



Florida Department of  
Transportation (FDOT)

## U.S. 17

### Safety Improvements

From Spring Garden Avenue (State Road (S.R.) 15A) to Ponce Deleon Boulevard  
Volusia County

Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 445716-1

### Public Information Meeting

February 8, 2022

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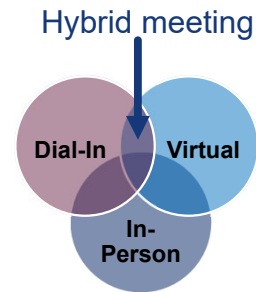
The Florida Department of Transportation, FDOT, welcomes you to the public information meeting for the U.S. 17 safety improvements project, in Volusia County, Florida. Financial Project ID Number 445716-1.



## About the Public Meeting

This public meeting is being conducted in a hybrid format:

- In-Person
- Virtual
- Dial-in



**Dial-in** attendees are “listen only”.

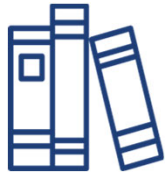
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### TOPIC: ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING

- This **meeting** is being conducted in a hybrid format to provide multiple ways for the public to receive information about the project and provide input.
- This **meeting** is being conducted in-person, virtually through GoToWebinar, and over the phone.
- If you dialed in today on a telephone line, the PowerPoint presentation is available on the project webpage at [www.cflroads.com/project/445716-1](http://www.cflroads.com/project/445716-1) (**spell out**).

## About Your Comments and Questions



All comments and questions are part of the **public meeting record**.



Please submit your comments and questions by February 18, 2022.



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## Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

### Title VI Compliance

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- This information is shown on a sign at the in-person location, on the project website, and in the meeting notifications.



## Project Location

### U.S. 17 Safety Improvements

(this project)

Begin: Spring Garden Avenue (S.R. 15A)

End: Ponce Deleon Boulevard

Length: 3.1 miles

FPID: 445716-1

### U.S. 17 Widening

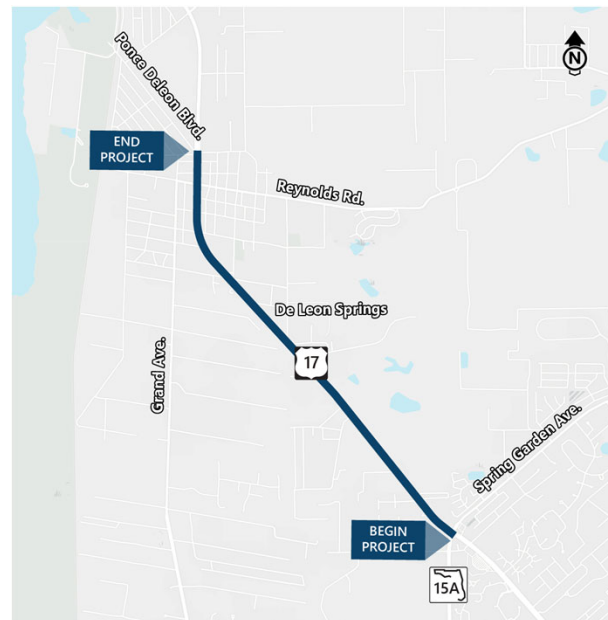
(project to the north)

Begin: Ponce Deleon Boulevard

End: Lake Winona Road

Length: 1.5 miles

FPID: 410251-3



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FDOT is proposing improvements along US 17 from Spring Garden Avenue, also known as State Road 15A, to Ponce Deleon Boulevard in Deleon Springs. The project is 3.1 miles in length.

FDOT also plans to widen U.S. 17 to four lanes from Ponce Deleon Boulevard to Lake Winona Road. The widening is part of a separate project, Financial Project ID Number 410251-3, and is anticipated to begin construction around the same time as this safety improvements project.

## Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and enhance safety

- The proposed improvements are based on findings from the U.S. 17 Access Management Study (completed in July 2019)

### Project Goals:

- Reduce traffic crashes by implementing access management safety control measures
- Maintain existing road capacity
- Receive feedback from the community and local businesses



This project is the result of an access management study completed in 2019. The purpose of this project is to improve traffic operations and enhance vehicle and pedestrian safety.

The goal of this project is to help reduce the number of traffic crashes while maintaining existing roadway capacity, and to receive feedback from the community and local businesses to help understand the need for safety improvements along the corridor.

