de Zephyrhills, 5347 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL (Horario: Domingo y lunes cerrado; de martes a viernes de 9:00 am a 7:00 pm; Sábado 09 a 12:00 pm.)
- Departamento de Transporte, Sede del Distrito Siete, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida Florida 33612-6456 (Horario: Lunes a viernes: 8:00 am a 5:00 pm)

Los documentos preliminares del proyecto también se mostrarán en la audiencia pública. Las personas que deseen hacer declaraciones por escrito en lugar de o además de declaraciones orales, pueden hacerlo en la audiencia o mediante el envío a Ming Gao, P.E., Gerente de Desarrollo de Sistemas Intermodales, FDOT, Distrito Siete, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, FL 33612, o por vía electrónica a la página web del proyecto en [www.fdot7studies.com/us301/rs56-to-r39](http://www.fdot7studies.com/us301/rs56-to-r39). Todas las exposiciones o declaraciones deben enviarse por correo o por correo electrónico a más tardar el viernes, 02 de octubre 2015 si han de formar parte del registro oficial de esta audiencia pública.

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Stephanie Pierce, gerente del proyecto del FDOT, al (813) 975-6445 o [stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us). La participación pública es solicitada sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, edad, sexo, religión, discapacidad o situación familiar. Si necesita algún tipo de arreglo especial bajo el "Americans with Disabilities Act" o si requiere servicios de traducción (sin cargo), por favor póngase en contacto con Lee Royal, administradora de enlaces gubernamentales al (813) 975 a 6427 o [lee.royal@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:lee.royal@dot.state.fl.us) por o menos siete (7) días antes de la audiencia pública. 09/29/2015 3:01:12 PM



**Tampa Bay Times**

Published Daily  
COUNTY OF PASCO  
STATE OF FLORIDA

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Dairide Almeida who on oath says that he is the Legal Clerk of The Tampa Bay Times a daily newspaper printed in St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County, Florida, that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter RE: Public Hearing was published in Tampa Bay Times: 8/28/15, 9/11/15, in said newspaper in the issues of Pasco

Affiant further says that the said Tampa Bay Times is a newspaper published in Pasco County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Pasco County, Florida, each day and has been entered as a second class matter at the post office in said Pasco County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he 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

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 09/11/2015.

Signature of Notary Public

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**Health Notes**

**UPCOMING**  
DRAFT TORACEN Q14 with HMG, a new class of oral anticancer drug, will be offered from 1 to 3 pm, Thursday in the main atrium of the Hillsborough County Courthouse, 1000 N. Gandy Blvd., in Hillsborough County, Florida. The program is a free, one-on-one, one-to-one program that will offer information, tests and resources needed to use the drug. For more information, call (813) 975-6427 or visit [www.fdot7studies.com](http://www.fdot7studies.com).

**SELECTIONS IN YOUR CLOSEST**  
Hillsborough County Health and Wellness Center, 1000 N. Gandy Blvd., will present the Free Sample The Small Screen Your Cholesterol Test from Sept. 15 to 17, 2015. The test is a simple blood test that can help you understand your cholesterol levels and how they affect your health. For more information, call (813) 975-6427 or visit [www.fdot7studies.com](http://www.fdot7studies.com).

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DATE AND TIME: September 24, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Eastern Time  
PLACE: Telephone conference: (866)361-7525, code 6487811621#  
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Consumer Services Committee Report.  
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: citizens@fla.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Barbara Walker at (850)513-3744. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Voice).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 4 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cathy Irvin at (850)386-9200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Morgan Levy, District Administrator, (305)242-1288.

FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOC., INC.  
The Audit Committee of the Florida Workers' Compensation Insurance Guaranty Association announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 29, 2015, 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Tallahassee, Florida

beginning at 5:00 p.m. to answer questions and discuss the project informally. Draft project documents and other project-related materials will be displayed, and a PowerPoint presentation will run continuously during the open house. A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting.

At 6:00 p.m., FDOT representatives will begin the formal portion of the hearing, which will provide an opportunity to make formal oral public comments. Following the formal portion of the hearing, the informal open house will resume and continue until 7:00 p.m. You can attend anytime during the two-hour meeting to review project information and talk one-on-one with project team members. FDOT welcomes and appreciates everyone's participation.

Draft project documents will be available for public review from Tuesday, September 1, 2015 to Friday, October 2, 2015 at the following locations:

- Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL (Business hours: Sunday, Monday closed; Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)</

# Handout and Comment Forms

# US 301 (Gall Blvd.) Project Development & Environment Study from SR 56 (Proposed) to SR 39 (Buchman Hwy.)

**The Public Hearing is being held in the following location:**  
**Date:** September 22, 2015  
**Place:** New Hope Baptist Church  
 3514 Allen Road  
 Zephyrhills, FL 33541  
**Time:** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Open House  
 6:00 pm - Formal Presentation

**We Want Your Input!**  
 A successful project depends on the public's participation in the project's development.  
 To provide comments, ask questions, and make suggestions about the project contact:

**Stephanie Pierce**  
 Project Manager  
 813-975-6445  
 800-226-7220  
 or  
**Kris Carson**  
 Public Information Officer  
 813-975-6202  
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**Send written comments to:**  
**Ming Gao, PE**  
 Intermodal Systems Development Manager  
 Florida Department of Transportation  
 District Seven  
 11201 N. McKinley Drive  
 MS 7-500  
 Tampa, FL 33612-6456

**Email comments to:**  
[stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us)

You may submit written comments or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral comments at the hearing or by mailing your comments to the address preprinted on the back of the attached comment form or enter them on the project website at [www.fdot7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39](http://www.fdot7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39). All comments or other exhibits must be postmarked no later than Friday, October 2, 2015 to become part of the official public hearing record.

WPI Segment No: 416564-1 Pasco County, Florida August 2015

Dear Property Owner or Interested Citizen:  
 You are invited to attend and participate in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven public hearing for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements to US 301 in Pasco County, Florida. This public hearing is being held to allow interested persons an opportunity to provide comments concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of widening US 301 from State Road (SR) 56 (proposed) to just south of the realigned intersection at SR 39 (Buchman Highway), a distance of approximately 2 miles.

The study considered two alternatives: widening US 301 to the east of the existing corridor and the No-Build or do-nothing alternative. The widening of US 301 is proposed as a four lane divided roadway with pedestrian and bicycle facilities on both sides of the roadway. Additional information may be found at the study website: [www.fdot7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39](http://www.fdot7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39).

