GOOD EVENING. THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WELCOMES YOU TO THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROADWAY NAME PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (OR PD&E) STUDY IN MANATEE COUNTY. MY NAME IS PATRICK BATEMAN, I AM THE FDOT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS STUDY. THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS IN PERSON/LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT.

FDOT REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTANT PROJECT TEAM ARE AVAILABLE TONIGHT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ANY ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS HEARING. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN IN WITH YOUR NAME AND THE OFFICE YOU REPRESENT FOR THE PROJECT RECORD.

THE PURPOSE OF TONIGHT’S HEARING IS TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND SHARE THE ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS CONDUCTED TO DATE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS ALSO AN OFFICIAL FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS REGARDING THE PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS. THE PUBLIC MAY COMMENT VERBALLY DURING THE HEARING TONIGHT, OR MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AT THE HEARING, BY EMAIL, BY MAIL OR THROUGH THE PROJECT WEBSITE BY DATE.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS USING BOTH AN IN-PERSON AND ONLINE FORMAT. ALL HEARING MATERIALS DETAILING AND DOCUMENTING PROJECT ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SUCH AS THE PROJECT VIDEO, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS, AND INFORMATIONAL GRAPHICS, HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ONLINE SINCE DATE*.* THESE MATERIALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT THE VENUE HERE TONIGHT. ADDITIONALLY, PROJECT ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE FDOT OFFICE BRANCH AND DOCUMENT VIEWING LOCATION, AS WELL AS ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE.

IN JUST A MOMENT WE WILL PRESENT THE PROJECT VIDEO FOR BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE ATTENDEES [IF BOTH COMPONENTS AT THE SAME TIME]. THE PROJECT VIDEO CAN ALSO BE VIEWED ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE LISTED ON YOUR HANDOUT.

**[PAUSE]**

NOW, I WILL READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD:

THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FORMAL STUDY NAME WITH LIMITS, IN XX COUNTY, FL. FINANCIAL PROJECT ID NUMBER FPID. THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH TALLAHASSEE AS THE APPROVING AUTHORITY. IT IS BEING HELD AT LOCATION ON DATE, AT 6 P.M.

THIS PROJECT IS DESCRIBED AS THE OFFICIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION IN XX COUNTY.

THROUGHOUT THE STUDY, THE NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE IS ALSO CONSIDERED AND ASSUMES NO IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO ROADWAY THROUGH THE YEAR XX, EXCEPT FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE. THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES FOR THE NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE ARE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THE PROJECT VIDEO.

***OPTIONAL FOR ANY SPECIFIC PROJECT ELEMENTS THAT INVOLVE LAWS OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS****:* THIS PROJECT INVOLVES RIGHT OF WAY/ACCESS MANAGEMENT/FLOODPLAINS/WETLANDS /WATER QUALITY/AIR QUALITY/NOISE/SECTION 4(F)/SECTION 106/FARMLANDS THAT WAS/WERE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING: *LIST ANY STANDARD LANGUAGE FOR RELEVANT ELEMENTS – SEE VIDEO SCRIPT STANDARD LANGUAGE LIST DOCUMENT.* [E.G. THIS PROJECT INVOLVES ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAT WERE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. specific impacts and project related items are included in the project video. STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TONIGHT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

THIS PROJECT WILL NOT CAUSE ANY RELOCATION OF FAMILIES OR BUSINESSES. FDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY STAFF ARE HERE TONIGHT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

THE HEARING IS BEING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS, AS WELL AS THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 AND TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 AND RELATED STATUTES. IT IS ALSO BEING CONDUCTED TO MEET ALL APPLICABLE EXECUTIVE ORDERS. FOR A LISTING OF THESE REGULATIONS, PLEASE SEE THE HEARING DISPLAY BOARDS HERE TONIGHT OR ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE.

IF ANYONE HERE FEELS THEY HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, THEY MAY COMPLETE ONE OF THE FORMS LOCATED AT THE SIGN-IN TABLE AND MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE DISPLAY BOARD. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE.

**AT THIS TIME WE WILL PLAY THE PROJECT VIDEO .**

**[PLAY VIDEO]**

WE WILL NOW HAVE AN INTERMISSION SO YOU CAN REVIEW THE DISPLAYS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A VERBAL COMMENT HERE TONIGHT, FILL OUT A SPEAKER CARD AND HAND IT TO A PROJECT TEAM MEMBER IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY. IF YOU ARE ATTENDING VIRTUALLY AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, SEND A MESSAGE IN THE QUESTIONS PANE OF THE ONLINE MEETING. WE WILL CALL YOUR NAME IN THE ORDER RECEIVED, STARTING WITH ALL SPEAKERS ATTENDING IN PERSON, FOLLOWED BY ALL SPEAKERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENT TO 3 MINUTES. IF YOU HAVE FILLED OUT A SPEAKER’S CARD, PLEASE GIVE IT TO ***[Name of Staff Member]*** DURING THE INTERMISSION.

