



US 19 (SR 55)
from South of 70th Avenue North to
SR 690/118th Avenue North
Pinellas County, Florida

**Project Development &
Environmental (PD&E)
Reevaluation Study**

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Public Involvement Plan

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

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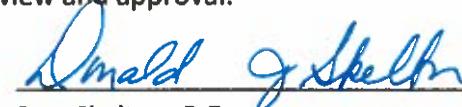
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In accordance with Part 1, Chapter 11 of the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, this Public Involvement Plan is submitted to the District Environmental Management Office (DEMO) for review and approval.

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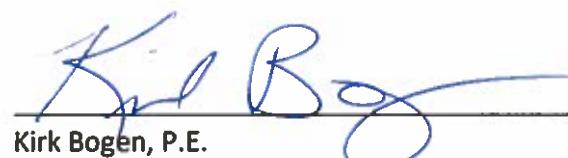


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US 19 (SR 55)

From South of 70th Avenue North to SR 690/118th Avenue North

Work Program Item (WPI) Segment Number: 435914-1

Federal Aid Project Number: N/A

Pinellas County, Florida

Public involvement includes communicating to and receiving information from all interested persons, groups, agencies and government organizations regarding the development of a transportation project. This Public Involvement Plan (PIP) documents the appropriate level of public involvement for this project in compliance with the *Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Part 1, Chapter 11, and Part 2, Chapter 9; the FDOT Public Involvement Handbook; Section 339.155, Florida Statutes; Executive Orders 11990 and 11988; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 771*. The results of the PIP will be supportive of the NEPA process and local needs.

Successful public involvement is based on building trust and understanding, as well as working to achieve public consensus on infrastructure investments. This requires a process that is characterized by technical competence, honesty and integrity, and good listening skills. These principles will create the framework for the public involvement that will occur for the US 19 PD&E Reevaluation Study.

Activities implemented as part of this PIP will allow people living and working within the project study area, and other interested parties, to contribute to the decision-making process and to influence the

choices that are made regarding proposed transportation improvements for US 19 (SR 55) from South of 70th Avenue North to SR 690/118th Avenue. The goal of the PIP is to generate interest in the project scope and schedule, and to outline the public involvement process. This will ensure that the general public, local communities, agencies and officials; and other interested parties understand the nature of the project and its benefits by providing an open, two-way line of communication, presenting project information in an easy-to-understand, bilingual format, and by making project information easily accessible. Gaining community consensus among the varied

stakeholders in the study area is essential to achieving a successful project outcome. The keys to gaining community consensus are:

- Include project stakeholders early in the study process and include their input to define the alternatives;



- Feature a range of options and alignments in the alternatives with development consistent with changes since the original study;
- Develop a transparent process to screen the alternatives and determine which viable alternative(s) to further evaluate through the public involvement process and environmental analysis; and
- Maintain regular communication with project stakeholders and provide multiple opportunities and methods for participating in the process and providing comments, in order to shape the future needs and financial viability of the selected alternative.

Public involvement efforts will seek to actively involve key stakeholders; to listen to ideas and concerns; and to document and incorporate input received during the study process. The PIP also will ensure that the study reflects the diverse values and needs of the communities this project is designed to benefit. The fundamental objectives of the PIP are to ensure that the concerns and issues of those living and working within the study area, and those in close proximity who may be affected by the project, are identified; that stakeholders are given opportunities to review and comment on the findings of the alternatives analysis; and that stakeholder concerns are addressed in the analysis process. The PIP provides an outline for:

- Early and continuous involvement of stakeholders;
- Reasonable availability of technical and other project information;
- Collaborative input on alternative transportation improvements for the study area and the criteria against which they will be measured and evaluated;
- Open access to the decision-making process.



I. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

WPI Segment Number: 435914-1

Federal Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Limits: US 19 (SR 55) from South of 70th Avenue North to SR 690/118th Avenue North in Pinellas Park, Florida – Pinellas County, a distance of approximately 3.6 miles. A map of the study area is shown in Figure 1 on the following page.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Proposed Activity: To conduct a PD&E Reevaluation Study to evaluate the need for improvements along US 19 (SR 55) from South of 70th Avenue North to SR 690/118th Avenue North in Pinellas Park, Florida. The study will explore the feasibility of constructing the recommended improvements while considering capacity needs, costs and potential impacts and comparing against the original concepts from 1990 DEIS / FONSI.

Class of Action: Reevaluation of 1990 DEIS / FONSI.

Project Contact Information

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II. PROJECT BACKGROUND

US 19 is the only continuous north-south, general land service highway serving the populous west coast of the Pinellas/Pasco County area. The original study was completed in 1990. The purpose of this project is to conduct a PD&E reevaluation study to evaluate the need for improvements along US 19 (SR 55) from 70th Avenue North to SR 690/118th Avenue North/Bryan Dairy Road in Pinellas County. This project will also look at improvements at the US 19 (SR 55)/Gandy Boulevard interchange.

Improvements to the US 19 (SR 55)/Gandy Boulevard interchange are needed to create another segment of the US 19 (SR 55) partially limited access facility from Gandy Boulevard to Alternate US 19. This project will help accommodate projected future traffic volumes, including the large number of commuters traveling within the corridor. Additionally, US 19 (SR 55) serves the western edge of the Gateway Business District, which is a large employment and activity center within Pinellas County.

III. PROJECT GOALS

The following goals and objectives have been identified for this study:

- Collect necessary information to support FDOT's decision on the type, design and location of improvements within the US 19 project limits.
- Undertake the necessary PD&E study reevaluation and documentation efforts to meet federal environmental evaluation and documentation requirements in order to establish the validity of the Administrative Action and to recommend project advancement to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the operational improvements along US 19.

- Provide coordination with key stakeholders and engage the public.
- The additional capacity will also improve freight mobility and enhance emergency evacuation along the project corridor.
- As part of the Florida Division of Emergency Management evacuation route network, US 19 plays an important role in facilitating traffic movement during emergency evacuation periods. The project corridor provides connection to other major highways and arterials designated on the evacuation route network.



Advance Notification

This project was previously screened through the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) screening process (ETDM Number 14216). There will not be an additional ETDM screening for the reevaluation. However, the information from the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) studies will be utilized in the development of the Formal Advance Notification (AN) process for this project.

IV. Identification of Agencies and Affected Public

The PIP includes conducting a formal, comprehensive community inventory to develop a stakeholder database. A variety of resources will be used to compile the database to include key community members and leaders who can provide information about the community, local, state and federal elected and appointed officials, local agencies, adjacent property owners, business owners and operators, chamber of commerce leaders, and neighborhood association presidents. A detailed list of the elected and appointed officials is provided in Appendix A. This list will be updated to reflect changes in interagency collaboration or as other public agency stakeholders are identified.

The following local, regional, state, or federal agencies having a concern in this project, due to jurisdictional review or expressed interest, have been identified and will be contacted directly by the FDOT through the AN process at the outset of the project in accordance with the PD&E Manual, Part 1, Chapter 3, Advance Notification. As other concerned public agencies are identified throughout the study, they will also be listed and contacted.

State

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Division of Forestry
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Southwest Office
Florida Department of State, State Historic Preservation
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Department of Transportation Environmental Management Office

Federal

Federal Aviation Administration – Airports District Office
Federal Highway Administration – Division Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resource Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Commerce – National Marine Fisheries Services, Habitat Conservation Division
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – National Center for Environmental Health
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
U.S. Department of Interior – National Park Services
U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Geological Survey
U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Forestry Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Regional

Southwest Florida Water Management District
St. Petersburg- Clearwater International Airport
Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Pinellas Planning Council

Native American Tribal Officials

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Seminole Tribe of Florida

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Federal Delegations

The Honorable Bill Nelson	U.S. Senator
The Honorable Marco Rubio	U.S. Senator
The Honorable Charlie Crist	U.S. Representative, District 13

Florida State Senators

Jack Latvala	Florida State Senator, District 20
Jeff Brandes	Florida State Senator, District 22