This letter serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to F.S. 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the edge of right of way of the proposed project. However, this does not mean that all properties will be directly affected.

Draft project documents and other project-related materials will be displayed, and a PowerPoint presentation will run continuously during the open house. A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting. Written comments can also be submitted at the hearing, mailed to the FDOT, or emailed to [stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us). All comments must be postmarked or emailed by Friday, October 2, 2015.

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If you have questions about the project or the scheduled hearing, please contact Stephanie Pierce, FDOT Project Manager, at (813) 975-6445, or [stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:stephanie.pierce@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,  
  
 Ming Gao, PE  
 Intermodal Systems  
 Development Manager



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<b>Zephyrhills Public Library</b> 5347 8th Street Zephyrhills, FL 33542 Tue-Fri 9 am - 7 pm Sat 9 am - 12 pm	<b>FDOT District Seven</b> 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, FL 33612 Mon-Fri 8 am - 5 pm
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## WHAT IS A PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY?

A PD&E study is a comprehensive evaluation of social, cultural, economic and environmental effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement. This analysis enables the FDOT to reach a decision on the type, location and conceptual design of proposed improvements for US 301 to accommodate future traffic demand in a safe and efficient manner. It represents a combined effort by transportation and environmental professionals who analyze information and document the best alternative for a community's transportation needs.

The PD&E study efforts are accomplished by working in cooperation with other state/federal agencies and local governments. This coordination allows the FDOT to better determine the effects a transportation project will have on the natural and human environment. A State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is being prepared, which contains the results of analyses of potential effects to the social, cultural, natural and physical environment.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND NEED

US 301 is a major north-south roadway used for travel through Pasco County. It is an important roadway in the Tampa Bay area regional transportation network, carrying regional traffic from west central Florida to other areas of the state and the nation. The focus of this study is the proposed widening of the section of US 301 between the proposed new intersection of US 301 and SR 56 on the south, and the realigned SR 39 intersection to the north. As many as 12,500 vehicles per day currently travel this section of US 301 and it is important to consider how this corridor will continue to serve this region in the future.

The need to widen US 301 to four lanes is based on several factors:

- By the year 2040, traffic on US 301 will grow to an estimated 39,500 vehicles per day causing an unacceptable level of service on the existing two-lane roadway;
- US 301 is a designated emergency evacuation route, and maintaining acceptable operation conditions is vital to the safety and welfare of residents of Pasco County;
- US 301 is identified as a regional roadway by the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Chairs Coordinating Committee and is included in the Regional Roadway Network. It is a critical link in the local and regional transportation network, supporting a growing economy and the safe and efficient movement of freight and goods throughout the state.



## NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

In addition to the recommended build alternative, the no-build, or do-nothing, alternative is considered a viable alternative and will remain so for the duration of this study. Under the No-Build alternative, no improvements would be made to US 301 and only routine maintenance and preservation efforts would be made. Even though there are no design, right-of-way or construction costs associated with the no-build alternative, operating conditions are anticipated to worsen with time, while further increasing travel delays and traffic congestion. This will create an unacceptable level of service and a delay in safety related improvements. In addition, there will be an increase in emergency evacuation time. Therefore, the no-build alternative would not meet the purpose and need for the project. Although, the no-build alternative is not consistent with local transportation plans, this alternative forms the basis for comparison to the viable study alternatives analyzed for this study.



For your review, the detailed, alternatives comparison matrix is included in this handout.

## US 301 (Gall Blvd) PD&E Study Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative	Build Alternative
<b>Potential Business Impacts</b>		
Number of business relocations (includes outdoor signs)	0	1
<b>Potential Residential Impacts</b>		
Number of residential relocations	0	0
<b>Potential Right of Way (ROW) Impacts</b>		
Roadway: Number of Parcels affected/ROW anticipated to be acquired (acres)	0/0	14/19.1
Drainage: Off-site ponds (acres)	0	8.2
<b>Potential Environmental Effects</b>		
Archaeological/historical sites *	0	0
Noise-sensitive sites	0	70
Wetlands (acres)	0	0.9
Surface waters (acres)	0	0.7
Floodplains (acres)	0	0.8
Threatened and endangered species **	0	0
Contamination sites (H/M/L)	0/0/0	3/2/5
<b>Estimated Costs (in millions)</b>		
ROW acquisition	\$0.0	\$14.8
Wetlands mitigation ***	\$0.0	\$0.2
Roadway construction	\$0.0	\$9.9
Engineering design (15% of construction)	\$0.0	\$1.5
Construction engineering & inspection (15% of construction)	\$0.0	\$1.5
<b>Preliminary Estimate of Total Costs</b>	\$0.0	\$27.9

\* NRHP eligible or potentially eligible  
 \*\* FWC/USFWS listed or protected  
 \*\*\* Based on FDOT Mitigation Program (Section 373.4137, Florida Statutes) 2015-2016 cost of \$113,000 per acre

Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven  
 11201 N. McKinley Drive  
 Tampa, FL 33612-6456

PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE	
Begin PD&E Study	Summer 2013
Public Hearing	Summer 2015
Complete PD&E Study	Winter 2015

FUNDING SCHEDULE	
PHASE	FY
Design	2018
Right of Way Acquisition	Not Currently Funded
Construction	Not Currently Funded

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 Zephyrhills, FL 33541  
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**Para Preguntas En Español**  
 Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios o si simplemente desea más información sobre este proyecto en Español, favor de ponerse en contacto con la señora Elba Lopez, al teléfono: (813) 975-6403, o correo electrónico: [elba.lopez@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:elba.lopez@dot.state.fl.us).

**Right of Way Acquisition (ROW) Procedure**  
 We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns. To better educate and inform you about the right of way acquisition process and your rights, the department has created real estate education and relocation brochures. These brochures and other education materials will be available at the public hearing.

Copies of the brochures may also be found on our website: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/Documents.shtm>

We are interested in hearing your concerns and answering your questions. We also encourage you to speak with the departments' Project Manager or a Right of Way Representative at your convenience.

**Non-Discrimination Laws**  
 Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Lee Royal, Government Liaison Administrator, at (813) 975-6427, or by email to: [lee.royal@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:lee.royal@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven (7) days before the public hearing.





# Sign-in-Sheets

**US 301 (Gall Blvd) PD&E Study** STAFF  
 From SR 56 (Proposed) to SR 39 (Buchman Hwy)

**STAFF PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN**  
 NOTICE: The information provided below is a matter of public record subject to examination by the general public upon request.

