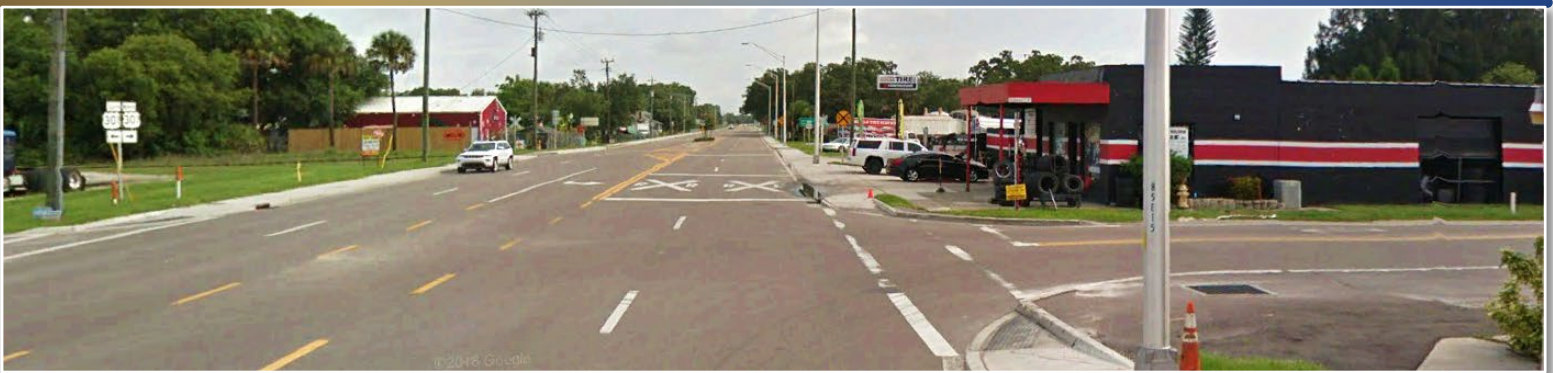


SR 62 at US 301 Realignment Project

Manatee County

Financial Project ID No. 444429-1-21-01

<https://swflroads.com/sr62/at301>



PUBLIC HEARING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PARRISH JUNE 22, 2021

Welcome to the public hearing for the SR 62 at US 301 Realignment Project. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is conducting this hearing in partnership with Manatee County. Manatee County is administering the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for this project.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide you the opportunity to review project information, ask questions, and offer comments about the proposed improvements. Maps and information boards are on display, and project representatives are available to discuss the project and answer questions. A comment form is included in this handout. We encourage you to complete the form and drop it in one of the bins provided, or if you prefer, you may mail or email your comments, written statements, or exhibits, postmarked by July 7, 2021, to the address on the comment form.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to optimize vehicle operations and improve safety and mobility at the intersection, which is geometrically insufficient. Improvements are needed in order to allow continuous movement of vehicles traveling between Erie Road and SR 62 rather than requiring two turns via US 301. This project is consistent with goals of Manatee County.

Selected Realignment Alternative

The proposed realignment of SR 62 includes a new intersection at Erie Road via a new two-lane roadway extension starting 0.26 miles east of the existing SR 62 and US 301 intersection. On Erie Road, a left turn lane

and right turn lane onto US 301 will be added. On US 301 northbound, a right turn lane will be added for eastbound travel on the new SR 62. The existing bi-directional center lane on US 301 will be changed to a northbound left turn lane onto Erie Road, and a southbound left turn lane onto the new SR 62.

The intersection will include new traffic signals, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and light poles. A raised median is proposed on US 301 across the existing SR 62 opening to eliminate future eastbound turns onto old SR 62 from southbound US 301 traffic and southbound turns onto US 301 from old SR 62. The access changes are not anticipated to cause significant changes in travel time. School flow traffic is expected to improve with the direct crossing of US 301 from SR 62 to Erie Road and exclusion of the current turning movement. The new intersection also will encourage motorists to use Erie Road to access Parrish Community High School instead of using the neighborhood side streets.

This alignment is proposed based on its ability to satisfy the project purpose while minimizing right-of-way impacts and relocations and potential for natural and physical environmental impacts. The No-Build Alternative, where no improvements will be made, will remain a viable option. However, the No-Build Alternative would not improve safety and mobility at the SR 62 and US 301 intersection. Both the Build and the No-Build alternatives are being presented at tonight's hearing.

Location Map



Project Documents Available for Review

Project documents and all hearing materials are available here tonight and at <https://swfroads.com/sr62/at301>. Project documents may also be reviewed through July 7, 2021 at the following locations:

Rocky Bluff Branch Library

6750 US Highway 301 North, Ellenton, FL 34222
 Tuesday and Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Wednesday and Thursday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FDOT District One, Manatee Operations Center

14000 East SR 64, Bradenton, FL 34212
 Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local Agency Partners

In addition to receiving public input, we are coordinating with the following local agencies:



Evaluation Matrix

EVALUATION FACTORS	BUILD ALTERNATIVE	NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE
Right-of-Way Impacts		
Number of Parcels Impacted	0	0
Number of Potential Relocations	0	0
Environmental Effects		
Potential Species Impacts	None	None
Potential Contamination Sites (Medium / High)	3 / 0	0
Wetland Impacts (ac)	0	0
Floodplain Impacts (ac)	0	0
Archaeological/Historic Site Impacts	0	0
Noise Impacted Sites	2	0
Estimated Project Costs (subject to change)		
Right-of-Way	\$0	\$0
Wetland Mitigation	\$0	\$0
Design	Completed by Manatee County	\$0
Construction	\$2,108,424	\$0
Total Cost	\$2,108,424	\$0

Estimated Project Costs

Estimated costs shown in the evaluation matrix are based on present-day dollars and the best available information at the time of this project..

What Happens Next?

Following the public hearing and comment period, the project team will finalize engineering and environmental evaluations and project documentation. FDOT District One, in coordination with Manatee County, will make its final recommendation. A legal advertisement announcing the acceptance of the project document will appear in the Bradenton-Herald and La Gaceta newspapers. FDOT anticipates completing this project in summer of 2021 and Manatee County anticipates construction commencement in early 2022.

Contact Us

If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact:

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