Florida State Representatives

The Honorable Ben Diamond	Florida House Representative, District 68
The Honorable Chris Latvala	Florida House Representative, District 67

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Pinellas County

Janet C. Long	Commissioner, District 1, Vice Chairman
Pat Gerard	Commissioner, District 2
Charlie Justice	Commissioner, District 3, Chairman
Dave Eggers	Commissioner, District 4
Karen Williams Seel	Commissioner, District 5
John Morroni	Commissioner, District 6
Kenneth T. Welch	Commissioner, District 7
Mark S. Woodard	County Administrator
Ken Burke, CPA	Clerk of the Circuit Court
Rahim Harji	Public Works Director
Tom Washburn	County Engineer
Sheriff Bob Gualtieri	Pinellas County Sheriff
Mike Grego	Pinellas County School Superintendent
Renea Vincent	Planning and Zoning Director
Craig Hare	Pinellas County Fire Administration and EMS
David Scott	Department of Environment and Infrastructure
Sally Bishop	Emergency Management
Cheryl Reed	Community Revitalization
Paul Cozzie	Parks & Recreation and Conservation & Lands Management
Mike Meidel	Economic Development Director
Whit Blanton	Metropolitan Planning Organization
David Smith	Development Services

Pinellas Park

Sandra L. Bradbury	Mayor
William E., "Ed" Taylor	Vice Mayor
Rick Butler	Council Member
Jerry A. Mullins	Council Member
Patricia F. Johnson	Council Member
Diane Corna	City Clerk
Douglas Lewis	City Manager
Bart Diebold	Administrator, Public Works
Michael L. Haworth	Police Chief
Guy Keirn	Fire Chief

Other Interested Parties:

Transit and Transportation

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

Pinellas County School Transportation

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Civic and Business Organizations

Pinellas County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Pinellas Park Chamber of Commerce

Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Tampa Bay Black Chamber of Commerce

As other organizations, public/special interest parties are identified or express an interest in the study, they will be added to the contact list.

V. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The following techniques will be used to notify the public of the proposed transportation improvement(s) and to solicit public input into the project development process.

The following media services encompass the US 19 study area and will be informed of public notices, news releases, public service announcements, and interviews associated with the study. Additional media contacts will be coordinated through the FDOT's Public Information Office (PIO).

Newspapers	
Tampa Tribune - TBO 200 S. Parker Street Tampa, FL 33606 813-259-8225 / 1-800-527-2773 Mike Salinero: MSalinero@tampatrib.com Ted Jackovics: TJackovics@tampatrib.com	CENTRO Tampa / Pinellas (Hispanic) 202 S. Parker Street Tampa, FL 33603 813-259-8037 Myriam Silva-Warren mwarren@centrotampa.com
Tampa Bay Times 1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 104 Tampa, FL 33602 813-226-3366 / 727-893-8785 Mike Brassfield: brassfield@tampabay.com local@tampabay.com	Tampa Bay Newspapers (TBN) Pinellas Beacon 9911 Seminole Blvd. Seminole, FL 33772 727-397-5563, ext. 306 Tiffany Razzaro: trazzano@tbnweekly.com
Tampa Bay Business Journal 4890 W. Kennedy Boulevard, Ste. 850 Tampa, FL 33609 813-873-8225 tampabay@bizjournals.com	The Weekly Challenger (African American) P.O. Box 35130 St. Petersburg, FL 33705 727.896.2922 contactus@theweeklychallenger.com

