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CR 664 Bridge over Little Payne Creek - Project Development and Environment Study

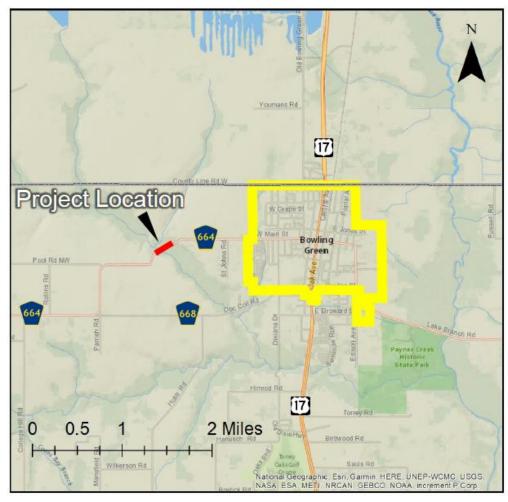
Hardee County, Florida Bridge Number 060034

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for proposed improvements to the CR 664 Bridge over Little Payne Creek in Hardee County. This location is less than one mile west of the Bowling Green city limits. These improvements may include replacing the bridge or building a new bridge parallel to the existing bridge. The existing bridge was constructed in 1915 and is now functionally obsolete. The new structure will bring this facility up to current standards.



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The PD&E study will evaluate and document potential engineering and natural, physical, socioeconomic, and cultural environmental effects of the proposed improvements. FDOT is conducting the PD&E study in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

The CR 664 bridge over Little Payne Creek is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in the area of Engineering as an example of concrete arch deck bridge in Florida and appears eligible in the area of Transportation for its connection of Bowling Green to Fort Green. Impacts to NRHP properties require a Case Study following Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Your input is sought concerning potential impacts and mitigation.

As part of the PD&E study, FDOT is implementing a public involvement program. A second letter will be sent out prior to the selection of the preferred alternative, and a third to announce the approval of the study. If you have questions or comments about the project, please contact me, Patrick Bateman, PE, FDOT Project Manager, at (863) 519-2792 or Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us. The current schedule for the PD&E study is below.

	2020				2021		
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Project Begins							
Newsletter #1		\times					
Alternatives Development							
Engineering/Environmental Analysis							
Newsletter #2					\times		
Public Hearing					一户		
Complete Study							
Newsletter #3							\times
Design Activities							

The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) includes the CR 664 Bridge project in its Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Design will occur concurrently with the PD&E study. Right of Way needs will be determined during the study. Right of Way, if needed, is not funded at this time. Construction is funded in fiscal year 2022 of FDOT's Five-Year Work Program and the HRTPO TIP.

FDOT solicits public participation 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 who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or e-mail at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

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.

Sincerely,

Patrick Bateman, PE

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