WPI Segment No.: 416564-1  
 New Hope Baptist Church  
 3514 Allen Road, Zephyrhills FL  
 Tuesday, September 22, 2015

NAME (Please Print)	Please Select One						E-mail or Mailing Address (Please Print)
	Area Resident or Visitor	Elected Official	Federal / State	Regional / Local	Private Sector	Other	
Vickie Scott					ASCCM		
Trish Torres							
Misty Peste							
Tam Pride							
Kasey Cussey							
Chris Laeth							
Megan McKinney							
Lori Marable			✓				
Anita Nappi			✓				
Stephanie Proca			✓				

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 From SR 56 (Proposed) to SR 39 (Buchman Hwy)

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 3514 Allen Road, Zephyrhills FL  
 Tuesday, September 22, 2015

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Ken Muckenfuss	✓						2207 Dec Ln Zephyrhills
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James Fort	✓						
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Mr & Mrs. A. Fairchild	✓						
Melissa Foster	✓						
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Mary Adams						✓	Aim
Paul [unclear]							
Joy Smith	x						

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**US 301 (Gall Blvd.)**  
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
US 301 (Gall Blvd) PD&E STUDY  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WPI SEGMENT NO: 416564-1  
REQUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK (Please print clearly)

No.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Todd Vande Berg  
Address: 5138 21st St  
Zephyrhills FL 33542  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization (if applicable): City of Zephyrhills

Note: In order to allow all persons the opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to 3 minutes. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

# Display Boards

**Welcome**  
to the  
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for  
**US 301 (Gall Blvd)**  
from **SR 56 (Proposed)**  
to **SR 39 (Buchman Hwy)**

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**Project Location Map**



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**PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE**

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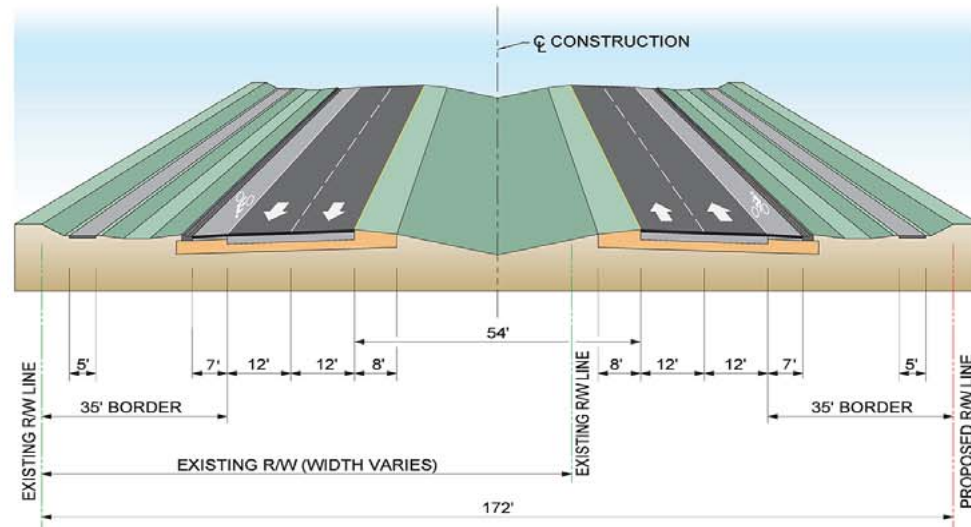
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Construction	Not Currently Funded

**Federal and State Guidance and Requirements**

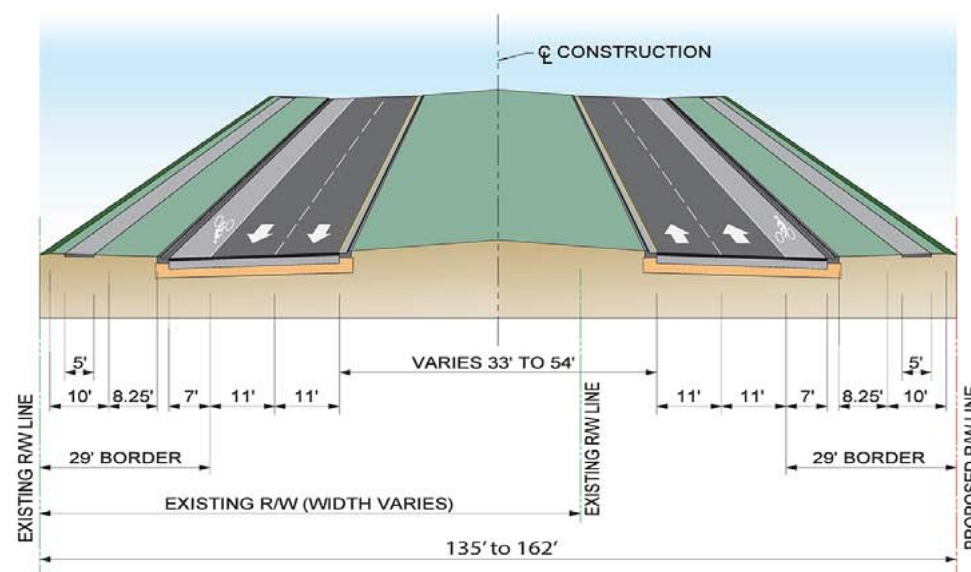
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<b>FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (2012)
23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter I, Part 450	Planning Assistance and Standards
23 CFR, Part 771, Section 771.111	Environmental Impact and Related Procedures - Early Coordination, Public Involvement, and Project Development
40 CFR, Chapter I, Part 93.105	Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans
40 CFR, Volume 33, Chapter V, Parts 1500-1508	Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (NEPA Requirements)
49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 24	Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act
23 United States Code (USC), Section 109(h)	Highways - Economic, Social, and Environmental Effects
23 USC, Section 128	Public Hearings
23 USC, Section 135	Statewide Planning
23 USC, Section 139	Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decisionmaking
42 USC, Chapter 126, Section 12101	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Titles I and V
42 USC, Subchapter V, Sections 2000d-2000d-7	Public Health and Welfare - Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Related Statutes
42 USC, Title 42, Chapter 55, Section 4321	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)
Executive Order 12898	Environmental Justice - Avoidance of actions that can cause disproportionately high impacts on minority and low income populations
Executive Order 13166	Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
FHWA Technical Advisory 6640.8A	Guidance for preparing and processing Environmental and Section 4(f)
<b>STATE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Florida Statute 120.525	Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops
Florida Statute 286.011	Government-in-the-Sunshine Law
Florida Statute 335.199	Transportation Projects Modifying Access to Adjacent Property
Florida Statute 339.135	Public Hearings during the development of the Florida Transportation Plan
Florida Statute 339.155	Transportation Planning
Florida Statute 339.175	Public Transportation Finance and Planning, Metropolitan Planning Organization
Florida Statute 335.02(1)	Public Transportation, State Highway System
Florida Statute 479.106, Amended	Outdoor Advertising Signs/Noise-Attenuation Barrier
Florida Statute 163.3181(2)	Public Participation in the Comprehensive Planning Process; Intent, Alternative Dispute Resolution

