

# SR 70 PD&E Study

from Lonesome Island Road to the Southern Leg of CR 721

Highlands County, Florida • Financial Project ID No: 449851-1-22-01

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## In-Person Option

**Thursday, June 13, 2024**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Town of Lake Placid Government Center Community Room  
1069 US 27 North  
Lake Placid, FL 33852

## Live Online Option

**Thursday, June 20, 2024**

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Register in advance:  
<https://tinyurl.com/SR70VirtualWorkshop>

## Contact Us

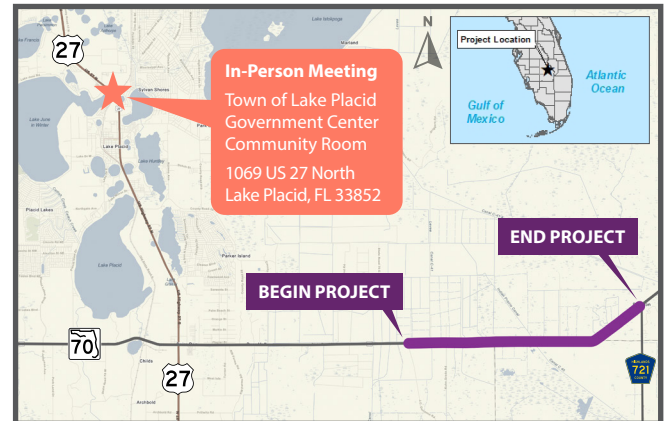
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## ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One invites you to attend an Alternatives Workshop for the SR 70 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from Lonesome Island Road to the Southern Leg of CR 721 in Highlands County. 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.



This study will focus on evaluating widening the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway. Alternatives to be evaluated shall include widening the travel lanes from 10 feet to 12 feet as part of the project. Multimodal facilities (i.e., a shared use path) will also be considered along the project segment. Each alternative will be evaluated to determine social and environmental impacts, safety enhancements, additional right-of-way needs, and traffic performance.

You can participate by attending the meeting in-person or live online. The same materials will be displayed at both the in-person and live online events.

**IN-PERSON OPTION:** Thursday, June 13, 2024, Anytime between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

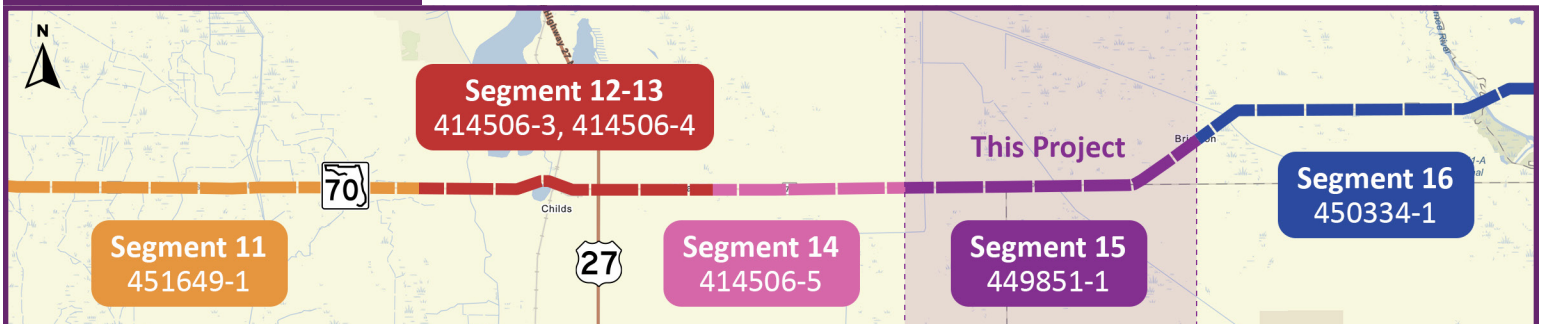
This will include a looping video (no formal presentation) and the project team will be available for discussion.

**LIVE ONLINE OPTION:** Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 6 - 7 p.m.

Register in advance by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/SR70VirtualWorkshop>

This event will include a viewing of the project video and a live question-and-answer component with the project team. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event (<https://www.swflroads.com/project/449851-1>). Materials will be posted by June 6, 2024.

**A summary of the workshop will be available on the webpage approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period.**



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## Special Accommodations

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by email at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) or by phone at (863) 519-2287.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice). If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

## Comments

If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments can also be provided through the project webpage (<https://www.swflroads.com/project/449851-1>) or by email ([David.Turley@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:David.Turley@dot.state.fl.us)) or mail (FDOT District One, Attn: David C. Turley, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830). While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by July 5, 2024, to be included in the formal workshop record. Questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager David C. Turley at (863) 519-2255.

## Project Schedule

Study Activities	2023				2024				2025	
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Study Begins	★									
Public Involvement / Newsletters (4)	#1	#2			#3	#4				
Data Collection	■									
Engineering & Environmental Analysis		■								
Draft and Final Study Documents				■						
Alternatives Public Workshop					●					
Public Hearing								●		
OEM Approval <i>(Location and Design Concept Acceptance)</i>										★

*FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. 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 FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.*