Television	
Bay News 9 (Brighthouse only) 700 Carillon Parkway, Suite 9 St. Petersburg, FL 33716 727-329-2400 desk@baynews9.com	WFLA, Channel 8 (NBC) 200 S. Parker Street Tampa, FL 33606 813-221-5788 (newsroom) news@wfla.com
Pinellas County Connection Television (Bright House 637 - Verizon 44 - WOW! 18) 333 Chestnut Street Clearwater, FL 33756 727-464-4600 tv@pinellascounty.org	WTSP, Channel 10 (CBS) 11450 Gandy Boulevard N. St. Petersburg, FL 33702 727-577-1010 desk@tampabays10.com
WTVT Channel 13 (FOX) 3213 W. Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33609 813-876-1313 (main) 813-870-9630 (newsroom) news@wtvt.com	WEDU, Channel 3 (PBS) Berkman Family Broadcast Center 1300 North Boulevard Tampa, FL 33607 813-254-9338 outreach@wedu.org
WTOG, Channel 44 (CW) 365 105 th Terrace NE St. Petersburg, FL 33716 Public Affairs: 727-570-4458	WUSF, Channel 16 (PBS) 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, TVB 100 Tampa, FL 33620 813-974-8700 news@wusf.org
WRMD, Channel 49 (Telemundo) 4107 Spruce Street, Suite 250 Tampa, FL 33607 813-319-4949	WVEA, Channel 62 (Univision) 2610 W. Hillsborough Avenue Tampa, FL 33614 813-998-3660 noticiastampa@entravision.com

Radio	
CBS Radio Tampa Bay 92.5FM WYUU (Spanish), 94.1FM WLLD, 94.1FM-HD2 WSJT, 98.7FM WHFS, 99.5FM WQYK, 104.7FM WRBQ, 1010AM WHFS 5510 W. Gray Street, Suite 130 Tampa, FL 33619 727-579-1925	Clear Channel Communications Tampa Bay 93.3FM WFLZ, 95.7FM WBTP, 97.9FM WXTB, 100.7FM WMTX, 103.5FM WFUS, 105.9FM WMTX, 106.5FM WCTQ, 620AM WDAE, 970AM WFLA, 1250AM WHNZ 4002 W. Gandy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33611 813-832-1000
Community Radio 88.5 WMNF 1210 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Tampa, FL 33619 813-238-8001	Cox Media Group Tampa 94.9FM WWRM, 97.1FM WSUN, 101.5FM WPOI, 102.5FM WHPT, 105.5FM WDUV, 107.3FM WXGL 11300 4th Street N St. Petersburg, FL 33716 727-579-2000

Davidson Media Group 96.1 FM / 1150 AM WTMP (African American) 407 Howard Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33606 813-259-9867	Genesis Communications (News Talk Florida) 820AM WWBA, 1040AM WHBO, 1060AM WIXC, 1190AM WAMT, 1470AM WMGG (Spanish) 800 8th Avenue SE Largo, FL 33771
Genesis 680 680AM WGES (Spanish) 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 250 Tampa, FL 33607 813-637-8000	Radio Tropical Inc. 1300AM WQBN (Spanish) 4023 N. Armenia Avenue, Suite 400 Tampa, FL 33607 813-871-1333
Salem Communications 570AM WTNB, 910AM WTWD, 760AM WLCC (Spanish), 860AM WGUL, 930AM WLSS 5211 W Laurel Street, Suite 101 Tampa, FL 33607	Tan Talk Radio Network 1340 AM WTAN 706 N. Myrtle Avenue Clearwater, FL 33755 727-441-3311
WUSF Public Media 89.7FM WUSF 4202 E. Fowler Avenue TVB100 Tampa, FL 33620 813-974-8700	1590AM WRXB 3551 42nd Avenue S, Suite B-106 St. Petersburg, FL 33711 727-865-1591

VI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STRATEGIES

In addition to working with the media, a number of different techniques will be used throughout the study. A brief description of these techniques is listed below.

Elected Officials and Agency Kickoff

An important part of the study process is the coordination with environmental resource agencies with permitting and/or approval authority for the project, and with other governmental and non-governmental organizations with an interest in the project. The purpose of the Elected Officials and Agency Kickoff meeting is to provide an opportunity for the study team and the agencies to work cooperatively together to develop a transportation improvement that meets the needs of the area while being a responsible steward of the natural and human environment.

Elected Officials and Agency Kickoff Meeting Site

It is anticipated that the Agency Kickoff Meeting will be held at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Pinellas Park, Florida 33782.