Notifications published – FL Administrative Review: 9/15/2015; Pasco Tribune, Pasco Times & Centro Tampa: 8/28/2015 & 9/11/2015.  
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### Four-Lane Suburban Typical Section From SR 56 (Proposed) to Chancey Road



### Four-Lane Suburban Typical Section From Chancey Road to Realigned SR 39 (Buchman Hwy)



## US 301 (Gall Blvd) PD&E Study Evaluation Matrix

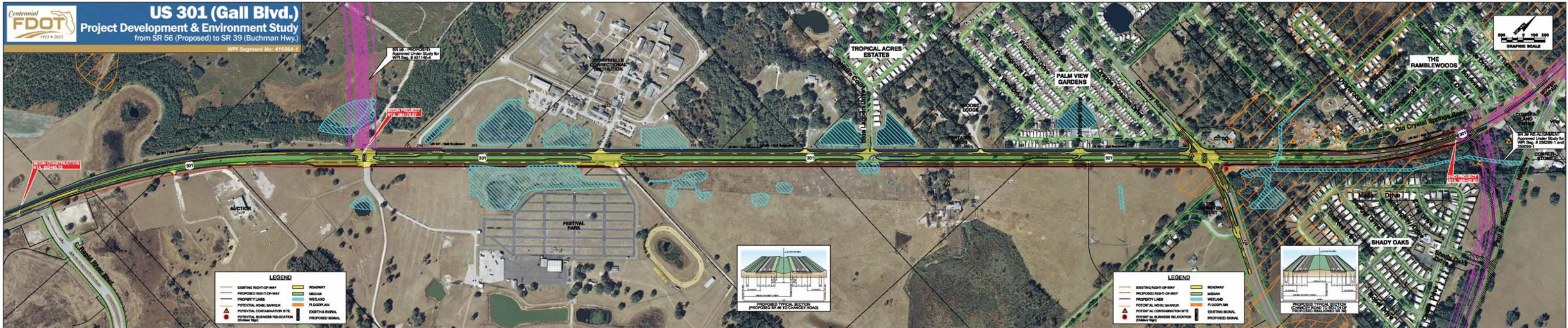
Evaluation Criteria	No-Build Alternative	Build Alternative
<b>Potential Business Impacts</b>		
Number of business relocations (includes outdoor signs)	0	1
<b>Potential Residential Impacts</b>		
Number of residential relocations	0	0
<b>Potential Right of Way (ROW) Impacts</b>		
Roadway: Number of Parcels affected/ROW anticipated to be acquired (acres)	0/0	14/19.1
Drainage: Off-site ponds (acres)	0	8.2
<b>Potential Environmental Effects</b>		
Archaeological/historical sites *	0	0
Noise-sensitive sites	0	70
Wetlands (acres)	0	0.9
Surface waters (acres)	0	0.7
Floodplains (acres)	0	0.8
Threatened and endangered species **	0	0
Contamination sites (H/M/L)	0/0/0	3/2/5
<b>Estimated Costs (in millions)</b>		
ROW acquisition	\$0.0	\$14.8
Wetlands mitigation ***	\$0.0	\$0.2
Roadway construction	\$0.0	\$9.9
Engineering design (15% of construction)	\$0.0	\$1.5
Construction engineering & inspection (15% of construction)	\$0.0	\$1.5
<b>Preliminary Estimate of Total Costs</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$27.9</b>

\* NRHP eligible or potentially eligible

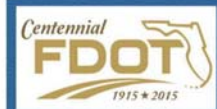
\*\* FWC/USFWS listed or protected

\*\*\* Based on FDOT Mitigation Program (Section 373.4137, Florida Statutes) 2015-2016 cost of \$113,000 per acre





# Video Presentation



## US 301 (Gall Blvd.) Project Development & Environment Study from SR 56 (Proposed) to SR 39 (Buchman Hwy.)

WPI Segment No: 416564-1

### Public Hearing Pasco County, Florida

The Florida Department of Transportation welcomes you to the Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment, or PD and E, study for the section of US 301 in Pasco County south of Zephyrhills, from proposed State Road 56 to State Road 39 (Buchman Highway).



## US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study



US 301 is:

- Major north-south roadway through Pasco County
- Important in Tampa Bay area regional transportation network

US 301 is a major north-south roadway used for travel through Pasco County and it is an important roadway in the Tampa Bay area regional transportation network, carrying regional traffic from west central Florida to other areas of the state and the nation.



## US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study



- The focus of this study is the section of US 301 between the proposed new intersection of SR 56, and the realigned SR 39 intersection
- 12,500 vehicles per day currently travel this section of US 301

The focus of this study is the proposed widening of the section of US 301 between the proposed new intersection at State Road 56 on the south, and the realigned State Road 39 intersection on the north. As many as 12,500 vehicles per day currently travel this section of US 301 and it is important to consider how this corridor will continue to serve this region in the future.



## US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

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

Draft study reports are available for review at this hearing and have been on public display at the Zephyrhills Library and FDOT District Seven office.



September 1 through October 2, 2015.

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## US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

The PD&E study includes:

- Comprehensive evaluation of the proposed improvements
- Evaluation of economic, socio-cultural, and natural environment impacts



This P D and E study process includes a comprehensive evaluation of the proposed improvements shown in the engineering concepts on display. Those concepts are evaluated for economic impacts as well as effects on the socio-cultural and natural environments in the area.