# Public Outreach

## Public Outreach Efforts to Date

- Louise S. McInnis Elementary School Coordination Meeting
- Local Agency Coordination Meeting
- Business Owner’s Hybrid Meeting

## Public Meeting Purpose

- to continue to receive feedback on the proposed median changes
- The plans shown tonight are recommended changes from the U.S 17 Access management Study. We will take your feedback and make necessary design changes.



To date, FDOT’s outreach efforts for this project have included a coordination meeting with Louise S. McInnis Elementary school, a local agency coordination meeting, and a hybrid meeting for local business owners along the corridor.

The plans being shown tonight are based on the 2019 access management study, and do not represent the final recommendations for this project. The purpose of this public meeting is to receive feedback from the community about the proposed improvements and to better understand the needs of the community. Your feedback will be utilized to make necessary design changes.

## Proposed Improvements

- Median modifications to 26 existing median openings
  - Median opening closures at 14 locations
  - Median modifications to directional openings at 12 locations
  - New directional openings at 2 locations
- Additional improvements
  - Repaving and drainage modifications
  - Minor lighting and sidewalk improvements
  - Shoulder widening to accommodate induced U-turns

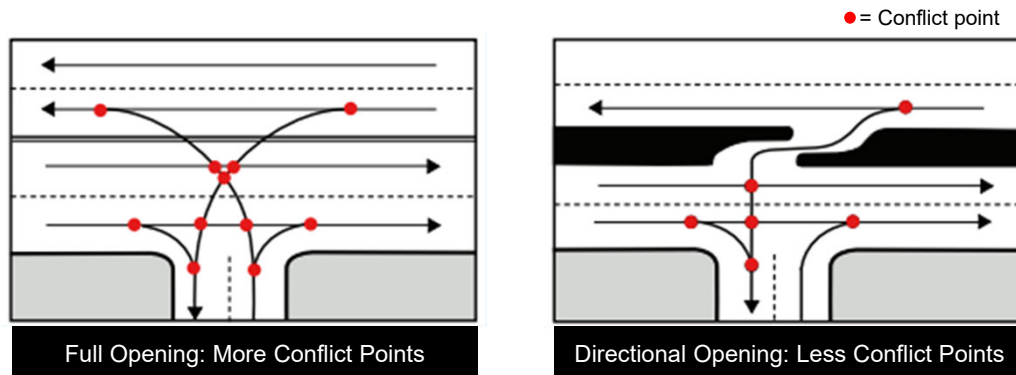


There are currently a total of 26 full median openings along the project limits. This project proposes to close 14 median openings and modify 12 median openings to directional openings. The project also proposes to construct two new directional openings within the project limits. Additional improvements planned for the project corridor include repaving, drainage modifications, minor lighting and sidewalk improvements, and widened shoulders to accommodate U-turns, where needed.



## Enhancing Safety Through Access Management

Conflict points = Places where two vehicles can cross paths and potentially collide



**Fewer conflicts mean fewer severe crashes**

The purpose of these improvements is to enhance safety. Safety can be enhanced through access management by limiting the number of conflict points at a given intersection. Conflict points are places where two vehicles could cross paths and potentially collide.

At a full median opening, there are more conflict points than at a directional median opening.

