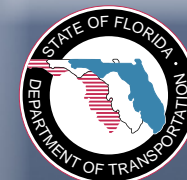


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Project Contact

We encourage everyone to participate in the State Road 710 PD&E study and invite your questions and comments. We are available to meet with your group or neighborhood association. If you have questions regarding the project or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact FDOT project manager, Jeffrey James. People requiring special accommodations or translation services at the meeting should contact Mr. James.

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You are invited to the State Road 710 PD&E Study public hearing

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is doing a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study for the proposed State Road (SR) 710 widening and extension in Okeechobee and Martin Counties. FDOT will present the findings of the PD&E study at a formal public hearing on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 located at 4276 US 441 South, Okeechobee, Florida. FDOT representatives will be available beginning at 6 p.m. to answer questions and discuss the project. Project information, displays and documents will be available for review. At 7 p.m., FDOT will give a presentation about the proposed improvements.

The project limits begin at US 441 in Okeechobee County and end at CR 714 (SW Martin Highway) in Martin County, a distance of approximately 14 miles. The study evaluated the proposed widening of SR 710 between SR 70 and CR 714 from two to four lanes and a new four-lane extension of SR 710 from US 441 to State Road 70.

The proposed improvements require a narrow strip of land from property owned by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) adjacent to the L-63N Canal and the National Register of Historic Places eligible Seaboard Air Line Railroad linear historic district owned by CSX. As part of the project development process and in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, FDOT is seeking comments from the public

concerning the effects of the project on the activities, features and attributes of these resources. The Federal Highway Administration intends to make a de minimus impact determination on both of these resources. Right-of-way acquisition is proposed for the build alternatives. Potential encroachments on wetlands and floodplains have been identified as a result of the study and may be given special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 and 11988, Protection of Wetlands and Floodplain Management, respectively.

Design for the first segment, from US 441 to the L-63 Interceptor Canal was funded in the FDOT Five-Year Work Program in Fiscal Year 2012 and right-of-way acquisition for this segment is proposed in Fiscal Year 2016. Subsequent phases for the remaining segments of SR 710 including design, right-of-way acquisition and construction are not currently funded in the FDOT Five-Year Work Program.

Public Involvement

The public hearing affords people the opportunity to express their views about the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The draft project documents and other information will be available for review from January 9, 2013 to February 11, 2013 at two locations. One is the Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th Street, Okeechobee. The second is the FDOT District One Headquarters, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow. 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 Mr. Jeffrey James, FDOT Project Manager. All exhibits or statements postmarked on or before February 11, 2013, will become part of the public hearing record. Contact information for Mr. James is provided on the left side of the newsletter.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or people who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mr. Jeffrey James at least seven days prior to the hearing. For more information, you may also visit the project Web site at www.sr710-okeechobee.com.

Por favor referirse a la página #2 de este boletín para leer esta información en español.



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