



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - DISTRICT ONE INVITES YOU TO A PUBLIC HEARING

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Reevaluation  
State Road (SR) 777 (River Road) From Center Road to I-75  
Sarasota County, Florida Financial Project ID: 445059-1

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One invites you to a public hearing for the SR 777 River Road project. The public hearing will present information regarding proposed design changes which include improvements to widen River Road from two lanes to six lanes between Center Road and I-75. Participate in the **NOVEMBER 21, 2024**, hearing in-person or online. **The same information will be presented at both options.**

### REEVALUATION PURPOSE

FDOT District One previously completed a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for State Road (SR) 777 (River Road) from US 41 to I-75 in Sarasota County. Construction began on Section 1 from US 41 to Center Road in February 2022 and includes widening from two lanes to six lanes. Proposed improvements for the section of SR 777 from Center Road to I-75 included widening from two lanes to four lanes.

FDOT determined that widening SR 777 from two lanes to six lanes will meet travel demand and enhance safety along this section. To re-design this section of SR 777, federal and state regulations require a PD&E Reevaluation be completed to determine if any additional environmental impacts would result from the additional travel lanes. This Reevaluation will evaluate and document any changes in impacts to affected resources (Socioeconomic, Cultural, Natural, and Physical), as well as any new impacts to resources. Proposed improvements include widening from two lanes to six lanes, a shared use path on both sides of SR 777, two wildlife crossings, lighting, signalization, and stormwater management facilities.

#### Online Option:

Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:45 pm  
Please use the following link or QR Code to register for the Public Hearing  
<https://bit.ly/river-road-hearing-registration>



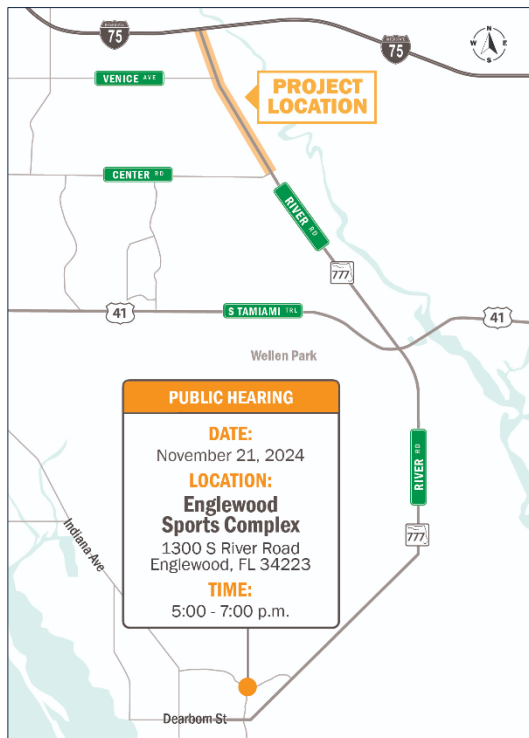
Project information will be available for viewing on the project website **November 14, 2024**  
<https://www.swflroads.com/river-road-reevaluation>

*Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event.*

#### In-Person Option:

Thursday, November 21, 2024,  
Anytime from 5 - 6 pm: open house  
6 pm: formal presentation and comment portion  
**Location:** Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road, Englewood, FL 34223

*All comments postmarked, emailed, or submitted through the website on or before December 2, 2024, will become part of the public hearing record.*



Project documents will be available for public viewing from October 30, 2024, to December 2, 2024, at the Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice, FL 34293 Monday through Saturday during library business hours and at FDOT District One Headquarters, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 May 26, 2022, and executed by Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

### PD&E REEVALUATION SCHEDULE

Reevaluation Start: June 2024  
Reevaluation Complete: Early 2025

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**PROJECT WEBSITE:** <https://www.swflroads.com/river-road-reevaluation>

*Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District Title VI Coordinator, Florida Department of Transportation, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830 or by email at [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) or at (863) 519-2287 at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.*