THE TIME IS \_\_\_\_\_. WE WILL RESUME AT \_\_\_\_\_. *(Time + 15 minutes)*

**INTERMISSION – 15 MINUTES**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY PORTION OF THE HEARING.

THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR THIS HEARING WILL REMAIN OPEN 14DAYS AFTER THIS LIVE EVENT UNTILDATE***.*** ANYONE WISHING TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS OR OTHER EXHIBITS IN PLACE OF OR IN ADDITION TO ORAL STATEMENTS, MAY DO SO. YOU HAVE UNTIL DATE TO POSTMARK OR SUBMIT COMMENTS TO BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL HEARING TRANSCRIPT. ALL COMMENT METHODS WILL BE CONSIDERED EQUAL. PLEASE SEE YOUR HANDOUT, THE DISPLAY BOARDS, OR THE PROJECT WEBSITE FOR CONTACT AND MAILING INFORMATION.

WE WILL NOT BE RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS DURING ORAL TESTIMONY. OUR FOCUS TONIGHT IS RECORDING YOUR VERBAL COMMENTS. HOWEVER, WE WILL POST A SUMMARY OF THE COMMENTS RECEIVED, AND THEIR RESPONSES, ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE COMMENT PERIOD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROJECT FOLLOWING THE ORAL TESTIMONY, OUR STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE IN-PERSON TONIGHT OR YOU MAY CONTACT THE FDOT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE/MANAGER AT THE INFORMATION LISTED ON YOUR HANDOUT AND ON THE WEBSITE.

WE ASK THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE NOT TO APPLAUD OR SHOUT OUT COMMENTS WHILE SPEAKERS ARE AT THE MICROPHONE. ***[USE FOR HIGH-PROFILE PROJECTS ONLY]***. IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, PLEASE DIRECT ALL COMMENTS CLEARLY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND TOWARD THE HEARING MODERATOR AT ALL TIMES. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT YOUR COMMENTS ARE CAPTURED ACCURATELY FOR THE PROJECT RECORD. ***[CUT THIS SECTION FOR VIRTUAL ONLY EVENT].***

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENT TO 3 MINUTES. XXTEAMMEMBER WILL SIGNAL WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE LEFT, AND THEY WILL RAISE IT A SECOND TIME TO SIGNAL WHEN YOUR TIME IS UP. ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE NOT RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS DURING TESTIMONY.

WE WILL NOW CALL ON THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED TO SPEAK IN PERSON. WE WILL START WITH:

**(CALL NAME ON FIRST CARD)**

PLEASE COME FORWARD, STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, AND IF YOU REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER PUBLIC BODY. AND SO THE NEXT PERSON CAN PREPARE, THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**(FIRST SPEAKER FINISHES)**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

NEXT IS \_\_\_\_, FOLLOWED BY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(AND SO ON, CALLING THE “ON DECK” SPEAKER EACH TIME…)

**AFTER ALL IN-PERSON TESTIMONY IS COMPLETE:**

IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ATTENDING IN PERSON WHO HAS NOT SPOKEN BUT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK? SEEING NO ONE, WE WILL MOVE TO OUR SPEAKERS JOINING US ONLINE.

**(TRANSITION TO WEBINAR SPEAKERS)**

**ONLINE MODERATOR:** NOW WE WILL CALL UPON THOSE ATTENDING ONLINE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

FIRST WE WILL CALL UPON **(FIRST SPEAKER)**. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, AND IF YOU REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER PUBLIC BODY.

AND SO YOU CAN PREPARE, THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(CONTINUE THROUGH ONLINE SPEAKERS AND CALL “ON-DECK” SPEAKER EACH TIME.)

**CLOSING**

**IN-PERSON MODERATOR:**

IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS NOT SPOKEN WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK?

(**SEEING NO ONE…)**

ONCE AGAIN, WRITTEN STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS IN PLACE OF OR IN ADDITION TO ORAL STATEMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND RECORDED AS PART OF THIS HEARING IF POSTMARKED OR SENT BY 14 DAYS AFTER THIS HEARING, OR BY DATE***.***

AFTER THE COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES, THE PROJECT TEAM WILL COMPILE ALL COMMENTS, AND TOGETHER WITH THE ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE, MAKE A FINAL RECOMMENDATION THAT WE WILL SUBMIT TO THE FDOT OFFICE OF

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR APPROVAL. WE WILL PUBLISH THE APPROVAL OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN THE***[Names of local media where the meeting/hearing were advertised]*** AND POST THE APPROVAL ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE.

THE VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THIS HEARING’S ORAL PROCEEDINGS, TOGETHER WITH ALL WRITTEN STATEMENTS OR EXHIBITS RECEIVED AND ALL STUDIES, DISPLAYS, AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL PRESENTED WITH THIS HEARING, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COPYING AT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, XX OFFICE, ADDRESS IN CITY.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND FOR PROVIDING YOUR INPUT INTO THIS PROJECT. IT IS NOW (STATE THE TIME).

I HEREBY OFFICIALLY CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROJECT NAME.

THANK YOU AGAIN AND HAVE A GOOD EVENING.