

Subject: Public [workshop](#) invitation for the [Old Dixie Trail Project](#)
[FPID 435391-1/Old Dixie Trail PD&E](#)
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a public workshop for the [Old Dixie Trail Project Development & Environment \(PD&E\) Study](#) in [Polk County](#). You can participate in the public [workshop](#) virtually or in-person. The virtual public [workshop](#) will be held on [September 16, 2021](#). FDOT staff will present to the public and will host a live component from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm that will be open to comments from the public. The live event can be accessed online through the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/trails/odt/home.html>.

ONLINE OPTION - Attend virtually from a computer, tablet or mobile device. You can register in advance by visiting <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1832806036208852752> or the project website. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the [workshop](#) online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this GoToWebinar.

PHONE OPTION - Join the workshop in listen-only mode by dialing +1 (631) 992-3221 and entering the passcode 859-634-978 when prompted. Callers may submit comments directly to the project manager by using the contact information listed on the back.

Additionally, an in-person alternatives public workshop will be held on [September 23, 2021](#), at the [Lake Alfred Lions Club at 175 N. Nekoma Ave, Lake Alfred, FL, 33850](#). The in-person workshop will be an open house format from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The [proposed Old Dixie Trail will connect the trailheads of the Auburndale-TECO Trail and the Haines City Trail, for a distance of approximately 12 miles. The Old Dixie Trail PD&E Study is intended to provide regional connectivity that will offer recreational and economic development benefits.](#) The public [workshop](#) is being held to [present information about the proposed alternatives and engineering and environmental analysis completed to date.](#) The [workshop](#) provides the public an opportunity to offer feedback on the [proposed alternatives](#) for the official [workshop](#) record. All [workshop](#) materials will be available on the project website from [September 9 through October 7, 2021](#). A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person [workshop](#). You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments. Your input on the project is valuable and we invite you to respond to our survey by visiting the project website.

For more information on all options of the upcoming public [workshop](#), visit the project website or contact the project manager (listed below).

FDOT is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300-feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this project. If you have any questions about the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, [Steven Andrews](#) by phone at [\(863\) 519-2270](tel:8635192270), email at steven.andrews@dot.state.fl.us.

After reviewing the public workshop materials, and/or participating, you may submit comments in three different ways: 1) on the project website; 2) emailing the FDOT Project Manager, [Steven Andrews](#) at steven.andrews@dot.state.fl.us; or 3) mailing comments to [Steven Andrews](#) at FDOT District One, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33931-1249. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please note that comments must be received or postmarked by [October 7, 2021](#), to be included in the formal public workshop record. A summary of the workshop comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period.

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 email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public workshop.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by 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.