Bilingual Information

There are communities within the project area that are predominantly Spanish speaking. An opportunity for bilingual newsletters and meeting handouts will be available. A Spanish



translator will be available at public meetings to listen to comments and concerns, answer questions, and provide project information.

Newsletters

Informational and easy-to-understand newsletters will be distributed via email and/or mail to elected and appointed officials, agencies, property owners within 300 feet of the project and interested persons. The newsletters will give a detailed overview of the project, notice of public meetings and other study activities, a summary of the findings, and the next steps of the project development. It is anticipated that there will be three newsletters distributed for this study at the following project milestones:

1. Study Kickoff
2. Public Hearing notification
3. FHWA reevaluation approval notification

Newsletters will also be posted on the project website.

News/Press Releases:

News/press releases notifying the public of meetings and other study activities will be submitted to the FDOT Public Information Office no less than seven (7) days in advance of public meetings.

Public Notices/Legal Display Ads:

Public notices will consist of advertisements published in the area newspaper with the largest circulation. Legal display advertisements will be published in the *Tampa Bay Times Full Edition*. The first advertisement will be published 21 to 30 days prior to the hearing, and the second advertisement will appear seven to 12 days before the hearing. These advertisements will be used to announce the date, time, and location of the public hearing for the US 19 PD&E Reevaluation Study. All advertisements will be sent to the local newspaper via e-mail or by registered mail, return receipt requested. Public notices will also be placed in the *Florida Administrative Register* and published on the FDOT's public meeting notices website at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing. Public notices will also be posted on the project website.

Public Announcements:

In order to distribute study information to a broader segment of the community, fliers will be made available to homeowners associations, cultural and civic groups, business organizations, churches, schools and others to publish in existing newsletters and on websites. Any such correspondence will first be reviewed and approved by the District's Public Information Office.

Direct Mail/Email List

The following will be contacted by either direct mail or email in order to obtain input throughout the project development process and/or to provide project information. The mailing list will be updated at regular intervals throughout the PD&E Study.

- Those people whose property lies in whole or in part within 300 feet on either side of the right-of-way line of any alternative for the proposed project will be notified, as required by Section 339.155, F.S., as well as other local citizens who may be impacted by the construction of this project. This list will be compiled utilizing current Geographical Information System (GIS) data obtained from the Pinellas County Property Appraisers Office.

VII. Public Outreach Activity Schedule

The public outreach activity schedule is being developed and will be added at a later date.

VIII. Public Hearing

Meetings will be held in compliance with the "Project Development and Environmental Manual," 23 CFR 771 and Section 339.155, F.S. One public hearing will be held during the study reevaluation.

Public Hearing Site

The public hearing will be held at an appropriate facility convenient to the study area and meeting all of the other aforementioned meeting facility requirements. Prior to site selection, the meeting location will be inspected for size, adequate parking, transit access and compliance with ADA requirements. Several potentials have been identified and reflected in Table 2. These locations will require on-site inspections and additional coordination before making a final selection.



Potential Public Hearing Sites

Name and Location	Distance from Project	Phone	Comments
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. Pinellas Park, FL 33782	< 1 mile	727-570-5151	Large meeting room for 150, ample parking, security, transit access, ADA, easy to find. Additional small meeting room available
First United Methodist Church 9025 49 th St. Pinellas Park, FL 33782	< 1.5 miles	727-546-5741	Large meeting room for 100, ample parking, security, transit access, ADA, easy to find
The Event Hall 6152 126 th Ave. Largo, FL 33773	< 2 miles	727-216-6548	Large meeting room for 100, ample parking, security, transit access, ADA, easy to find
Epi Center 13805 58th St. N. Clearwater, FL 33760	< 3 miles	727-341-3154	Large meeting rooms, ample parking, security, transit access, ADA, easy to find. Multiple rooms for display and video

Public Advertisement / Letters of Invitation

See section VI Direct Mail/Email List

Hearing Preparation and Briefing Meetings

Voice-over recordings, slide presentations and/or video presentations, project corridor aerial maps, graphics and handouts, as requested by the FDOT, will be prepared to supplement the oral public hearing presentation.