## US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study



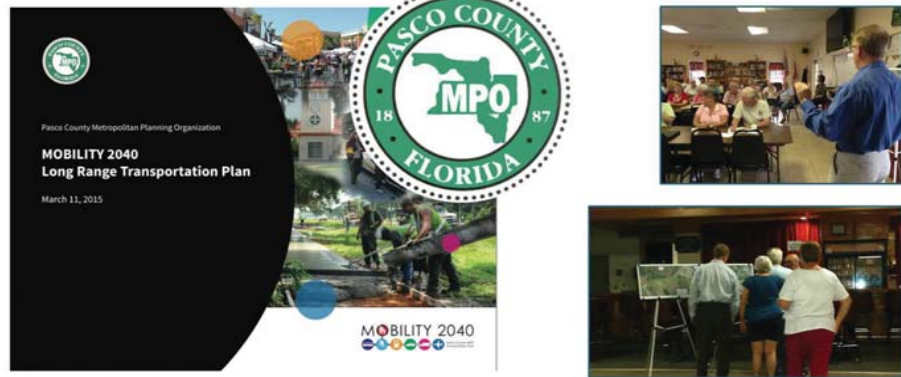
The need to widen US 301 to four lanes is based on several factors:

- 39,500 vehicles per day by 2040
- US 301 is a designated emergency evacuation route
- US 301 is a critical link in the local and regional transportation network

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- By the year 2040, traffic on US 301 will grow to an estimated 39,500 vehicles per day causing an unacceptable level of service on the existing two-lane roadway;
- US 301 is a designated emergency evacuation route, and maintaining acceptable operation conditions is vital to the safety and welfare of residents of Pasco County;
- US 301 is identified as a regional roadway by the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Chairs Coordinating Committee and is included in the Regional Roadway Network. It is a critical link in the local and regional transportation network, supporting a growing economy and the safe and efficient movement of freight and goods throughout the state.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**



The currently adopted 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization also documents the need to widen US 301 in this area. Over the past several months, FDOT has been preparing detailed engineering and environmental evaluations, and coordinating with stakeholders to identify a recommended alternative for the PD and E study. The purpose of this public hearing is to present the recommended build alternative and receive your comments for the official study record.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**



To help us determine the best improvement option, we first had to examine the current roadway condition. Within the study area, US 301 is a two-lane undivided roadway with one 12-foot travel lane in each direction, paved shoulders and no sidewalks. The existing right of way is generally 100 feet wide. The existing posted speed limit ranges from 45 to 55 miles per hour.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**

This recommended build alternative includes widening US 301 to a 4-lane divided roadway.



**SR 56 (Proposed) to Chancey Road**  
**Chancey Road to realigned SR 39**  
 Two typical sections are being proposed and both will require additional right of way on the east side of the existing corridor.

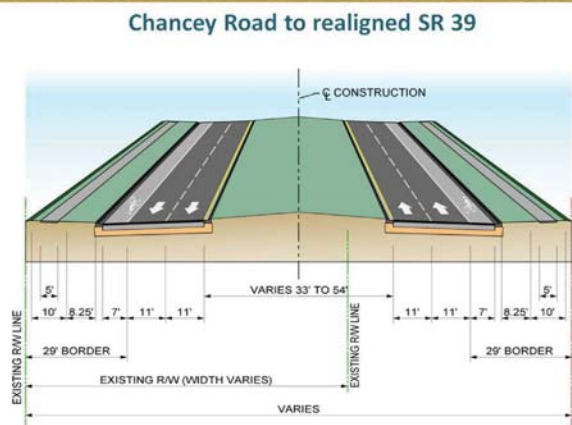
The recommended build alternative was developed after analysis of anticipated growth and future transportation needs on the corridor. This recommended alternative includes widening US 301 to a 4-lane divided roadway. The typical sections being proposed will require additional right of way on the east side of the existing corridor.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**



The first typical section will extend from the proposed State Road 56 intersection to Chancey Road. This proposed roadway will have two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, with a 54-foot wide grassed median, and 7-foot paved shoulders including buffered bicycle lanes and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**



The second typical section will extend from Chancey Road to the realigned State Road 39 intersection. This proposed roadway will have two 11-foot travel lanes in each direction, with a 33-foot to 54-foot wide grassed median, and 7-foot paved shoulders including buffered bicycle lanes and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. This typical section would serve as a transition to the ultimate 4-lane section of US 301 that begins just north of the realigned SR 39 intersection.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**

The recommended build alternative is estimated to cost **\$27.9 million**



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### US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

#### Advantages of recommended Build Alternative include:

- Increased roadway capacity
- Improved safety features, such as median modifications, added turn lanes, and upgraded intersections
- Increased emergency evacuation capacity
- Consistent with 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan



### US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

#### Disadvantages of recommended Build Alternative include:

- Costs associated with design, acquisition of right of way, and construction
- Temporary traffic disruptions during construction
- Minimal environmental effects



### US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

The no-build, or do-nothing, alternative is considered a viable alternative and will remain so for the duration of this study.

Under the **No-Build Alternative**, no improvements would be made to US 301 and only routine maintenance and preservation efforts would occur along the corridor.

There are advantages and disadvantages associated with constructing the recommended build alternative. Advantages of the recommended build alternative include:

- Increased roadway capacity
- Improved safety features, such as median modifications, added turn lanes, and upgraded intersections
- Increased emergency evacuation capacity, and
- It is consistent with the Pasco County MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Disadvantages of the recommended build alternative include:

- Costs associated with design, acquisition of right of way, and construction
- Temporary traffic disruptions during construction, and
- Minimal environmental effects

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### US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

#### Advantages of the No-Build Alternative include:

- No design, construction, and/or right of way costs
- No adverse effects on natural resources
- No inconvenience to the motoring public for construction



### US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

#### Disadvantages of the No-Build Alternative include:

- Increased travel delays due to an increase in traffic volumes
- Reduced emergency evacuation capacity
- Not consistent with the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan



### US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study

A detailed alternatives comparison matrix is on display and in tonight's handout.

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Disadvantages of the No-Build alternative include:

Increased travel delays due to an increase in traffic volumes  
 Reduced emergency evacuation capacity, and  
 It is not consistent with Pasco County MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan.

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**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**



This public hearing is an opportunity for you to ask questions and offer comments on this study.

You may:

- make a statement during the formal portion of tonight's hearing
- speak directly with the court reporter during the informal portions
- complete the comment form provided in your brochure and drop it in one of the comment boxes today
- mail comment form

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**

Visit the project website and electronically submit your comments there.  
[www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/us301/sr56-to-sr39)

All comments must be received or postmarked by **October 2, 2015**, so they can become part of the PD&E study public hearing record.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) PD&E Study**

Following the hearing, the Project Team will review all public input. They will document the preferred alternative, finalize the study documents, and complete the PD&E study.

