

Introduction:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for Midway Road/County Road (CR) 712 from Glades Cut Off Road to Selvitz Road in St. Lucie County (see map). The purpose of the study is to evaluate the need to provide additional capacity to meet existing and future needs; to allow opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit facilities; to improve freight movement; and to enhance emergency evacuation.

On June 28, 2016, a public meeting was held to present proposed alternatives to the public. Based on the feedback received from the meeting and environmental and engineering analyses, a recommended alternative was selected (see below).

Public Hearing:

A Public Hearing has been scheduled to give interested persons the opportunity to express their opinions on the location, conceptual design and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed improvements to Midway Road. Public Hearings are required for all federal and state funded major transportation improvements prior to a final decision being made on a project. This meeting allows the public, interested stakeholders, and agencies to comment on the project for the official public record.

The hearing will begin with an informal, open house format. A formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a public comment period. FDOT staff and consultant staff will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017

Time: Starting at 5 p.m.

Location: Havert L. Fenn Center

Address: 2000 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida

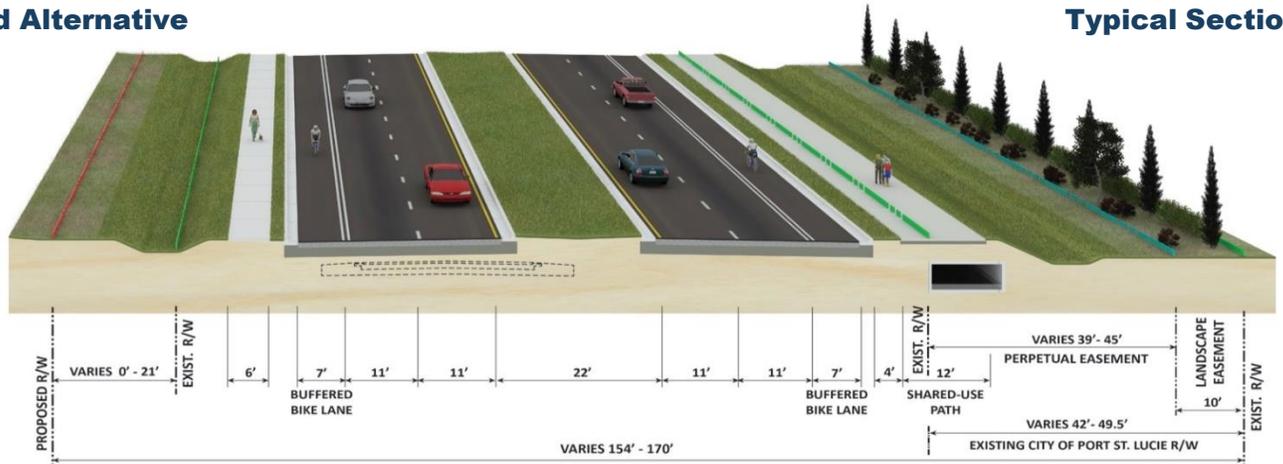
Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to July Jimenez, PE, FDOT Project Manager, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309. All exhibits, comments or written statements postmarked on or before January 30, 2017, will become part of the Public Hearing record.

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 December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.



Recommended Alternative

Typical Section



Documents Available for Review:

The project documents will be available for public review prior to the Public Hearing. They will be available from Thursday, December 29, 2016, through Monday, January 30, 2017, at the following locations:

- Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida 34982 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday)
- St. Lucie County Library, Port St. Lucie Branch, 180 SW Prima Vista Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983 (9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday).

Both locations will be closed on Monday, January 16 due to the holiday.

Federal-State Partnership in Highways:

Through a series of Congressional acts, the Federal Aid Highway Program was conceived and developed as a joint federal-state partnership. The success of this partnership is evident in the thousands of miles of excellent highways and bridges comprising the nation’s transportation network. FDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with state law, makes final decisions on the location, design, construction and maintenance of Florida’s highways.

Why Do We Need this Study?

The Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce area has been identified by the US Census as one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in Florida. This rapid population growth has resulted in a significant increase in surface transportation demand. Based on recent traffic data from St. Lucie County, Midway Road/County Road 712 between Glades Cut Off and Selvitz Road does not adequately handle the existing traffic demand. In addition, the County anticipates continued growth and significant new development within and around the project limits. Without capacity improvements, the traffic operations along this corridor will continue to deteriorate.

Contact Information:

For more information about the project or to schedule a group meeting, please contact:

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Project Schedule:



Community Outreach

A continuous community outreach process is integrated into every step of the project to ensure that the corridor residents, businesses, the traveling public and other interested parties have meaningful participation in the process.

Public Notice:

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 or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact July Jimenez, PE, FDOT Project Manager, by phone at (954) 777-4415 or by email at july.jimenez@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the meeting.