The study team will also conduct two briefing meetings prior to the public hearing to review materials. The first briefing will be conducted with FDOT planning staff and project manager in order to fine-tune the hearing materials. The second briefing will be conducted with FDOT executive staff, planning staff and project manager to gain final approval of hearing materials.

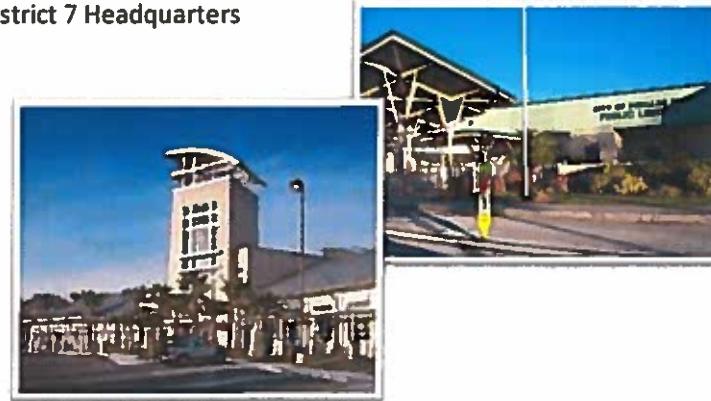
Documents for Public Review

Environmental and engineering reports to support the PD&E Study evaluation will be available for public review at least 21 calendar days prior to the public hearing and for 10 days following the hearing. The documents will be available for review on the project website and at the following locations:

Florida Department of Transportation District 7 Headquarters
11201 N. Malcolm McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33612
813-975-6000

Barbara S. Ponce Public Library
7770 52nd Street
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Largo Public Library
120 Central Park Drive
Largo, FL 33771



Non-Discrimination Laws and Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance of 1964: In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency receive the "language assistance necessary to afford them meaningful access to programs and services". Upon request, arrangements will be made to provide an appropriate interpreter and translation services free of charge. Based on FDOT guidance dated March 21, 2013, the non-discrimination language shown below will be added to all meeting notices, letters ads, newsletters, boards, and other project-related materials.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: Notification of FDOT's intent to comply with the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) will be provided in the public hearing announcements, invitations, newsletters and by the election of an ADA compliant public hearing site.

FDOT Approved Non-Discrimination Language – March 21, 2013

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 service (free of charge) should contact Christopher Speese, Public Involvement Coordinator, at Christopher.Speese@dot.state.fl.us or call (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220 at least seven (7) working days in advance of the Hearing.

Assistance for Spanish Speaking Attendees: Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Lillian E. Escalera, Environmental Management Office Project Manager, at

lilliam.escalera@dot.state.fl.us, or call (813) 975-6445 or (800) 226-7220 at least seven (7) working days in advance of the hearing. Spanish-speaking personnel will be on hand to assist those in need.

NEPA Assignment Language - December 16, 2016

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.

Transcript

A verbatim public hearing record will be compiled to include verbatim transcript of oral and written comments received at the hearing and written comments received within the established 10-day comment period following the hearing. Any corrections, such as spelling errors or name clarification, will be identified on an errata sheet and included as part of the final document. Two certified copies will be forwarded to the FDOT project manager.

IX. PUBLIC MEETING FOLLOW-UP

The following procedures will occur after the public hearing:

Responses

Responses to all written comments received as a result of the public hearing, and questions and comments not answered during the public hearing, will be made in writing.

Recommendation Notice

A legal notice announcing the FHWA's approval of the final documents and recommendations will be published in the *Tampa Bay Times* newspaper. In addition, news items detailing the FDOT's recommendations to the FHWA will be provided to local media.

Public Hearing Transcript Package

A Transcript Package will be produced and submitted following the public hearing. The Transcript Package will include a verbatim hearing transcript prepared by an approved court reporter, an errata sheet detailing any transcript discrepancies, a copy of all correspondence received by the FDOT within the established comment period as part of the public hearing record (received up to 10 days after the hearing) and affidavits of publication for newspaper ads advertising the hearing.