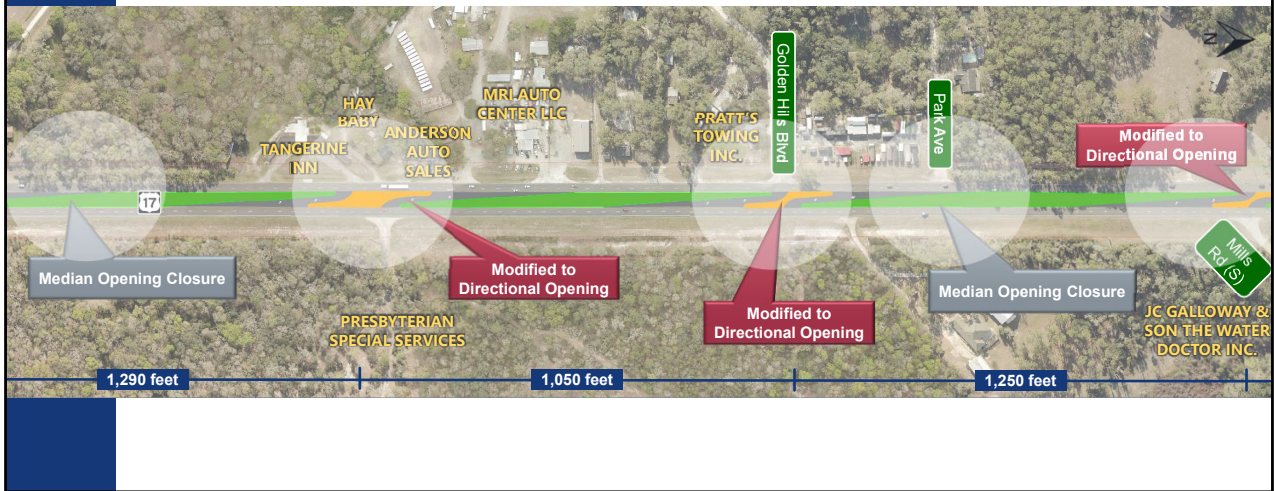
Adjusting a full median opening to a directional median opening reduces conflict points. Reducing conflict points helps decrease the frequency and severity of crashes, thus increasing safety for motorists.

## Proposed Improvements Walk-through



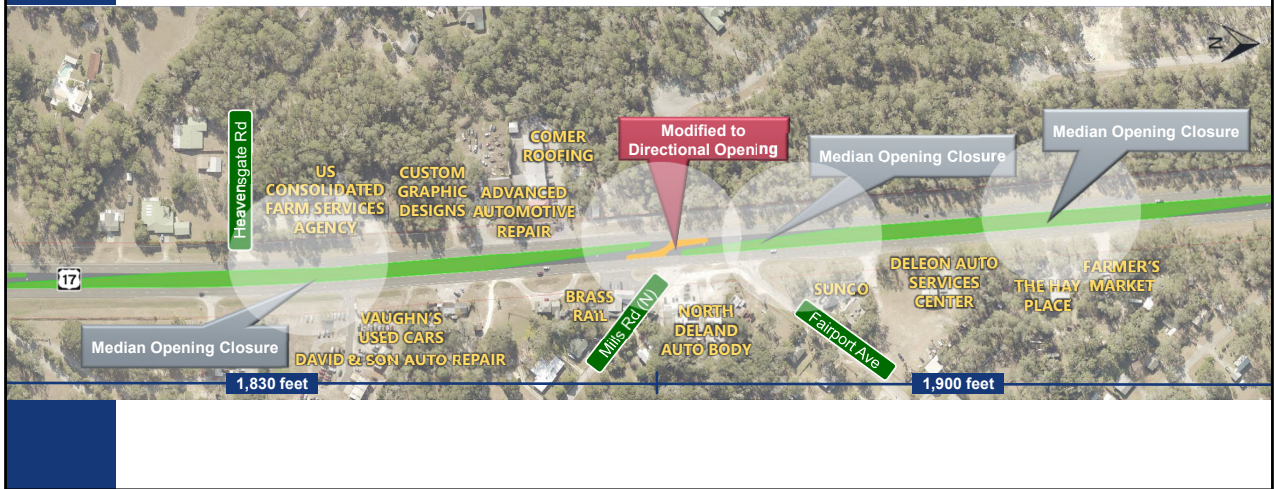
Starting at the south end of the project at Spring Garden Avenue, the proposed improvements include modifications to the crosswalks and curb ramps at the signalized intersection. Median opening closures are proposed at the southern driveway of Blessing Motel and south of Better Fence. Modified median openings to directional openings are proposed at West Virginia Avenue and Woodbridge Road.

