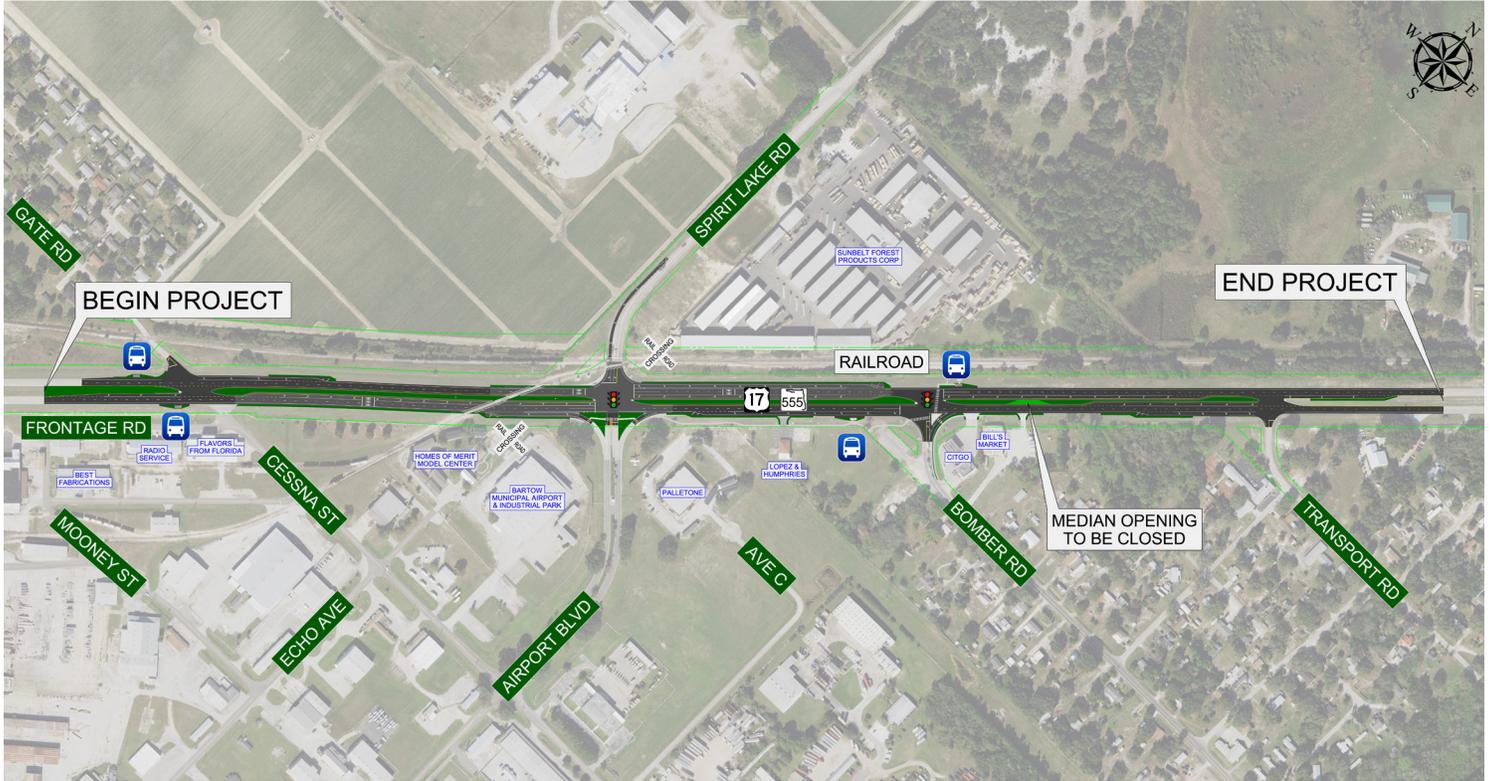




US 17 Intersection Improvements Project from south of Spirit Lake Road to north of Spirit Lake Road

Financial Project ID Number: 439826-1-52-01

November 2020



PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Location: GoToWebinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8664248794013633808>

Public Viewing Location: Polk County Sheriff's Office
Burnham-McCall Training Center
2201 Old Bartow Eagle Lake Road
Bartow, FL 33830