Comments and Coordination Report

A *Comments and Coordination Report* will be produced and submitted at the conclusion of the study, in a bound booklet with a cover, containing, at a minimum, all documentation regarding public participation performed throughout the study period. This report shall include all comments and responses received from the public, as well as records of coordination with local officials and agencies, and public meetings; the verbatim transcript from the public hearing; proof of publication of legal ads; public hearing certification; newsletters; sign-in sheets; comment forms; public meeting materials; presentations and displays; and all public correspondence. The *Comments and Coordination Report* will be submitted with the final engineering documents. A summary of the public involvement efforts shall be included with the final engineering document.

Public Hearing Scrapbook/Summary

A scrapbook containing 11"x17" reproductions of the public hearing display boards, concept plans, presentation materials, brochures, and sign-in sheets will be prepared. The scrapbook will also include a cover page with a project description, WPI Segment No.; a project location map; information about the hearing, such as the date and location, as well as the total number of people in attendance; all the alternatives that were shown; a list of all reports that were displayed; transcript form the public hearing, proof of publication of ads; and all public correspondence. A CD containing the electronic files in PDF format will also be included.

Project Team Debriefing

A debriefing meeting will be held with the project team approximately two weeks after the hearing. The purpose of the meeting is to identify, review, and discuss comments and issues expressed by the public at the hearing. Questions and comments received from the public, but not answered at the hearing, will be addressed as necessary. If a written response is required, the FDOT and/or their representatives will prepare all letters of response. A copy of all responses will be included in the project files and incorporated in the Comments and Coordination Report.

X. EVALUATION OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

A public involvement evaluation process will be developed to assess the effectiveness of the public involvement efforts utilized throughout the PD&E Study. This process will include identification of the public involvement tools, establishment of performance measures, performance evaluations, identification of improvement strategies and a survey to be filled out by the public to measure the effectiveness and quality of the graphics, presentations and overall public involvement activities.

XI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DURING DESIGN

It is anticipated that the Design Phase Project Manager will maintain the appropriate level of public involvement activities throughout the design process. These public involvement activities may include additional coordination meetings with local government and environmental permitting agencies, work sessions, small group meetings, and public meetings, as directed by the FDOT.

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Agency - State

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APPENDIX B

Agency meeting dates

Pinellas County Meeting Schedules

Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization		
Board / Committee	Meeting Schedule	Location
Pinellas MPO Board	2 nd Wednesday of every month 1:00 pm	County Courthouse 315 Court Street 5th Floor Assembly Room Clearwater, Florida
Pinellas MPO CAC	4th Thursday each month 7:00 p.m.	County Courthouse 315 Court Street 1 st Floor Conference Room Clearwater, Florida
Pinellas MPO TCC	4th Wednesday each month 2:00 p.m.	County Courthouse 315 Court Street 1 st Floor Conference Room Clearwater, Florida
Pinellas MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian	3rd Monday each month 8:30 a.m.	County Courthouse 315 Court Street 1 st Floor Conference Room Clearwater, Florida

Pinellas County Commission		
County	Meeting Schedule	Location
Pinellas County	First and Third Tuesday First Tuesday – 9:30 am Third Tuesday – 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm	County Courthouse 315 Court Street 5th Floor Assembly Room Clearwater, Florida

City of Pinellas Park Council		
City	Meeting Schedule	Location
Pinellas Park	Various Thursdays 7:00 pm	City of Pinellas Park Council Chambers 5141 78th Avenue North Pinellas Park, Florida

Other Agencies		
Agency	Meeting Schedule	Location
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority	Last Wednesday each month 9:00 am	PSTA Headquarters 3201 Scherer Drive St. Petersburg, Florida
Tampa Bay Area Regional Planning Authority (TBARTA)	Last Friday each month 9:30 am	Florida Department of Transportation 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, Florida
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	Second Monday each month 10:00 am	4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard Suite 100 Pinellas Park, Florida