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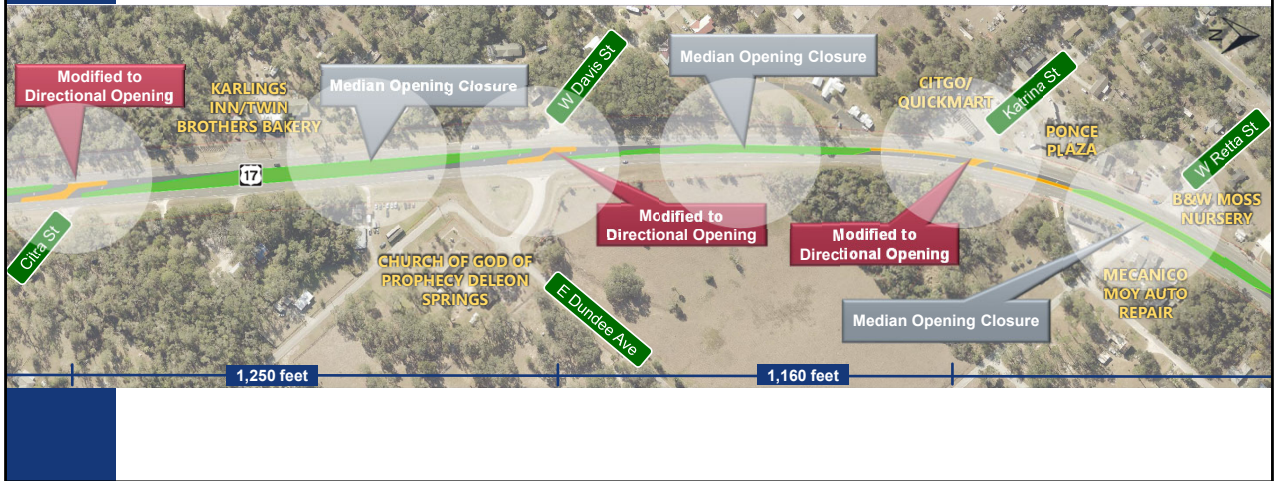
Continuing north, median opening closures are proposed south of Tangerine Inn and at Park Avenue. Median opening modifications to directional median openings are proposed at the north driveway of Tangerine Inn, at Golden Hills Boulevard, and at Mills Road south.

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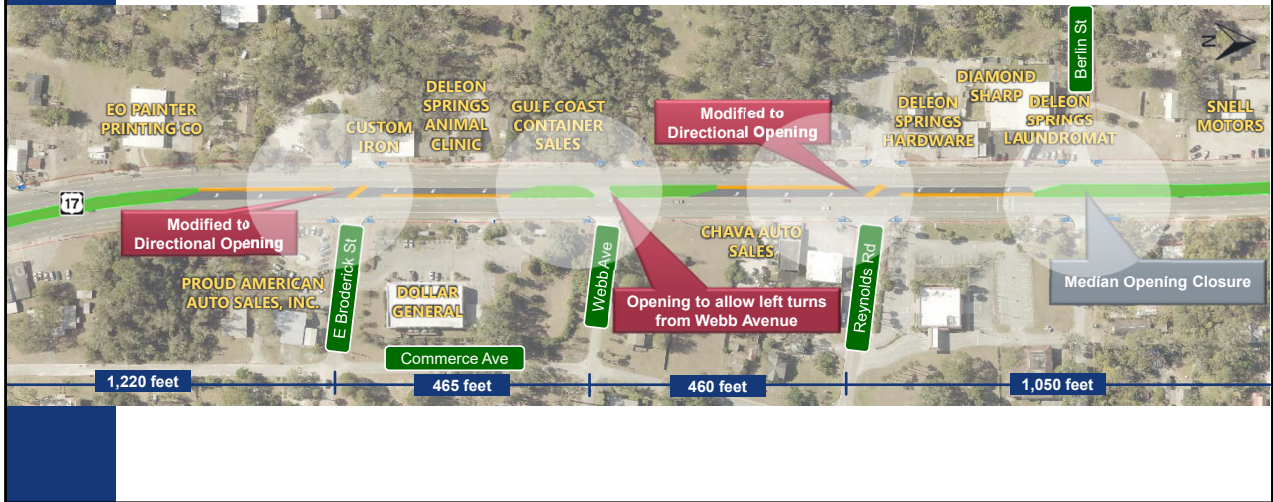
Median opening closures are proposed at the opening north of Heavensgate Road, at Fairport Avenue and at the Farmer's Market. A modified opening to a directional median opening is proposed at Mills Road North.