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to attend a public hearing to learn about the proposed intersection improvement project on State Road (SR) 555 (US 17) from south of Spirit Lake Road to north of Spirit Lake Road in Polk County, Florida. The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the existing asphalt pavement with rigid concrete pavement within the limits of SR 555 (US 17) at the Spirit Lake Road intersection. The scope also includes closing an existing median opening, resurfacing, adding sidewalk to connect the Bartow Municipal Airport entrance with Bomber Road, transit pads, new signalization at Spirit Lake Road, signing and pavement marking upgrades and intersection lighting.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and will consist of a hybrid format with combined face-to-face and virtual components. The public is invited to participate in the hearing virtually, or visit the public viewing location at 2201 Old Bartow Eagle Lake Road, Bartow, FL 33830. An open house will begin at 5:30 p.m., where attendees may review project displays and speak with project team members. The formal portion of the hearing will begin at 6 p.m., and will include an opportunity for attendees to make public comments. Following the formal portion of the hearing, the informal open house will resume and continue until 7 p.m.

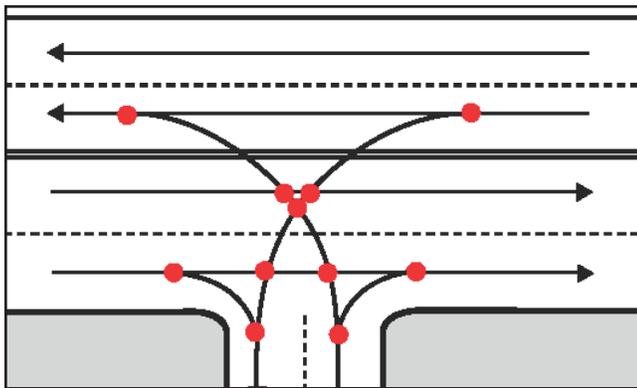
A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting before and after the formal portion of the hearing. You may submit written comments at the hearing or send your written comments to Alex Carlson, E.I., FDOT District One, 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, or emailed to alex.carlson@dot.state.fl.us. Comments must be postmarked by December 4, 2020, to become part of the public hearing record.

Draft project documents and plans will be available for public review from November 4 to December 4, 2020 on the project website, <http://swflroads.com/us17/spiritlakerd/>, or by contacting Alex Carlson, E.I., at 863-519-2572 or via email at alex.carlson@dot.state.fl.us.

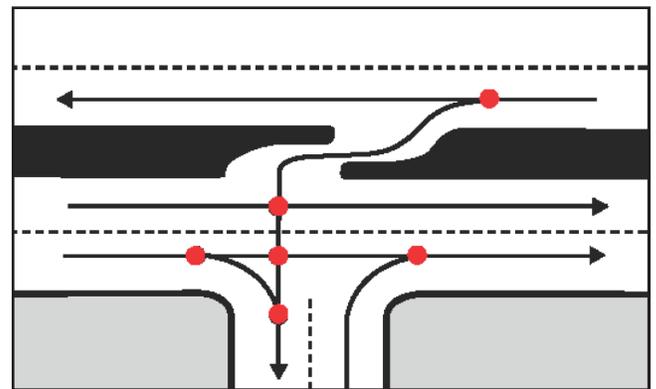
ACCESS MANAGEMENT

Conflict points are locations along a roadway where two vehicle's paths can legally cross. At a four-way intersection, there are as many as 36 conflict points.

Each conflict point is a location where a crash can occur. A basic principle of access management is to limit the number of conflict points along a roadway by minimizing the number of driveways and median openings and restricting certain movements at some median openings. Drivers can be overwhelmed by conflict points in close proximity to one another, increasing the potential for crashes. Good access management practice strives to separate conflict points by providing a reasonable distance between driveways.



Before Access Management = More Conflicts



After Access Management = Less Conflicts

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thank you for your participation. Your input is important and any comments are appreciated.

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Ways to Comment on the Project:



Make a verbal comment here tonight to the court reporter.



Complete a comment form and place in comment box or give to staff here tonight.



Email comments to:
alex.carlson@dot.state.fl.us

WE VALUE YOUR OPINION

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by email at cynthia.sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

For more information please contact Alex Carlson, E.I., FDOT Project Manager, by phone at 863-519-2572 or by email at alex.carlson@dot.state.fl.us.