In the next few months, the final documents will be submitted to the FDOT District Secretary for review and approval. We expect the PD&E study to be completed in the winter of 2015.



PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE	
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This public hearing is an opportunity for you to ask questions and offer comments on this study. Project representatives are available to provide more detailed information and to address your questions.

There are several ways to comment as part of the public hearing record. All comments received, will be reviewed and considered in the study analysis, regardless of how they are submitted. You may make a statement during the formal portion of tonight's hearing, speak directly with the court reporter during the informal portion of this hearing, complete the comment form provided in your brochure and drop it in one of the comment boxes today, or complete the comment form later and mail it to the pre-printed address on the back of the form.

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**FDOT ADOPTED 5-YEAR WORK PROGRAM (FY 16-20) FUNDING SCHEDULE**

PHASE	FY
Design	2018
Right of Way Acquisition	Not Currently Funded
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Currently, funding for design of the US 301 improvements is programmed in the FDOT's five year work program. There are no funds currently programmed for the acquisition of right-of way or construction of the proposed improvements in the current five year work program, however, addition of these phases will be considered for future updates.

**US 301 (Gall Blvd.) Project Development & Environment Study from SR 56 (Proposed) to SR 39 (Buchman Hwy.)**  
 WPI Segment No: 416564-1



The department thanks you for your participation at this public hearing and for your interest in this important regional transportation project.

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

# Comments Received





# Public Hearing Transcript

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PUBLIC HEARING

US 301 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY  
FROM SR 56 TO SR 39 (BUCHMAN HIGHWAY)  
WORK PROGRAM ITEM SEGMENT NUMBER 416564-1

DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: New Hope Baptist Church  
3514 Allen Road  
Zephyrhills, Florida

REPORTED BY: CATHY J. JOHNSON MESSINA, RMR  
Registered Merit Reporter  
Florida Professional Reporter  
Notary Public, State of Florida

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**P R E S E N T A T I O N**

The Florida Department of Transportation welcomes you to the Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment, or PD&E study for the section of US 301 in Pasco County south of Zephyrhills, from proposed State Road 56 to State Road 39 (Buchman Highway).

US 301 is a major north-south roadway used for travel through Pasco County and it is an important roadway in the Tampa Bay area regional transportation network, carrying regional traffic from west central Florida to other areas of the state and the nation. The focus of the study is the proposed widening of the section of US 301 between the proposed new intersection at State Road 56 on the south, and the realigned State Road 39 intersection on the north. As many as 12,500 vehicles per day currently travel this section of US 301 and it is important to consider how this corridor will continue to serve this region in the future.

This public hearing is being conducted in accordance with all federal, state and local requirements. These regulations are listed on a citations board near the sign-in table. Draft study reports are available for review at this hearing and have

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been on public display at the Zephyrhills Library and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven Office. The display period began on September 1st and will continue through October 2nd, 2015.

This PD&E study process includes a comprehensive evaluation of the proposed improvements shown in the engineering concepts on display. Those concepts are evaluated for economic impacts as well as effects on the socio-cultural and natural environments in the area.

The need to widen US 301 to four lanes is based on several factors:

By the year 2040, traffic on US 301 will grow to an estimated 39,500 vehicles per day causing an unacceptable level of service on the existing two-lane roadway.

US 301 is a designated emergency evacuation route and maintaining acceptable operation conditions is vital to the safety and welfare of residents of Pasco County.

US 301 is identified as a regional roadway by the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Chairs Coordinating Committee and is included in the Regional Roadway Network. It is a critical link in the local and regional transportation network supporting a growing economy and the safe and efficient movement of freight and goods throughout the state.

The currently adopted 2040 Long Range

1 Transportation Plan for the Pasco County Metropolitan  
 2 Planning Organization also documents the need to widen US  
 3 301 in this area. Over the past several months, FDOT has  
 4 been preparing detailed engineering and environmental  
 5 evaluations, and coordinating with stakeholders to  
 6 identify a recommended alternative for the PD&E study.  
 7 The purpose of this public hearing is to present the  
 8 recommended build alternative and receive your comments  
 9 for the official study record.

10 To help us determine the best improvement option,  
 11 we first had to examine the current roadway condition.  
 12 Within the study area, US 301 is a two-lane undivided  
 13 roadway with one 12-foot travel lane in each direction,  
 14 paved shoulders and no sidewalks. The existing  
 15 right-of-way is generally 100 feet wide. The existing  
 16 posted speed limit ranges from 45 to 55 miles per hour.

17 The recommended build alternative was developed  
 18 after analysis of anticipated growth and future  
 19 transportation needs on the corridor. This recommended  
 20 alternative includes widening US 301 to a 4-lane divided  
 21 roadway. The typical sections being proposed will  
 22 require additional right-of-way on the east side of the  
 23 existing corridor.

24 The first typical section will extend from the  
 25 proposed State Road 56 intersection to Chancey Road.

1 This proposed roadway will have two 12-foot travel lanes  
 2 in each direction with a 54-foot wide grassed median and  
 3 7-foot paved shoulders including buffered bicycle lanes  
 4 and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides.

5 The second typical section will extend from Chancey  
 6 Road to the realigned State Road 39 intersection. This  
 7 proposed roadway will have two 11-foot travel lanes in  
 8 each direction with a 33-foot to 54-foot grassed median  
 9 and 7-foot paved shoulders including buffered bicycle  
 10 lanes and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. This typical  
 11 section would serve as a transition to the ultimate  
 12 4-lane section of US 301 that begins just north of the  
 13 realigned SR 39 intersection.

14 The recommended build alternative is estimated to  
 15 cost \$27.9 million.

16 There are advantages and disadvantages associated  
 17 with constructing the recommended build alternative.  
 18 Advantages of the recommended build alternative include  
 19 increased roadway capacity; improved safety features,  
 20 such as median modifications, added turn lanes, and  
 21 upgraded intersections; increased emergency evacuation  
 22 capacity; and it is consistent with the Pasco County  
 23 MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

24 Disadvantages of the recommended build alternative  
 25 include: Costs associated with design, acquisition of

1 right-of-way and construction; temporary traffic  
 2 disruptions during construction; minimal environmental  
 3 effects.