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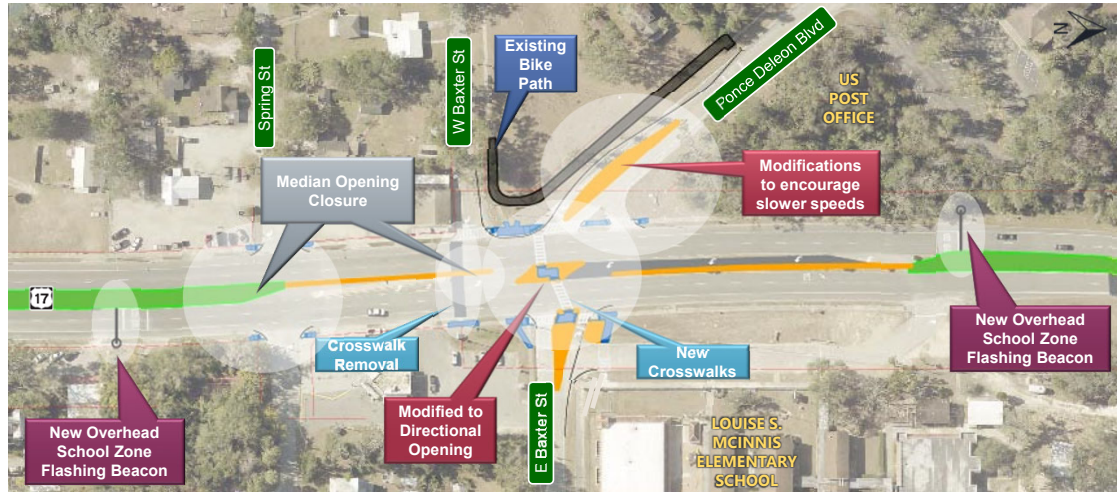
Continuing north, modified openings to directional openings are proposed at Citra Street, West Davis Street, and Katrina Street. Median opening closures are proposed at the median opening north of the Twin Brothers Bakery, at the median opening between Davis Street and Katrina Street, and at West Retta Street.

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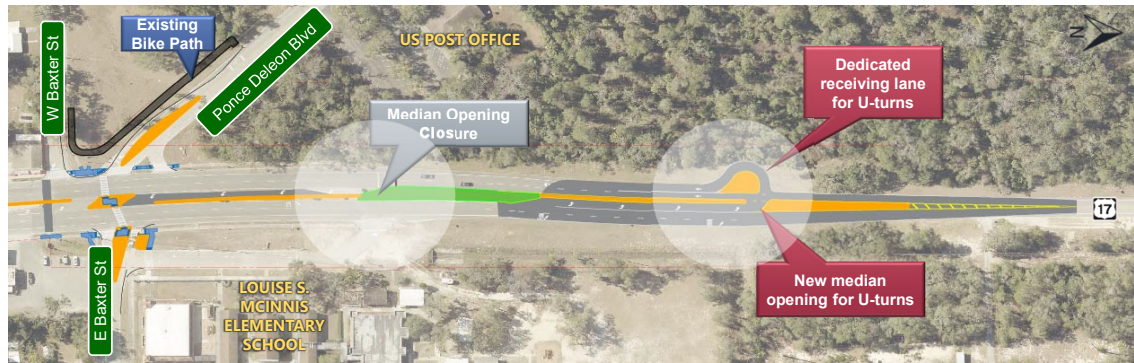
Continuing north, modified median openings to directional openings are proposed at Broderick Street and at Reynolds Road. A median opening closure is proposed at Berlin Street. The project plans to provide a median opening at Webb Avenue to allow left turns out of Webb Avenue.

## Proposed Improvements Walk-through



At the northern end of the project, median opening closures are proposed at Spring Street and at west Baxter Street. A median opening modification to a directional median opening is proposed at the east Baxter Street and Ponce Deleon Boulevard intersection. The project plans to remove the existing crosswalk and provide a new crosswalk at the new directional median opening. Overhead school zone flashing beacons are proposed north and south of the intersection to direct attention to the reduced speed zone. A modification to Ponce Deleon Boulevard is proposed to encourage slower speeds as vehicles approach US 17.

