



## *Florida Department of Transportation*

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY

January 9, 2015

Re: Financial Project Number: 419243-2-32-01  
SR 25 (US 27) from Highlands County Line to CR 630A  
Polk County  
Florida Statute 337.274

Dear Property Owner,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently preparing design plans for construction of the subject roadway improvement project. The department has contracted AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc. (AIM) and its authorized agents to assist in the design work.

During this design phase, FDOT staff or its authorized agent from AIM (a sub consultant, for example) may need to make entry onto your property sometime between January 12, 2015 and December 28, 2018 to conduct land surveys and to gather environmental and/or geotechnical data. Data collected will assist with analysis of environmental components as we develop design plans. Gathering this kind of data from private properties is not unusual during design phases for projects.

Property entry is solely for the purpose of gathering data to make the project a success. Entry onto your property will not interfere with continued use or occupancy of your property. With reasonable notice to the landowner, Florida Statute 337.274 authorizes FDOT staff or its agents to enter any lands, waters, and premises to conduct surveys, soundings, drillings, environmental assessments, and other examinations necessary to perform our duties. The reverse side of this letter contains a copy of the Florida Statute 337.274.

Although this project is not currently funded for construction, the department will host a public information meeting before construction begins. If you have any questions about the design of this project, please call me (863) 519-2990 or email me ([kati.sherrard@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:kati.sherrard@dot.state.fl.us)).

Sincerely,

Kati Sherrard, E.I.  
Project Manager

# The 2014 Florida Statutes

## Title XXVI

PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION

## Chapter 337

CONTRACTING, ACQUISITION, DISPOSAL, AND USE OF  
PROPERTY

**337.274 Authority of department agent or employee to enter lands, waters, and premises of another in the performance of duties.**—The department and its authorized agents and employees are authorized to enter upon any lands, waters, and premises, upon giving reasonable notice to the landowner, for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, drillings, appraisals, environmental assessments, archaeological assessments, and examinations necessary to perform its duties and functions; and any such entry shall not be deemed a trespass or an entry that would constitute a taking in an eminent domain proceeding. The department shall make reimbursement for any actual damages to such lands, water, and premises as a result of such activities.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 84-319; s. 7, ch. 89-232; s. 113, ch. 92-152.

**Project Location Map**