4 In addition to the recommended build alternative,  
 5 the no-build, or do-nothing, alternative is considered a  
 6 viable alternative and will remain so for the duration of  
 7 this study. Under the no-build alternative, no  
 8 improvements would be made to US 301 and only routine  
 9 maintenance and preservation efforts would occur along  
 10 the corridor.

11 Advantages of the no-build alternative include: No  
 12 design, construction, and/or right-of-way costs; no  
 13 adverse effects on natural resources; and no  
 14 inconvenience to the motoring public for construction.

15 Disadvantages of the no-build alternative include:  
 16 Increased travel delays due to an increase in traffic  
 17 volumes; reduced emergency evacuation capacity; and is  
 18 not consistent with Pasco County MPO'S Long Range  
 19 Transportation Plan.

20 A detailed alternatives comparison matrix is on  
 21 display this evening as well as in tonight's handout.

22 This public hearing is an opportunity for you to  
 23 ask questions and offer comments on this study. Project  
 24 representatives are available to provide more detailed  
 25 information and to address your questions.

1 There are several ways to comment as part of the  
 2 public hearing record. All comments received will be  
 3 reviewed and considered in the study analysis regardless  
 4 of how they are submitted. You may make a statement  
 5 during the formal portion of tonight's hearing, speak  
 6 directly with the court reporter during the informal  
 7 portion of this hearing, complete the comment form  
 8 provided in your brochure and drop it in one of the  
 9 comment boxes today or complete the comment form later  
 10 and mail it to the pre-printed address on the back of the  
 11 form. You may also visit the project website and  
 12 electronically submit your comments there.

13 All comments must be received or postmarked by  
 14 October 2nd, 2015, so they can become part of the PD&E  
 15 study public hearing record.

16 Following the hearing, the Project Team will review  
 17 all public input. They will document the preferred  
 18 alternative, finalize the study documents and complete  
 19 the PD&E study. In the next few months, the final  
 20 documents will be submitted to the FDOT District  
 21 Secretary for review and approval. We expect the PD&E  
 22 study to be completed in the winter of 2015.

23 Currently, funding for design of the US 301  
 24 improvements is programmed in the FDOT's five year work  
 25 program. There are no funds currently programmed for the

1 acquisition of right-of-way or construction of the  
2 proposed improvements in the current five year work  
3 program; however, addition of these phases will be  
4 considered for future updates.

5 The Department thanks you for your participation at  
6 this public hearing and for your interest in this  
7 important regional transportation project.

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

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1 OPENING

2 MR. BOGEN: We're going to get started with our  
3 formal portion of our public hearing.

4 Good evening. Today is Tuesday, September 22nd,  
5 2015, and it's approximately 6:00 p.m. We are assembled  
6 at the New Hope Baptist Church located at 3514 Allen Road  
7 in Zephyrhills, Florida.

8 Welcome to the public hearing for the US 301  
9 Project Development and Environment Study, or PD&E study  
10 from the proposed SR 56 to State Road 39 (Buchman  
11 Highway). My name is Kirk Bogen and I'm the  
12 Environmental Management Engineer for District Seven of  
13 the Florida Department of Transportation.

14 This public hearing is being held relative to Work  
15 Program Item Segment Number 416564-1. We are conducting  
16 the hearing this evening to provide you with an  
17 opportunity to discuss the project and to submit formal  
18 comments on the PD&E study.

19 This public hearing is being held in accordance  
20 with applicable federal and state laws and public  
21 participation is encouraged and solicited without regard  
22 to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin,  
23 disability or family status. This hearing was advertised  
24 consistent with federal and state requirements and is  
25 being conducted in accordance with the Americans with

1 Disabilities Act of 1990. This information is provided  
2 in the project brochure and can be found at the sign-in  
3 table as well.

4 This is your opportunity to receive information on  
5 the US 301 PD&E study and officially comment on the  
6 Recommended "Build" Alternative and the related project  
7 documents available here tonight.

8 The Department's project manager, Stephanie Pierce,  
9 is going to come up and give you a description of the  
10 project and the proposed improvements.

11 MS. PIERCE: Good evening. My name is Stephanie  
12 Pierce and I'm the FDOT project manager for the US 301  
13 PD&E study. I'm going to tell you a little bit about the  
14 proposed improvements along US 301 from the proposed  
15 State Road 56 intersection to the realigned State Road 39  
16 (Buchman Highway) intersection.

17 The Recommended "Build" Alternative consists of  
18 complete reconstruction of the roadway so that it could  
19 be centered within the proposed right-of-way. US 301  
20 will be widened to the east, and --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Can you  
22 speak up? We can't hear you.

23 MS. PIERCE: Okay. Sorry. Okay. US 301 will be  
24 widened to the east and new right-of-way will be needed  
25 on the east side to accommodate the widening. Additional

1 right-of-way would be needed in certain areas to  
2 accommodate and improve existing turn lanes.

3 The Recommended "Build" Alternative includes  
4 widening US 301 to a 4-lane divided roadway and proposes  
5 two typical sections. The first typical section will  
6 extend from the proposed State Road 56 intersection to  
7 Chancey Road. This proposed roadway will have two  
8 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with a 54-foot  
9 wide grassed median, 7-foot paved shoulders, including  
10 buffered bicycle lanes, curb and gutter and 5-foot  
11 sidewalks on both sides. The second typical section will  
12 extend from Chancey Road to the realigned State Road 39  
13 intersection. This proposed roadway will have two  
14 11-foot travel lanes in each direction with a 33-foot to  
15 54-foot wide grassed median, curb and gutter on the  
16 outside, 7-foot paved shoulders, including buffered  
17 bicycle lanes and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. This  
18 typical section should serve as a transition to the  
19 ultimate 4-lane section of US 301 that begins just north  
20 of the realigned SR 39 intersection at US 301. If you  
21 have not had an opportunity to do so, you can review the  
22 proposed improvements on display boards here tonight.

23 The "No-Build" Alternative would involve foregoing  
24 major improvements to the existing roadway and provide  
25 only routine maintenance and safety enhancements as

1 required. The "No-Build" Alternative is considered to be  
2 a viable alternative and will remain so for the duration  
3 of the study.

4 The Recommended "Build" Alternative is based on a  
5 comprehensive environmental and engineering analysis  
6 completed to date, as well as on public comments that  
7 have been received throughout the duration of the study.  
8 The study meets the air quality standards established by  
9 the U.S. Environmental Agency, (EPA).