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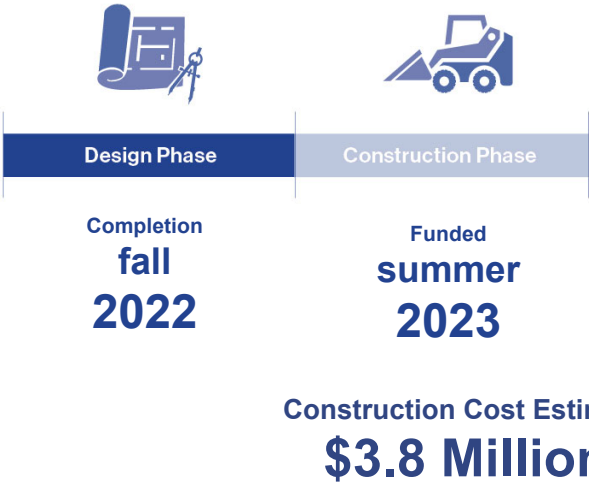


North of Ponce Deleon Boulevard, improvements are being proposed near McInnis Elementary School. The project plans to close the existing median opening at the school loop exit, restricting left turns out of the school loop. A new median opening is proposed just north of the school to allow for U-turns, along with a dedicated receiving lane for U-turns that can accommodate larger vehicles. These improvements have been coordinated with school administration.

Our team will be coordinating with the team for the widening project throughout the design of both projects. As this coordination moves forward, some improvements planned as part of this project may be constructed instead with the widening effort (FPID No. 410251-3). A public meeting for that project is planned for later this spring.



# Schedule and Estimated Construction Cost

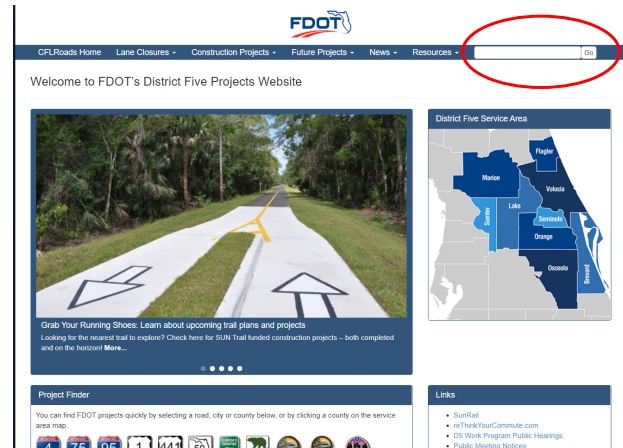


Design plans are expected to be completed in fall 2022 and construction is funded for summer 2023. The cost of construction is estimated at 3.8 million dollars.

## For More Information

### More information is available online:

1. Go to the project website at [www.cflroads.com](http://www.cflroads.com)
2. Enter the project number "445716-1" in the search box at the top right
3. Then click "go".



To follow the status of the project, please visit the project page on the FDOT's Central Florida website [www.cflroads.com](http://www.cflroads.com). Type the project number 445716-1 in the search box at the top right corner of the page. Then click on "go."

The recording of this presentation and all materials shown here tonight are currently available on the website.



## Public Comments and Questions

In-person

Virtually

Mail

By phone



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## Ways to Submit Comments & Questions

- In-person
  - Submit Comment Form
- Virtually
  - GoTo Webinar: Type the comment in the Questions box
  - Online at [CFLRoads.com/project/445716-1](http://CFLRoads.com/project/445716-1)
- Contact the FDOT Project Manager directly

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- To submit comments in person, you may speak to our project staff on the floor or complete a printed Comment Form and return it to project staff.
- If you are participating online, you may submit written questions or comments in the Question box on the GoToWebinar Control Panel.
- Written comments may also be submitted on the project website at **[www.cflroads.com/project/445716-1](http://www.cflroads.com/project/445716-1)**.
- You may also contact the project manager directly by email at **[Shelley.Chinquee@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Shelley.Chinquee@dot.state.fl.us)** (spell out.)
- Or by U.S. Mail at the Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, Mail Station 542, DeLand, FL 32720
- You may also call the project manager at **386-943-5439** to provide verbal comments during normal business hours.
- The contact information is also available on the public **meeting** notification that you may have received by mail.



## Thank you for participating.

Please submit comments and questions by February 18, 2022.

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### TOPIC: THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

- On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation thank you for attending this public **meeting** and providing your input on this project.
- If you have comments or questions after the **meeting**, please submit them by **February 18, 2022**.
- Contact information, a recording of this public meeting, project documents and other exhibits displayed at the public meeting will be posted on the project website at **CFLroads.com/445716-1**.

Have a good evening.