10 Now Kirk is going to come back and give you some  
11 information about right-of-way acquisition and how you  
12 can make comments on the project.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. BOGEN: When you arrived this evening, you  
15 should have received an informational newsletter and  
16 comment form. If you weren't able to sign in or did not  
17 receive an information packet, please stop by our sign-in  
18 table before leaving this evening. You should have also  
19 had the opportunity to view the video presentation that  
20 is continuously running throughout this public hearing.

21 One of the unavoidable consequences on a  
22 transportation project such as this is the necessary  
23 acquisition of privately-owned land and the subsequent  
24 relocation of families or businesses displaced by such  
25 acquisition. On this project, we anticipate the

1 acquisition of 14 parcels, including easements.  
2 Impacts to these parcels are minimal in nature and  
3 will not result in the relocation of any residences  
4 and any businesses with the exception of one commercial  
5 sign location at the intersection of US 301 and  
6 Chancey Road.

7 If part of your property is being acquired, you  
8 will be provided a written explanation of your legal  
9 rights in eminent domain. You will be contacted by an  
10 appraiser who will inspect your property to become  
11 familiar with its unique characteristics. We encourage  
12 you to be present during the inspection and provide  
13 information about your property which would be helpful in  
14 determining its value. After the appraisal is complete,  
15 a right-of-way specialist will meet with you to negotiate  
16 in good faith and to serve as a point of contact  
17 throughout the process.

18 If you are required to move as a result of a  
19 Department of Transportation project, you will be treated  
20 in a fair and helpful manner and in compliance with the  
21 Uniform Relocation Act. You will be eligible for  
22 relocation advisory services and you will also be  
23 eligible for relocation payments, including moving  
24 expenses, replacement housing costs, or business  
25 re-establishment expenses. A relocation specialist will

1 be assigned to assist you throughout the relocation  
2 process.

3 If you are not satisfied with the Department's  
4 determination of your eligibility for payment or the  
5 amount of that payment, you may appeal that  
6 determination. You will be furnished any necessary  
7 forms and notified of the procedures to follow in making  
8 that appeal.

9 A special word of caution: If you move before the  
10 property you occupy is acquired or before you receive  
11 notification of the relocation benefits that you might be  
12 entitled to, your benefits may be jeopardized.

13 The right-of-way specialists who are familiar with  
14 this process are available this evening and will be happy  
15 to answer your questions. They will also provide you  
16 copies of the acquisition and relocation assistance  
17 brochures.

18 Andrew Nappi and Dave Eaton, here to my right.  
19 Anyone who is an affected property owner or displaced  
20 family or business will know who to see regarding these  
21 types of issues. Thank you, Andrew and David.

22 Before I continue, I would like to recognize any  
23 elected officials or their representatives who are here  
24 tonight. I ask that you please stand and introduce  
25 yourself for the record.

1 Seeing none, anyone desiring to make a statement or  
2 present written views and/or exhibits regarding the  
3 location, conceptual design, social, economic, or  
4 environmental effects of the US 301 widening will now  
5 have an opportunity to do so.

6 If you have completed a speaker's card, please give  
7 them to a Department staff member. If you have not  
8 received a speaker's card and wish to speak, please raise  
9 your hand so we can get you a card to complete.



10 Written statements and exhibits may be presented in  
11 lieu of or in addition to verbal statements. All written  
12 statements received at this section of the public hearing  
13 and by the Florida Department of Transportation District  
14 Seven Office postmarked no later than Friday, October  
15 the 2nd, 2015, will become a part of the PD&E study's  
16 public record.

17 At this time, I will call upon those who have  
18 turned in speaker's cards. When you come forward, please  
19 state your name and address clearly into the microphone  
20 for the record. If you represent a municipality or other  
21 public agency, please provide that information as well.

22 Please limit your comments to the US 301 PD&E study  
23 and keep them to three minutes in order to allow everyone  
24 an opportunity to speak. If you have additional comments  
25 related to the PD&E study, you may continue with the

1 court reporter after the formal session.  
 2 Okay. We have one card and the first speaker is  
 3 Todd Vande Berg.  
 4 MR. VANDE BERG: Good evening. My name's Todd  
 5 Vande Berg. I'm with Rec Planning for the City of  
 6 Zephyrhills and I just wanted to go on record that it's  
 7 our understanding that the PD&E for this segment at 301,  
 8 although it doesn't show on the current plans we're  
 9 viewing tonight, will include a 10-foot trail on the west  
 10 side. It sounds like that's going to be accommodated  
 11 shown on the final plans after talking with your project  
 12 manager, and we appreciate that as that will connect to  
 13 some additional trails that are planned through  
 14 Zephyrhills and the beautiful trails being built right  
 15 now from Dade City to Zephyrhills.  
 16 So we appreciate that being shown on the final  
 17 plans and glad to see the project is shown for design in  
 18 2018.  
 19 If 56 comes through as a 4-lane corridor connecting  
 20 with 301, we hope to see the additional construction and  
 21 other phases on it as well.  
 22 Thank you.  
 23 MR. BOGEN: Thank you.  
 24 Does anyone else wish to speak?  
 25 Seeing none, the public hearing transcript, written

1 statements, exhibits, and reference materials will be  
 2 available for public inspection at the District Seven  
 3 Office at 11201 North McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida,  
 4 within three weeks.  
 5 It is approximately 6:12. I hereby officially  
 6 close the formal portion of the public hearing for the  
 7 US 301 PD&E study.  
 8 You may continue to view the materials on display  
 9 and speak with our project staff. On behalf of the  
 10 Florida Department of Transportation, thank you for  
 11 attending.  
 12 Remember to be Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow. Safety  
 13 doesn't happen by accident.  
 14 Good night and drive safely.  
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1 STATE OF FLORIDA  
 2 COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH  
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 4 I, CATHY J. JOHNSON MESSINA, Registered Merit  
 5 Reporter, Registered Florida Reporter, and Notary Public  
 6 in and for the State of Florida at large, hereby certify  
 7 that the Public Hearing proceedings were recorded in  
 8 Stenotypy by me and that the foregoing pages constitute  
 9 a true and correct transcription of my recordings  
 10 thereof.  
 11 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither an  
 12 attorney nor of counsel for the parties to this cause nor  
 13 a relative or employee of any attorney or party connected  
 14 with this matter and that I have no interest in the  
 15 outcome of this action.  
 16 WITNESS my hand and seal this 6th day of  
 17 October, 2015, at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.  
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 20 Court Reporter  
 21 My Commission Expires:  
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